

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 2nd JULY 2020

PRESENT:

Andy Perkins – Chairman
Pete Bennett
Richard Brickwood
Bill Brittain
Rebecca Bryan
Nick Garland
Peter Hibbard
George Metcalfe – Vice Chairman
Matt Page
Tony Smith – Treasurer and Company Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

24/20 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

The Executive Committee meeting notes of 19th May 2020 were considered, approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

25/20 REGIONAL MEETINGS UPDATE

Andy Perkins described the headlines from the most recent set of online regional meetings with club chairmen including feedback on membership renewal trends, restart plans including delaying restarting introductory flights, anticipated available instructor resources, the K21 screen modification, and the potential impacts going forward re the evolving economic situation. Andy Perkins went on to note the significant amount of extraordinary work being undertaken by club chairmen and their committees.

It was agreed that in due course chairmen should be approached for their feedback on experience and progress relating to dual and instructional flying operations that may be of help to others.

26/20 BGA GUIDANCE

Pete Stratten spoke to the BGA phase 2 guidance that had been developed following the publication of DfT updated guidance, published online and circulated to clubs.

Those present noted that Basic Instructors and IFPs are likely to experience long delays before resuming rear seat flying. Pete Stratten agreed to pass the point on to the chairman of the Instructing and Examining Committee.

Status: Open Due: August 2020 Action: Pete Stratten

27/20 COMPETITIONS

Pete Stratten described how BGA guidance for competition organisers identified that the June COVID19 public health guidance indicated that conventional competitions would not be possible, and that later updates to public health guidance may present opportunities. Subsequently, all BGA rated competitions have been cancelled by the organisers, leaving two non-rated competitions on the calendar.

28/20 AoB

- a. AAIB Recommendation. Pete Stratten spoke to previously circulated information describing the AAIB report into a fatal accident involving an incorrectly assembled glider, a related AAIB recommendation regarding signaling, and the outcome of Executive Committee requested BGA subject matter expert advice and recommendations. Noting that two of those present would prefer to see radio as a requirement for aerotow launch signaling, all those present agreed with proposed changes to BGA Operational Regulations (subject to approval at a General Meeting) and agreed

with the proposed text to be incorporated into 'Managing Flying Risk'. It was agreed that the Safety Committee should be asked to include aerotow launch signaling within the club safety review checklist. Pete Stratten agreed to take forward the necessary actions.

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There was no other business. The next meeting will be held during August 2020. Andy Perkins will circulate details.