



## MINUTES

### Soaring Development Panel GoTo Meeting

26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 7:30pm-9:00pm AEST

#### Attendees:

Jenny Thompson (Chair), Craig Vinall, Miles Gore Brown, Jim Crowhurst, Mandy Temple, Beryl Hartley, Allan Barnes, Peter Temple (part meeting)

#### Missing:

Arnold Geerlings

#### Vacant/Unfilled Positions:

NCD, International Teams Convenor, VicTas SDM, NSW SDM.

### 1. Team Update

Thank you to Matt Gage for his contribution as Vic/Tas SDM. Matt has resigned and suggested that Mike Durant take up the role. Matt has made himself available for assisting the SDP.

Thank you to Kerrie Claffey who has volunteered to take on the Trophies officer for the SDP.

Armin Kruger has given an expression of interest in the SDM role for NSW, currently a vacant role.

Peter Temple has currently stood down as the National Coaching Director. He noted that the situation may be resolved in the coming week.

### 2. Website and access to information

<http://soaringdev.52.64.58.59.xip.io>

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Links provided for temporary websites for soaring development panel and GFA marketing materials

Team to have a look at the soaring development webpage to see what needs to be added etc.

Website framework only at this stage.

### 3. Coaching and Courses

Coaching project was put on hold during the competition season.

Craig Vinall is to hold a coaching event in SA in the next month or two. Requests support from NCD who has currently stood down. Validated some silver coaches. **ACTION** – pending decisions.



Situation is not ideal with no-one in the NCD role. The coaching project needs to maintain momentum. Peter and Mandy Temple are overseas for all of March.

SDMs to provide a programme of coaching events 2020-21.

Narromine can run courses but needs instructors who are also coaches for post solo courses.

**ACTION** – Beryl to send email on needs to Mandy; Mandy to find instructors/coaches for Beryl

#### 4. OLC

OLC, as it stands, has limitations and no longer supports GFA's needs. GFA needs a modern, responsive, instant system to encourage online competition. An alternative proposal has been provided a group of Germans – GliderHub. Initial emails only exchanged. Beryl Hartley suggested the Czech online competition is excellent with integration of competitions, flights, badges etc.

**ACTION**- Beryl to liaise with Czech people to see what is possible for Australian use. **ACTION** – JT to talk to Tim Shirley to see what Go Membership can offer for pilot profiles.

#### 5. Badges and Records

An online system for badges has been introduced but still has many bugs. Rollout has not been ideal and many people are not using the system. **ACTION** – bugs need to be ironed out and communication to members on its use to be promoted.

System should produce statistics on badges achieved so we can measure success of retention beyond solo.

#### 6. 2019-20 Season Comps Report

Allan Barnes reported all comps were held and ran successfully.

- Kingaroy CC Nationals went well,
- Tocumwal MC Nationals had poor weather, only 5 days flown and plagued by smoke
- 20m Nationals had poor weather

#### 7. Future comps and events

1. One EOI for Multiclass Nationals – Kingaroy 4-11 October accepted
2. One EOI for Club and Sports Class Nationals – Tocumwal 12-19 December accepted
3. Two EOI for 20m Nationals – Gawler and Narromine. Gawler has been requested to provide a list of likely entrants (to avoid the Horsham comp failure in 2020). To be advised.

20m Nationals has always promoted and encouraged Open two seater class but this has not been supported well enough. The single entry in this class is reluctant to engage /encourage other entries.

**ACTION** - NCC to amend rules to set a minimum number of entries for the competition to be valid .e.g. minimum three entries, for the classes to be combined as Open Two Seat Competition class.

#### 8. Collection of ITC levy and post comp data

Proposal for GFA to collect the competition fees for state and national comps, retain (and bank) the International teams levy, and send club comp fees to the organising club. Proposed for GFA to retain (e.g.) 10% of the fees until the organisation sends safety report, international levy, and comp results for IGC ranking processing. Allan Barnes noted that USA has used this system of a central competition website for 20 years successfully. **ACTION** – JT to discuss with Tim Shirley.

#### 9. IGC

Team had had opportunity to respond to proposed Annexe A amendments. Mandy will present Australia's position at the upcoming meeting in Hungary. We have a single vote, having lost the proxy from NZ.



Beryl noted concern on potential for Narromine to lose its World Competition in 2023. Mandy Temple said it was unlikely but would keep the team informed.

## 10. International Teams Management

Thank you to Miles Gore Brown and Jim Crowhurst for stepping in to manage the international teams issues this year.

Team selections for International competitions at France and Germany this year have been made. Most #1 selections have accepted positions. Current selections as follows:

Competition	Location	Dates	Australian Team Members
36TH World Championships Open, 18m and 20m	Stendal-Borstel, GERMANY	19-31 July 2020	Adam Woolley (18m) John Buchanan (18m) Geoff Brown (Open) <b>20m TBA</b>
36TH World Championships - 15m, Standard, Club Class	Châlons-Ecurey sur Coole, FRANCE	8-22 August 2020	Michael Durant (Std) Matt Scutter (Std) Bernie Sizer (15m) Tobi Geiger (15m) Jim Crowhurst (Club) Ray Stewart (Club)

Adam Woolley is unsure of his availability and this has caused a flow down impact for many selections. Some unfunded positions are also selected.

Funds have been (or currently being) distributed to funded positions.

Team Captain positions have not been finalised.

## 11. Operations Interface

Operations has not made any progress on training systems and syllabus development. **ACTION-** JT to request Pat Barfield attend part of the upcoming face-to-face SDP meeting.

## 12. Organisation Risk

NSW Gliding Association notes that the Badgery's Creek second airport will have a major impact on the Camden Airfield sport aircraft activities and gliding will inevitably lose this site as a way of attracting members from the Sydney basin. **ACTION-** GFA Board to consider.

## 13. Next Meeting

Proposed face-to-face meeting to be held 4-5 April. There is uncertainty in the decisions to be made and projects moving forward, pending the washup of the Women's World Gliding Championship tracking issue, and unfilled positions in the team.

### **Note:**

The Women's World Gliding Championship matters relating to unsporting behaviour, subsequent reports and FAI actions are still pending and were not specifically raised at this meeting. Discussion deferred to a later meeting.