

# BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2019

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Pete Bennett  
Neil Goudie – Airspace Committee Chair  
Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

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

### 10/19 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The notes from the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 meeting were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

**Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Andy Perkins**

### 11/19 **AIRSPACE CHANGE PROPOSAL – ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT**

Neil Goudie provided an update on the ACP being developed by BGA representatives in Yorkshire. He reminded those present of the background that followed the CAA's post implementation review of controlled airspace which was allocated to Robin Hood airport more than ten years ago, the subsequent engagement with the CAA with the aim of developing an airspace change proposal to remove unnecessarily controlled airspace, and likely next steps. It was agreed that continuing the process to ensure we fully understand the stages of the CAP1616 process, and the engagement required, would assist ACP work across the UK that is undertaken in association with our GAA colleagues. The Executive Committee should be updated as soon as practical re potential costs and Neil Goudie offered to follow that up with the lead person involved. Those present recorded thanks to those involved.

**Status: Open Action: Neil Goudie Due: April 2019**

### 12/19 **BRITISH TEAM FUNDING**

Andy Perkins spoke to previously circulated information. It was noted that the British Team funds cover a wide scope of activity. Those present agreed that clarification is needed on how the Team uses these funds to benefit gliding, the cost involved and how it can be made sustainable. A meeting is planned with representatives of the Competitions Committee to discuss their strategy including their spending requirements should prove helpful to understanding their requirements and the relationship of the Team with wider sport participation. Bill Brittain offered to facilitate the discussion alongside Andy Perkins.

**Status: Open Action: Bill Brittain, Andy Perkins Due: April 2019**

### 13/19 **90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BGA**

Andy Perkins spoke to previously circulated detail regarding the formation of the BGA starting with the late 1929 development of the BGA as a concept and the subsequent formation of the BGA in early 1930. He noted that the VGC has invited the Executive Committee to a commemorative event at Shuttleworth in August 2019. Nick Bowers agreed to co-ordinate arrangements with the VGC. It

was additionally agreed that the BGA should in due course use the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a marketing opportunity and to springboard strategic aims.

**Status: Open Action: Nick Bowers Due: June 2019**

14/19 REGIONAL MEETINGS - UPDATE

Pete Stratten reported that regional meetings with club chairman had taken place in East Anglia, the North West & N Wales, South West & S Wales, and South East regions. Further meetings are being planned for the North East, Scottish and Borders, and Thames Valley regions. It was noted that these facilitated discussions have resulted in very useful feedback, appeared to be encouraging inter-club engagement and positive in nature, and that it had been suggested by club chairmen that the meetings should be repeated every three years or so. It was noted that similar themes were emerging at the meetings and key issues will be briefed to the Executive Committee on completion of the programme.

**Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: April 2019**

15/19 AVIATION STRATEGY 2050

George Metcalfe noted that as part of a small team developing a response to the DfT consultation on the Aviation Strategy 2050, he has collated a written summary of the key issues which he agreed to circulate to Executive Committee members. He noted that an interim response had been submitted to DfT on the topic of 'GA Safety' and that the BGA intends to develop its full draft response well in advance of the consultation closing date. It was noted that DfT are receptive to feedback from the BGA and that further engagement with DfT and other stakeholders is expected.

**Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe Due: April 2019**

16/19 AoB

1. Club Management Conference 2019. BGA Development Officer Alison Randle joined the meeting for this item seeking input on key topics for the CMC agenda. A number of topics were discussed including succession planning including instructors and inspectors and promoting wider volunteer activity within clubs. It was agreed that the subject would be raised again at subsequent Executive Committee meetings and any additional thoughts will be fed back to Alison Randle.
2. Glide Britain. Dave Latimer proposed and all agreed that additional Glide Britain info/promotional videos should be made and approved an associated £2K expenditure within the BGA marketing budget.
3. Dave Latimer. Noting that Dave Latimer is required by the Articles of Association to retire from the Executive Committee at the BGA AGM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Andy Perkins and all those present thanked Dave for the significant and valuable contributions he has made during his six years as an Executive Committee member.

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