

Meeting Notes – BGA Instructors Committee 8th October 2017 held at Husbands Bosworth

Present: Hugh Browning, Paul Whitehead, Graham Morris, Pete Stratten, Patrick Nageli, Andy Miller, Colin Sword, Ged Terry, Derek Smith, John Garrett.

1. **Apologies:** Mike Fox, Dave Munro.
2. **Notes from previous meeting:** accepted.
- 3 **Chairman's Slot.**

The meeting welcomed Polly Whitehead who has recently taken over the role of safety officer at Sutton Bank. Polly was sitting in on the safety presentation.

4. Safety Analysis.

Hugh Browning's presentation.

During the presentation, there were a number of discussions mainly concerning the process for checking canopies and airbrakes locked prior to launching, Trial lessons not following the BGA guidelines, Instructors failing to take over control in time, wing drops and launch point supervision. These items were noted for inclusion in the forthcoming CFI regional meetings. The question of challenging pilots with Airbrakes/canopy closed and locked before attaching the towrope/cable is to be taken to the Safety committee for further consideration.

5. Coaching.

Colin Sword outlined recent training developments including:

- Trial of a new Instructor course format which removes the C module had taken place at Pocklington during September.
- The latest version of the BGA Instructors manual is now available on-line and can be downloaded in sections or in total. Hard copies will be made available from the office.
- Latest copy of 'Training News' is to be circulated to all Instructors shortly.
- An FIC seminar is to be held at Pocklington on 19th November and FI(S) seminar at Portmoak on 2-3rd December.
- Instructor resources developed including Instructor reference cards for phone/tablet, patter notes and videos. All will be accessed from a new resource page on the BGA web site.

6. Paul Whitehead; Motor gliding

Paul Whitehead reported that NPPL SLMG training was continuing normally. An instructor from Saltby was about to complete his FI SLMG training at Motorglide following ground school training at On-Track Aviation. Noted that Long Marston airfield home of Motorglide is under threat of closure. The future of motor glider

training after April 2018 was discussed. Currently awaiting the result of discussions with the CAA.

7. Regional Reports

Scotland & Borders. Two new CFI's appointed, Milfield and Northumbria. Edensoaring struggled following CFI standing down due to illness. 2 F/Cat test plus BI courses. Programme in place to address Scottish clubs lack of instructors.

South East. Disinterest reported with EASA in region, meeting to be held with Southdown club over winter, Airspace problems are a major concern for the region. Regional CFI meeting to be held in December.

NWest. New CFI at Camphill. North Wales looking for a new site, LLeuweni Park CFI resigned, operating with Senior pilot. Steady flow of new BI's, Ass cats & Full ratings.

NEast. Lots of new F/Cats and BI's. Concerns raised over apparent complexity of new instructor course. (FIC seminar at Pocklington may address this).

Thames. Sandhill Farm operating with restricted CFI until individual can gain F/rating. Apparent difficulty in the region accessing the BGA web site?

East Anglia. No report.

South West. One F/rating coming up soon, CFI change at Keevil, plus possible change at Dartmoor.

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 2020. (Post meeting EASA has advised that the EASA Committee of the EU Commission has voted to extend the **sailplane and balloon** FCL opt out to 8 April 2020.) Regulations for gliding being re written, possible future one licence only for glider pilots.

9. I/C meeting as FE Seminar.

Andy Miller outlined his idea for the above on the basis that items included in the I/C meeting are similar if not exactly the same as presented during FE/FI seminars.

10. Update on self-launch training.

Andy Miller presented the above reviewed training. This will be available on the BGA web site in the near future.

11. Items for Regional CFI's Meetings. See separate sheet.

12. AOB. None

13. Date of next meeting 3rd March 2018, Hus. Bos at 10.00hrs.

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ITEMS FOR REGIONAL CFI MEETINGS.

Hugh's safety briefing.

Hugh has compiled a CFI's version of the one that was presented at the meeting; this includes some voice over introductions.

We need to emphasise:

- Take-over by instructors too late!
- Follow Trial lesson guidelines.
- Canopy/Airbrake accidents on launching.
- Launching wing drops, message needs to get through to all to release.
- Field landings, late selection, better training?
- Launch point supervision, needs improving.

Teaching V Demonstrations. We are teaching new instructors to teach flying exercises, not just demonstrate, so we need to encourage established instructors to do likewise.

Instructor Resources. Explain what's available.

Managing Flying Risk. Every club member should have a copy, check with CFI's get more copies from the office or read on line.

Encourage CFI's to promote the Safe winch launching quiz in their clubs.

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