

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 28th JANUARY 2015

PRESENT: Peter Harvey - Chairman
Nick Bowers
Dave Fidler
David Latimer
Andy Perkins
John Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: Les Kaye – Treasurer
Pete Stratten – Chief Executive

APOLOGIES:
Ron Bridges
Bill Craig
Lisa Humphries
George Metcalfe

- 1/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
The notes from the December 2014 meeting were approved.

Status: Closed

- 2/15 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS YE 30 SEP 2014
Les Kaye spoke to the previously circulated accounts for the year ending 30 Sep 2014 and the association audit report. He went on to describe corporation tax applicability to membership income, noted a discussion with the BGA's accountants resulting in a need to review the differentiation of member and any non-member income, and the resulting need for provision in the accounts in the event of any legacy tax liability. Peter Harvey proposed further clarity from the accountants prior to agreeing to the provision and noted that he intended to discuss the issue with the accountants. All those present expressed satisfaction with the accounts subject to further clarity regarding the potential tax liability. All those present were satisfied with the audit findings. Peter Harvey proposed and all agreed to delay the final approval of audit findings pending a discussion with the accountants regarding the proposed tax provision. Pete Stratten agreed to arrange a telephone meeting with the accountants on Friday 30th Jan 15. All those present agreed to finally review the accounts and audit findings in a single subject email/telephone call to be completed as soon as practical.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: 30th Jan 15

- 3/15 BUDGET YE 30 SEP 2016
Les Kaye spoke to a previously circulated budget that included no increase in membership fees and results in a modest surplus. Those present discussed the need to resource emerging participation development activity in support of clubs and identified that £20K should be allocated for that purpose in the current year ending 30 Sep 15 as well as in the year ending 30 Sep 16. It was agreed by those present that the allocation would be subject to appropriate controls including the oversight of the Vice-Chairman as the Participation Group lead. Those present approved the budget subject to the £20K provision as described. Les Kaye agreed to circulate the revised budget document.

Status: Closed Action: Les Kaye/Pete Stratten

4/15 COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES 29 NOV 2014

Pete Stratten passed on comment submitted by George Metcalfe who noted that there is an incorrect statement in the meeting notes suggesting that the Executive Committee requested approval of an International competition entry when in fact the Executive Committee believes that is a Competitions Committee decision. Pete Stratten agreed to raise the point with the Competitions Committee chairman. Noting the competition risk issues described within the meeting notes, Pete Stratten agreed to pass on to the Competitions Committee the approved policy position on traffic and collision warning systems.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: February 2015

5/15 BGA POLICY ON TRAFFIC AND COLLISION WARNING SYSTEMS

Further to email discussion on the BGA's policy position in respect of traffic and collision warning systems, all those present confirmed their agreement with the following text.

The BGA encourages the widespread use of traffic and collision-warning systems in gliders and tugs.

FLARM is an increasingly popular system. Pilots should make their own decision on equipage based on compatibility with other systems and as to whether such a system is appropriate for their particular operation.

Pilots are reminded that whilst electronic collision warning equipment can enhance pilots' awareness by providing most useful warnings, such equipment cannot and must not replace a good systematic visual lookout scan, and that it is necessary to avoid any in-cockpit equipment from distracting from the visual lookout scan.

Pete Stratten agreed to promulgate the revised policy.

Status: Closed Action: Pete Stratten

6/15 AOB

- a) Dave Fidler noted how the PWMF had agreed to support a BGA Gliding Team member in exchange for delivering a cross country coaching event. He suggested that the BGA may wish to make an equivalent donation to the PWMF. Those present discussed the issue and all agreed that it would not be appropriate to make a donation in this case.
- b) Dave Latimer noted that the revised CASC regulations are virtually fixed, and that the BGA is embarking on negotiations on guidance as well as proposing to write the guidance for gliding. Dave Latimer noted the high level of bureaucracy resulting from this HMRC development. Pete Harvey thanked Dave Latimer and the wider team involved with ongoing efforts to ensure a manageable outcome on this important issue.

The next Executive Committee meeting/conference call will take place at the BGA conference venue on 6th March at 7.30 pm.