

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 13th DECEMBER 2018

PRESENT: Andy Perkins – Chairman
Nick Bowers
Richard Brickwood
Bill Brittain
Bill Craig
Lisa Humphries
George Metcalfe – Vice Chairman
Tony Smith – Treasurer and Company Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES: Dave Latimer

55/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the 27th October 2018 meeting were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Andy Perkins

56/18 AIRSPACE UPDATE

George Metcalfe noted that there had been no new developments around the CAA ACP decision legal challenge other than updates published by LGS and a further request for funding from LGS. Noting that the BGA is promoting related fund raising in concert with LGS, it was agreed that the BGA should engage with GA stakeholders including LGS to further promote donations. It was agreed that further currently unspecified funding should be made available.

Andy Perkins reported that a formal structure for the GA airspace support/fighting fund launched by Peter Harvey with other individuals from across GA had been delayed. He went on to report that a company has now been established and that the necessary governance and communications tools are being developed by the company's directors.

57/18 EU-EXIT

Andy Perkins reported that with an uncertain political situation, the BGA has circulated advice to pilots and aircraft owners that had been developed by the BGA following publication of Government information and in discussion with the CAA GA Unit.

Pete Stratten noted that the advice will be updated as soon as there is clarity regarding the UK's future relationship with EASA.

Status: Closed

58/18 BUDGET AND ACCOUNTS

Tony Smith spoke to previously circulated budget details for 2019-2020 that had been adjusted to reflect the recently completed annual accounts. It was noted that the budget follows the agreed policy of addressing known expenditure and that unknown expenditure that occurs will be managed at the time. Those present noted their satisfaction with the proposed budget.

Tony Smith spoke to a circulated draft set of 2017-2018 annual accounts, described the satisfactory outcome of the audit, described a number of points within the accounts document, and noted that a corporation tax calculation (approximately £2K) is due to be completed and that will need to be included in the accounts. Those present agreed that subject to the CT provision, they are satisfied with the annual accounts and that Tony Smith should continue to progress the accounts towards a final document and signatures.

All agreed that it will be appropriate for a small donation from 2011 that is sitting on the balance sheet is to be transferred to the Philip Wills Memorial Fund. Andy Perkins and Tony Smith, who are PWWF trustees, abstained from the decision.

Status: Closed

59/18 REGIONAL MEETINGS

Richard Brickwood reported on the East Anglia regional meeting with club chairs, which is the first of a series across the country. It was agreed that on completion of the round of regional meetings, the Executive Committee will review a summary of observations and feedback.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: March 2019

60/18 SITE FUTURE PROOFING

Andy Perkins reported on progress by a team considering site opportunities with a visionary approach. Bill Craig reported that a draft paper by the team involved will be reviewed by Andy Perkins and others following which a revised draft will be circulated to Executive Committee members.

Status: Open Action: Bill Craig, Andy Perkins Due: January 2019

61/18 RAeC AWARDS

Pete Stratten spoke to a previously circulated summary of proposed RAeC award nominations. Those present agreed that Pete Stratten should progress the proposals as formal nominations.

Status: Closed

62/18 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pete Stratten and Tony Smith confirmed that Dave Latimer must stand down at the next AGM following two three-year terms as an Executive Committee member, that there is an existing vacancy for an Executive Committee member, and that Tony Smith may serve a further term of three years as an Executive Committee member. Those present noted with pleasure that Tony Smith intends to continue to serve as an Executive Committee member and therefore there will be a requirement for two Executive Committee members at the next AGM. Pete Stratten agreed to circulate the details to club secretaries.

Status: Closed

63/18 AoB

1. Safety Recommendation. The previously circulated safety recommendation made by the BGA investigation into accident 2018055 was accepted by those present.
2. Pre-Flight Checks. Those present considered and approved a previously circulated Instructors Committee recommendation to modify the BGA recommended pre-flight checklist from CBSIFTCBE to CBSIFTBEC. Pete Stratten agreed to promulgate the change.

The next meeting will be during January 2019. Dates will be polled.