

Meeting Notes – BGA Instructors Committee 11th November 2018 held at Husbands Bosworth

Present: Hugh Browning, Paul Whitehead, Graham Morris, Patrick Nageli, Colin Sword, Derek Smith, Dave Munro, Colin Watt, Andrew Roch, Mike Fox.

1. **Apologies:** Ged Terry, John Garrett, Pete Stratten, Andy Miller.
2. **Notes from previous meeting:** accepted.

3 **Chairman's Slot.**

BGA Strategy Document. See Training & Coaching section. Link at:

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/governance-documents/bga-strategy/>

Club Visits. All encouraged to try and visit clubs in their areas to show the 'face' and emphasise important messages re safety etc.

DTO. The BGA has recently registered as a DTO, initially covering examiner seminars and Sailplane towing.

FE/FIE Seminar. Meeting aims to satisfy seminar requirements. Main ref document is latest draft of BGA Part FCL Flight Examiner Handbook.

Regional CFI Meetings. Please notify dates/venues for your meetings.

Remembrance Day. 2 minute silence will be observed at 11.00hrs.

4. **Safety Analysis.**

Hugh Browning's presentation emphasised the main areas of safety concern: Trial Lessons. BGA Guidelines continue to be ignored resulting in substantial damage accidents remaining at same levels as previous years.

Take Over Guidelines. As with Trial lessons, these guidelines appear not to be getting through to instructors.

Collisions. Emphasis on protocol.

Wing Drop Accidents. 2 serious accidents noted, again advice is not being followed.

The above guidelines have been published now for a number of years with little impact, new ideas re what can be done further to address these is needed. Suggestions made were more face to face contact from I/C & safety Comm members, and clubs having individual risk assessments for trial lessons.

Increasing ground accidents relating to towing of gliders was highlighted.

5. **Safety Committee Update.**

Colin Sword updated the meeting from notes of the recent Safety comm meeting in October. In addition to items above, Human factors in stall/spin accidents was noted as be highly relevant.

6. **Coaching.** Mike Fox.

- Instructor Manual, new updates to be written up.
- Diagrams to be in colour & instructor resources developing.

- Do we have a lack of RE's?
- Summary of Club Management Conference CFI forum.
- New Instructor course, online booking system plus revised format to reduce nights away for candidates.
- Planning for a Motorglider weekend and possible instructor weekend to encourage and refresh.

7. Motor gliders. Paul Whitehead.

- Instructor revalidations to be similar to EASA process, need to include Motor gliders in seminars.
- Need more oversight of MGIR.
- EASA TMG Endorsement, standards especially navigation, need to be same as for NPPL.
- Management of simulated field landings in M/Gliders was discussed at length.

8. Regional Reports

Scotland & Borders. One new CFI appointed at Edensoaring. 2 F/Cat tests plus 3 pending at Portmoak. BI courses continuing. Lack of resource for EASA FI support being addressed.

South East. Airspace problems continue to be a major concern for the region. Regional CFI meeting to be held in December.

NWest. CFI at Long Mynd now back after gap through illness, N wales club still looking for a new site, good number of candidates for Bi's, Ass cats & F/ratings. Lack of EASA examiners in region to facilitate revalidations/renewals.

NEast. Good stream of F/Cats and BI's coming forward. Burn Gc now have 4 new instructors which has addressed their shortage problem.

Thames. Colin Watt reported that the region was meeting club requirements for courses and tests.

East Anglia. New CFI at Welland GC, CFI's meeting scheduled for Feb 2019, RAF Marham not gliding at the moment. Region reasonably quiet.

South West. 4 new BI's, 1 Instructor AOC, & 3 PICR's. 1 ATC instructor converted to Ass Cat. New CFI's at Cotswold, Hereford & Brentor.

9. Regulatory Update. EASA, BREXIT.

Patrick Naegeli updated the meeting on current regulatory developments. EASA. FCL push back now 2021.

Brexit, the outcome of government negotiations for departure on 29th March 2019 were proving complicated, the BGA has written to the CAA & DFT to make clear the situation for UK glider pilots should a 'Hard Brexit' occur. Information will be circulated to all clubs and members with the response.

10. Conversion paper, ACO instructors.

A paper produced by CFI at Gransden Lodge was circulated prior to the meeting and was well received. This is to be used by Coaches/examiners

as the basis for conversion of ACO instructors as requested by BGA club CFI's. Chair will thank Colin Cownden for his efforts.

11. AOB.

- Future of Full Rating. Going forward when there will be only one instructor rating, members were asked to consider what 'extra' training would be required above FI(s) to be a CFI for example.
- Accidents to Instructors. Instructor rating are suspended after an accident, some form of record keeping was suggested, chair to liaise with BGA office.
- CBSIFTCBE to CBSIFTBEC. Placing Canopy closed and locked at the end of the preflight checks reflected recent common practice over the hot summer. The meeting considered this change & were receptive to the move. Chair to take this forward.
- Form 1 reminder from BGA office, please don't forget this form when signing off instructors.

12. Date of Next Meeting.

9th March 2019, 10.00hrs. Husbands Bosworth Clubhouse.