



BDRA AGM 2023	
Date: 16-09-23	Time: 6PM
Invited: All current members	Finished time: 7:30PM

#	Item
0	<p>The agenda will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and Introduction</li> <li>• Review/accept the minutes from the last AGM</li> <li>• Reports from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chairman</li> <li>○ Secretary</li> <li>○ Treasurer</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Questions from members</li> <li>• Election of Committee Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Posts up for Election are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chairman</li> <li>▪ Secretary</li> <li>▪ Membership Secretary</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Post up for expressions of interest is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Treasurer</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Membership Fees</li> <li>• Items put forward by the Committee or Membership for discussion</li> <li>• Any Other Business</li> </ul>
1	Will Anison welcomed all attendees online and in person.
2	Minutes from Oct 2022 were agreed after some discussion of the level of detail in the published accounts.
3	<p><b>Chairmans report</b></p> <p>Generally a successful year, despite the ongoing effects of covid.  Felt the new scoring system had worked well.  Was pleased that there was going to be a GBR Team going to Korea.  Felt that the rules as they were worked well.  Was pleased with how everyone had progressed during the year.  Announced that he was not standing as he was running low on new ideas.  The meeting clapped to thank Will for his efforts.</p>
4	<p><b>Secretary</b></p> <p>121 Members this year.  Website now active.  Jamie announced that after many years was standing down.  The meeting clapped to thank Jamie for his efforts.</p>
5	<p><b>Treasurer</b> (see published accounts for numbers)</p> <p>Reported that the accounts were in much better order.  Most money came from Weston and Champs. Money came in from HDZero and some from shops.  Pitch fees were the most expensive part.  Cash prizes to be given top 3 from Champs.  £2k to be given to fund for Korea.  Proposed Membership fees to stay unchanged.  Announced would be moving to Secretary role, hopefully with John Knight to become new Treasurer.</p>
6	<p><b>Members questions.</b></p> <p><u>Q1. Remove of Lap caps and introducing battery saving measures</u>  Dave Catt, said that any deviations should be advertised on iFPV in advance. Karl Payne, wanted fasted 3 consecutive (per round) and keep 50% of laps finished. To be similar to FAI</p>

rules. Dan Stevens, agreed with Karl and said that pilots should know what they will be getting before the event in the interest of keeping costs down. Matt Neale, in favour of lap caps but not necessarily 3 in order. AK, in favour of proposal. 'Unidentified Member', wanted an event similar in style to MultiGP, tracks should be of a minimum length, would like to keep variation in track length. Jamie, said format must be supported by software. Owen Knight, suggested a set number of laps might not work. Calum Maxwell, should be some discretion in the hands of the RD in terms of not killing batteries. 'Unknown Member', maximum track area could be an option. AK, pointed out that the twisty bits killed the batteries and so area might not work. Jordan Moon, suggested that standard tracks could be used. Will Annison, said that different venues had limitations. Scott Barrett, suggested that number of elements could be limited. Cerberus Velvet, suggested that RD's should be trusted to design tracks. 'Unknown Member', said that change in direction was the battery killer. To be taken to a working group and EGM

#### Q2. Changes to points

Steve Rhodes, said we should revert to old formula so that points are not dependant on turnout and min turnout should stay at 18. Scott Barrett, agreed with Steve Rhodes, except that current system should be given a chance. Ben ??, wanted a points system based on number of pilots. Karl Payne, equal points per event favoured smaller events and thus turnout. A weighted system was discussed. Will Annison, said that the current points system currently in place helped smaller clubs, also if you win, you should get the most points. Discussion on previous points system, all had good and bad parts. AK, signups for Champs was low this year (and in previous), changing the points system is unlikely to change that. Josh Gutterman, asked about previous systems. Dan Stevens said the BDRA should concentrate on getting new pilots, others said that clubs should promote themselves locally.

#### Q3. BQE's as a route to Champs qualification

Scott Barrett, said there was an over focus on BQE's and getting people into clubs was important. Steve Rhodes was against BQE's and that some form of local league might work better (with a minimum number of attendees). As long as running as an advertised event. Suggestion did not go down well. Dan Stevens, suggest that there could be categories for the events. Sam Velvet, more power to local clubs. Karl Payne, suggested an ELO system, 'Unknown Member,' Suggested local series to qualify for Champs via local leagues. Calum Maxwell, the Scottish system encouraged local groups and then meeting for the first time at champs. Holding BQE's in Scotland is difficult as there are insufficient numbers.

#### Q4. Additional of further leagues

Steve Rhodes, suggested that there should be a veterans and other leagues. Mostly because some groups were put off. Cerberus Velvet, said that racing based on age was wrong. 'Unknown Member', put forward a league based system. Wycliffe Barrett, described an occurrence when potential Members were put off by the speed of the young pilots and that older members were needed as 'funders'. 'Unknown Member', agreed with league system.

#### Q5. Amateur league

David Catt, proposed an amateur league, perhaps with a sport class. Dan Stevens, queried why splitting a limited group. Ben Drew said this was possible. Dan ???, suggested that a class system could work, but could be a problem due to limited numbers.

#### Q6. A 5 Race National series and Whoops series

Dan Stevens, would like a Whoop series for the winter. Perhaps combined with the 5" league. Need to keep things simple. Grow the hobby. A more structured event might bring in more sponsorship. Needed a plan for growth. Once money was in the bank,

#### Q7. Relationships between the BDRA and the BMFA and interclub

Scott Barrett, the BMFA and BDRA should have closer ties. Jamie, said that there are discussions. David Allen, said that the BMFA had funded a large part of the Korea trip. Scott Barret, clubs should work together to prosper. 'Unknown member', confusing relationship between BDRA and iFPV to newcomers. Eric, explained that the BDRA is a specialist body for

	the BMFA and Powertech council. The BDRA does have an influence on BMFA and the rules that are set. BMFA do recognise that drones are import in respect of model flying.	
7	<p><b>Election of Officers</b></p> <p><u>Membership Secretary</u> Calum Maxwell put forward for this by David Allen, seconded John Knight Calum explained his background and passion for drone racing since 2019. Last year started to get Scotland reacquainted with the BDRA. Wants to help the BDRA, in particular with growing the UK community. Calum was elected unanimously.</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> John Knight put forward for this by David Allen, seconded Cerberus Velvet John, thanked outgoing committee members and reminded the room that we are all volunteers. John was elected unanimously</p> <p><u>Secretary</u> David Allen put forward by John Knight, seconded by Cerberus Velvet David said he wants to bring the FPV community together David, was elected unanimously</p> <p><u>Chairman</u> Two candidates for the role are Wycliffe Barrett and Cerberus Velvet Wycliffe proposed by Nigel Ross and seconded by Steve Rhodes. Cerberus Velvet proposed by John Knight and David Allen.</p> <p>Both members spoke for 3 minutes and this is summarised as:</p> <p><b>Cerb.</b> Was pleased to be asked to put his hat in the ring. Thanked the outgoing committee and appreciated how much work is done. Had a year off from the committee doing things like running a Killa Kwards 5 race series, setting out RD services, for whoop and X Class, tried new stuff, joker laps, etc. Wants to bring that experience to the committee and act as a guiding hand, to build a team and put members in a better position. In particular, ‘what’s in it for the pilots’</p> <p><b>Wycliffe</b> presented by video. Explained experience as Chair for the GMB for 5 years and Home Office advisory groups. Considered the future of the BDRA, listened to members and that grass roots and youngsters in to the sport was most important. Pledged to work with the BMFA and pull in youngsters to FPV. STEM and school interaction is important, as been shown to work in the USA. Older members are losing out and that Veterans need to be looked after with a new points system.</p> <p>Votes were Cerb 33, Wycliffe 18. Cerb elected</p>	
8	It was agreed not to change the membership fee.	
9	Items put forward by the Committee or Membership for discussion - none	
10	Any Other Business – none	