

## **Meeting Notes – BGA Instructors Committee 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017 held at Husbands Bosworth**

**Present:** Mike Fox, Hugh Browning, Paul Whitehead, Graham Morris, Pete Stratten, Patrick Nageli, Andy Miller, Andrew Roch, Colin Sword, Ged Terry, Tony Parker, Dave Munro.

1. **Apologies:** Derek Smith
2. **Notes from previous meeting:** accepted.
- 3 **Coin Sword; introduction**

The meeting welcomed Colin Sword at the beginning of the meeting as the new Chairman of the Instructor Sub Committee. Colin gave us a very quick précis of his flying history as well as reminding the meeting of the ISC terms of reference. Colin also covered several points of topical focus driven from the Exec.

### **4. Safety**

Hugh Browning's presentation.

During the presentation, there was a great deal of discussion regarding instructor late takeover issues. All instructors need to be encouraged to follow the takeover control protocol. Emphasis also needs to be placed on all pilots to read the BGA safety bulletins which have been distributed and are on the BGA web site. The new 'managing flying risk' booklet will be distributed in the near future.

### **5. Mike Fox; Coaching corner**

Mike Fox discussed topical training issues including:

- Instructor courses in 2017 show some improvement in terms of numbers
- Thoughts on changes to the modular instructors course and the trial this year
- 'Training News' was discussed and some new items and ideas will be incorporated
- The popularity of FIC and FI(S) seminars
- Ground based modern resources for instructors
- The positive influence for trainee instructors when using a simulator
- Instructor manual update
- Spinning initiative and simplifying exercises

### **6. Paul Whitehead; Motorgliding**

Paul Whitehead reported that NPPL SLMG training was continuing normally. However, there had been several enquiries about becoming an FI SLMG. Paul had identified On-Track Aviation as a potential supplier of a 5 day ground school for this, although it would be expensive. The future of motor glider training after

April 2018 was discussed. Pete Stratten agreed to highlight the issue as a priority in his discussions with the CAA.

## **7. Regional Reports**

**Scotland & Borders.** Increasing interest in full ratings and BI's, two new CFI's Feishie and Easterton, B module 'course' run over winter for three clubs.

**South East.** Some new full cats. Plus 2 CFI transitions. Vectus closed down, good response to safety briefing at regional CFI meeting.

**NWest.** One new full cat plus new RE Steve Male.

**NEast.** Concerns raised with over flying of glider sites by powered aircraft.

**Thames.** Possible closure of Halton, 4 new CFI's in region.

**East Anglia.** New CFI at Peterbro & Spalding, New RE Will Day.

**South West.** One CFI change, couple of instructor renewals.

## **8. Pete Stratten / Patrick Nageli / Andy Miller; Update on UK/ EASA transition**

Pete Stratten updated the meeting on current regulatory developments. EASA. Expecting FCL to push back to Sept. 2020. Regulations for gliding being re written, possible future one licence only for glider pilots. Discussion regarding seminars, in particular the need to renew a small number of SE's to meet immediate requirements. The timeline for completion of this work remains highly uncertain.

## **9. CFI Appointments.**

Current process outlined, agreed not to change, but SRE's need to be comfortable with new appointee. Consider a transition period from previous to new CFI.

## **10. Breaking Down barriers to instructor courses.**

Some initiatives already under way. Discussion took place regarding the pre course entry requirement for a Silver C. Accepted by the team that a recommendation should be put to the Exec for the removal of the Silver C requirement for a Basic Instructor. Further consideration and discussion is required before any further future changes.

## **11. AOB.**

Wording for renewals for Ass Cat & Full Cat instructors needs reviewing. Self-assessed quiz on winch launching re visit.

Date of next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017 10.00 Husbands Bosworth.

