

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 3rd APRIL 2019

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Peter Hibbard – Co-opted Member
Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES: Rebecca Bryan
Lisa Humphries

17/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the 2nd March 2019 meeting were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Andy Perkins

18/19 FARNBOROUGH AIRSPACE UPDATE

George Metcalfe provided an update describing the expected date of the Judicial Review hearing. Further to previous Executive Committee discussion regarding BGA ongoing support of LGS airspace work, those present agreed that the chairman should write to the Lasham Gliding Society chairman asking what support from BGA will be most helpful immediately and in the future.

Status: Open Action: Andy Perkins Due: April 2019

19/19 BRITISH TEAM FUNDING

Bill Britain updated those present including the outcome of his and Andy Perkin's meeting with the Competitions Committee chair and the intention to assist the Competitions Committee in developing a strategy around funding International Competitions. It is anticipated that the outcome of the work will result in further engagement with the Executive Committee.

Status: Closed

20/19 ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Pete Stratten spoke to a previously circulated BGA accident investigation report that includes four recommendations, which were all accepted by those present. It was noted that recommendation no 4 regarding the need for minimum latency of communication will need clear explanation by the Safety Committee to ensure that member clubs fully understand the issues and what the recommendation is seeking to achieve.

Status: Closed

21/19 PROJECT FUTURE PROOF

Bill Craig updated those present on a meeting of suitably experienced volunteers that had considered gliding site security and the feasibility of developing a new site with the aim of providing guidance, including re access to funding. It was noted that a key conclusion from the meeting is that funding needs to be available ahead of finding a location. Those attending the meeting agreed that developing a new site is challenging, that the idea should be progressed, and that a next step is to expand the network of contacts within and outside gliding. A project briefing paper was subsequently circulated to Executive Committee members.

Status: Open Action: Bill Craig Due: September 2019

22/19 GLIDING CENTRE REQUEST RE WWGC 2021

Pete Stratten spoke to a previously circulated letter from The Gliding Centre chairman seeking support for high level engagement at the WWGC. It was agreed that the BGA will support the request and pursue engagement in the most appropriate way and to add value. Pete Stratten agreed to respond to the club and Andy Perkins agreed to make initial contact.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Andy Perkins Due: June 2019

23/19 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

A discussion took place around opportunities to recognize the enormous contribution made to gliding by an individual resulting in two proposals. Pete Stratten agreed to research previous awards and Andy Perkins agreed to develop the two proposals for further consideration.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Andy Perkins Due: June 2019

24/19 AoB

1. Invitation to Shuttleworth. It was noted that any Executive Committee member who would like to take up an invitation to attend a VGC event at Shuttleworth should contact Nick Bowers as soon as practical.
2. Complaint. Andy Perkins reported how a complaint had been received from a senior volunteer in respect of online bullying and harassment and described the immediate action that was taken, including communicating to potential perpetrators that the BGA believes that BGA club members, volunteers and staff are entitled to expect courtesy, consideration and a safe environment, and that every club member, volunteer and staff member should always show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of others and conduct themselves in a way that reflects these principles. Andy Perkins advised those present to stay aware of the issue of online bullying and harassment, neither of which is ever acceptable.

The next meeting will be in May 2019. Date to be agreed by poll.