

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 31st JANUARY 2019

PRESENT: Andy Perkins – Chairman
Nick Bowers
Richard Brickwood
Bill Brittain
Dave Latimer
George Metcalfe – Vice Chairman

IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer
Pete Bennett

APOLOGIES:
Bill Craig
Lisa Humphries
Tony Smith – Treasurer and Company Secretary

01/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the 13th December 2018 meeting were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Andy Perkins

02/19 FARNBOROUGH AIRSPACE

George Metcalfe noted the updates published by LGS and that the BGA is promoting LGS fund raising including engagement with GA stakeholders to further promote donations.

03/19 BRITISH TEAM FUNDING

Andy Perkins spoke to previously circulated information supplied by the Competitions Committee describing a future International team funding shortfall and proposing a number of options including increased funding by the BGA. Those present considered the issues including appropriate level of financial support, potential options to reduce spending, other ways of increasing income, ability to afford participation, member club appetite for greater support, and FAI IGC competition developments including numbers of classes and the cost of participation. It was agreed that further data is required and that the subject will be revisited by the Executive Committee at their next meeting.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Andy Perkins

04/19 SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Pete Stratten spoke to previously circulated detail. The appointment of Tim Freearde as Safety Committee chairman was confirmed. During the Safety Committee meeting, it was noted that separate long-term initiatives by two BGA clubs are being linked with an emerging Safety Committee project that aims to make available improved, low-latency winch signalling equipment. Tim Freearde intends to submit a paper to the Executive Committee seeking funding support to equip and carry out a BGA trial.

Status: Closed

05/19 SITE FUTURE PROOFING

Andy Perkins reported that a group had met in the Thames Valley region to begin to shape a strategic project with an aim of identifying a site and a business case to support gliding in that region in the event of it being needed in the future. The group includes subject matter experts from

gliding clubs in the region. Andy Perkins agreed to keep the Executive Committee informed as their work progresses.

Status: Closed

06/19 BGA AWARDS

The previously circulated summary of proposed BGA award nominations were considered and accepted.

Status: Closed

07/19 ACCOUNTS AND BUDGET

Those present approved the minor updates to the accounts and budget circulated by Tony Smith on 21st January. The accounts and budget were accepted and approved with thanks.

Status: Closed

08/18 2018029 ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION UPDATE

Pete Stratten spoke to the previously circulated draft investigation report noting that the investigation had been arranged by the BGA as delegated by the AAIB and that the BGA had appointed its most experienced available investigator. Following established good practice, the draft of the investigators report has been circulated by the investigator to all involved parties including the club that operated the glider, the instructor, and the student pilot. Following consideration of feedback, the final report will be produced by the investigator.

Status: Open

09/19 AoB

1. Competitions Committee Meeting Notes December 2018. The meeting notes were considered and accepted with thanks.
2. Competition Rules 2019. Those present considered and accepted with thanks the recently circulated draft competition rules for 2019.

The next meeting will on Friday 1st March 2019 at the Nottingham Belfry Hotel.