

22nd January 2008

To: The Club Chairman

Dear Chairman,

Governance Conference, Hellidon Lakes, Saturday 8th March 2008

I am very pleased to be able to extend an invitation to you to the 2008 BGA Conference.

The format for the meeting represents a break with recent BGA tradition. In previous years we have run two separate annual events – the Chairman's Conference, and the BGA Annual Conference and General Meeting. Your feedback suggested that a single event that retained the core elements of both meetings would be even more helpful to you. We have responded accordingly.

Whilst the format might be different, the fundamental objectives are very much the same:

- The open discussion of current and possible future governance and development opportunities and issues
- The general sharing of critical information and potentially useful experience – not only between the BGA and clubs, but also among clubs as well
- A variety of opportunities to understand more about new developments in gliding as a sport

At its heart, however, the meeting is a critically important forum that goes a long way towards ensuring that we, the BGA and its constituent clubs, remain aware of our respective priorities and are entirely consistent and coherent in our respective activities.

As you will see from the attached information, there is a lot in the day that will be of considerable interest to you and your Committee colleagues.

The Governance Conference comprises a number of sessions. These have been designed in such a way as to be complimentary, particularly where issues cut across areas of club activity.

The scope of individual sessions varies and their content and structure have been designed so as to allow discussion at the relevant level of detail. Where information is of value to several areas of club governance then we will cover it in the more general sessions that are timed to allow everyone to attend.

We hope that by enabling you to send delegates to each part of the Governance Conference you will have a broad set of perspectives that can then help many aspects of your club's operations.

The Chairmen's Conference is the only part of the Governance Conference to run in both the morning and afternoon, so we have been careful to ensure that at least part of the Sporting Conference is available for you to attend.

After lunch there will be an important briefing session that will cover a number of important strategic issues affecting our sport. This session will be open to all delegates from both conferences and will be followed by the BGA AGM. If you are not able to

attend, we would be grateful if you could arrange for an alternative representative from your club to vote on your behalf.

The enclosed invitation pack contains all the details for the day. There is a registration fee of £15.50 per delegate. We would appreciate receiving your booking by Friday 22nd February to enable the team to finalise arrangements in time for the conference.

I hope to see you at Hellidon for what I anticipate to be an extremely valuable and, importantly, enjoyable day.

Yours sincerely



Patrick Naegeli
Chairman

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BGA Development Committee
Chairmen of BGA Sub-Committees and Working Groups

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Dinner Dance Booking form

Booking form
Additional conference information

Questionnaire
List of local accommodation