

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 27th JUNE 2017

PRESENT: Peter Harvey - Chairman
Neil Goudie
Lisa Humphries
Charlie Jordan
Dave Latimer
George Metcalfe
Tony Smith – Treasurer and Company Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES: Nick Bowers
Bill Craig
Andy Perkins – Vice Chairman

20/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the 24th April 2017 meeting were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Peter Harvey

21/17 SIX MONTHLY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

Tony Smith spoke to previously circulated details, identified exceptional expenditure items including a contribution to the Planning and Environment Fund, noted that the accounts are essentially as expected, and answered questions from those present. Peter Harvey thanked Tony Smith and the BGA staff involved in managing BGA finances.

Status: Closed Action: Pete Stratten

22/17 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Pete Stratten spoke to an application for associate membership of the BGA from Connel Gliding Group (Balado). The application was accepted and Pete Stratten agreed to advise the club accordingly.

Status: Closed Action: Pete Stratten

23/17 AIRSPACE

On behalf of John Williams, Pete Stratten noted that the BGA and GA Alliance had submitted responses to Exeter airport's consultation on its proposed airspace design as per the current process. The submissions have been additionally submitted to the CAA and followed a series of meetings and exchanges with Exeter airport and their consultants. Pete Stratten went on to note that after years of delay, the Doncaster airspace Post Implementation Review (PIR) has now taken place and that a CAA letter in the public domain advises the PIR decision maker that no changes to the airspace design are necessary. Those present discussed the options for challenging CAA thinking and decisions, informed logical response, legal action, and potential submission of ACP's to release controlled airspace. Noting the significant number of ACP's ahead of the CAA's revised ACP process and the CAA's apparent inability to equitably meet the needs of all airspace users, Peter Harvey identified a pressing need review and to build support on airspace issues, including political and DfT involvement. It was agreed that Peter Harvey will host a meeting on the topic with John Williams, Patrick Naegeli, George Metcalfe and Pete Stratten.

Status: Open Action: Peter Harvey, Pete Stratten Due: July 2017

24/17 BGA STRATEGY

George Metcalfe reminded those present that the current strategy process provides a 20 year view and comments on how the BGA can help gliding get there. He went on to describe an updated version of the document that includes a number of changes following further consultation and responses from individuals, including a number of important comments relating to participation. In addition, a number of points about transformational change have been developed and included in the document. As a consequence, the latest version of the draft strategy document will need careful consideration by the Executive Committee. Those present thanked George Metcalfe for his work to date, agreed to consider the revised draft and agreed that following Executive Committee consideration, the document should be circulated to club chairmen prior to wider publication as soon as practical. George Metcalfe agreed to provide Executive Committee members with a revised version of the draft strategy publication.

Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe

25/17 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT FUND

Noting Planning and Environment Fund governance developments, Richard Dixon's resignation as a trustee, and the re-appointment of Robert Tait and Diana King, and the appointment of Lisa Humphries and Robert John as trustees until June 2022 were accepted by all present.

Status: Closed

26/17 MARKETING – GLIDE BRITAIN

Dave Latimer spoke to previously circulated detail describing the Glide Britain initiative including funding to date. He noted that organization is taking shape and that as is inevitable with any weather dependent flying activity, the programme cannot be tightly planned. Those present thanked Dave Latimer and the team involved for their work to date.

Status: Open Action: Dave Latimer

27/17 GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPALS

The item proposing the adoption of the S&RA revised good governance principals will be moved to the October 2017 meeting.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: October 2017

28/17 EUROPEAN GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017 - UPDATE

Peter Harvey noted that he had a conversation with the Lasham GS chairman, Mike Clarke, regarding EGC 17 matters which included a mutually held view that the contingency element of the budget is designed to address an unforeseen/unavoidable major issue resulting in a loss rather than to fund additional competition organization spending. He went on to report that the competition director, Andy Davis, is moving the operational aspects of the competition forward.

29/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Pete Stratten agreed to poll Executive Committee members for either the 7th or 8th of August.