

Meeting Notes – BGA Instructors Committee & Examiner's Panel Meetings 25th October 2015 held at Husbands Bosworth airfield.

Present: Hugh Browning (SSC), Andy Miller, Graham Morris, Patrick Naegeli, Paul Whitehead, Colin Watt, Andy Roch, Colin Sword, Mick Davis, John Garrett, Mike Fox, Dave Munro, Derek Smith, Pete Stratten.

Apologies: Don Irving

Mike introduced the meeting as a stand in for Don Irving as he was unable to attend.

INSTRUCTING (Part 1)

- **Safety:**

Hugh Browning presented his recent analysis of safety related events over the past 41 years. Hugh presented his 'safety seven' action points for Regional CFI meetings that he will modify after comments from the meeting.

- **EASA Transition:**

Pete Stratten discussed Key issues arising from the postponement of the introduction of EASA Part FCL:

- Pete emphasised that the BGA's motivation was to keep pilots flying throughout the transition period and concentrate on BGA instructing and examining requirements for now. It is possible that the aircrew regulation applicable to gliding may be put back to 2019. It was emphasised that it will come though. There are no signs that EASA licencing as a whole will 'go away'!
- To reinforce this point, the BGA website emphasises BGA requirements, but does describe EASA FCL requirements where appropriate.
- Pete noted that guidance on self-launch privileges for SPL and LAPL(S) holders has been published.
- As usual, the BGA is pushing back very hard against the requirement to hold an ATO, as it seems that this will be replaced with something else in the near future. Unfortunately we have been forced to apply for an ATO in order to run ground based instructor and examiner refresher seminars. Waiting on the CAA.

- **Coaching & Training – Mike Fox:**

Instructor courses:

Courses are well down on previous years. There was some concern about this, but it was thought that it is likely that this is a hang – over from the fact that the transition was supposed to happen this year. It may also be the perception of the commitment of the new course. We will await the demand for next years courses.

Pete Stratten noted a study by the Exec into instructing resources including what motivates instructors, costs, availability of instructors etc. This is a piece of work that is being led by Neil Goudie. The instructors committee welcomed this study.

Mike reminded all that the Club Management conference would have a CFI session within the day. Any input to this would be gratefully accepted.

There was a discussion about the relevance and frequency of teaching of the initial stall incorporated in the elevator patter. It was agreed that this should be removed from the initial stall and incorporated into the rest of the stalling package. MF to promulgate.

Mike asked Patrick to explain the first instance of a BGA assistant rated instructor who holds an FI(S) applying to become a CFI. Patrick reminded the meeting that assistant rated instructors have gaps in their knowledge compared to fully rated instructors, and therefore he intends to upgrade this chap to a full rating ASAP. The instructor concerned will become the club CFI with restrictions in the meantime.

All SREs are reminded of the Guidance for CFIs available on the BGA website as a guide when introducing new CFIs.

Mike asked opinions on the roughly biannual instructing newsletter 'training news', which all attending seemed to generally appreciate. He reminded all that he is always looking for content!

- **Motor Gliding**

Paul Whitehead updated the meeting on motor gliding under EASA. As the need for the BGA to become an ATO is on hold, the primary route for adding a TMG is via the established NPPL route.

Paul mentioned the CAA Information notice that prohibits the counting of hours on SSDR aircraft towards licence revalidation and renewal. This is in the process of review by the CAA.

Examining (part 2)

- **Opening remarks**

Mike reminded all of the priority to support clubs on a BGA operational level during this transition period.

- **Regional Reports**

- Although those that have run FIC seminars have had a good attendance, the Examining seminars and AofC's have seen little interest this year. This was thought to be a similar effect to the instructor training shortfall linked to the postponement of the transition deadline.
- Most SRE's seemed to think that there was little appetite for EASA at the moment. Patrick warned that EASA FCL had not gone away, and that we had better not let this useful time slip away.
- There was general concern for the impact of 'frozen' EASA licences and their revalidation, again due to EASA apathy!

- **Examiner Standardisation**

Patrick Naegeli mapped out progress so far in rolling out the examining project.

It was thought that it was important to hold off from rolling out the examiner conversions pending clarity re whether or not the Apr 18 date is extended to Apr 19. It was agreed to push the transition project back with no firm decision until there is clarity - hopefully this winter. Patrick plans to redraft the existing plan. Meanwhile, SRE's will advise any examiners who are planning to convert to Part FCL to hold on a bit.

- **Conduct of FI(S) AofC and FIE AofC's**

Andy Miller conducted a mock brief for the conduct of a FI(S) AofC with John Garrett. He

brought out the differences between demoing, teaching and lesson planning in manageable chunks. Mike undertook to incorporate into instructor training so that examiners and students alike know what to expect.

- **Examiner handbook**

John Garrett then explained the content and context of the ongoing EASA compliant examiner handbook.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

Mike Fox 27 October 2015