

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 14th MARCH 2022

PRESENT: Andy Perkins – Chairman
Richard Brickwood
Bill Brittain
Nick Garland
Peter Hibbard
George Metcalfe – Vice Chairman
David McGrath
Matt Page
Lucy Wootton

APOLOGIES Rebecca Bryan

IN ATTENDANCE Tony Smith - Treasurer and Company Secretary
Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

05/22 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Executive Committee meeting notes of 20th January 2022 were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity. Andy Perkins thanked Pete Bennett and Tony Smith for their service as Executive Committee members and welcomed new members David McGrath and Lucy Wootton.

06/22 WWGC22 UPDATE

Liz Sparrow provided a WWGC22 planning summary update on operational, event, sponsorship, budget and legacy issues. It was noted that 46 entries are expected, that on-site met has yet to be resolved, that a public aerobatic display and other public-access days are planned, that the budget is very tight with low sponsorship interest at this stage, and that legacy opportunities are being progressed including linking into non-Government and Government STEM promotion initiatives. Andy Perkins agreed to discuss the topic with Marilyn Hood ahead of her briefing the Executive Committee during April. Andy Perkins noted a planned meeting at the competition site during April and the ongoing need to ensure operational and business risks are properly managed. Those present thanked Liz Sparrow for her and her team's ongoing work.

Status: Open until September 2022

07/22 MARKETING

Pete Stratten spoke to a previously circulated document noting how a working group of club representatives led by Richard Brickwood had been discussing marketing resulting in several outputs, one of which is recognition of a need for an external view of how BGA and clubs might better understand and market to potential participants. Those present discussed an offer sought from an external agency which it was agreed would benefit from a wider survey including greater stratification of potential respondents and would potentially benefit from existing BGA data. Pete Stratten agreed to feed that back to the agency. Bill Brittain agreed to communicate with the agency re the BGA survey. It was agreed to accept the agency offer and take the work forward.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: September 2022

08/22 SCHLEICHER TECHNICAL NOTICE AND K13 SPINNING

Pete Stratten spoke to previously circulated information describing the situation where insurers had been approached by several clubs for advice regarding a Schleicher technical notice that followed an accident involving a K7 in Hungary and related optional restrictions re spinning, cloud flying and aerobatics. He went on to note that insurers had responded to those clubs by not accepting the manufacturers non-mandatory strong recommendation and instead have effectively mandated a restriction on the operation

of Schleicher wooden gliders that they insure by noting they will refuse insurance cover where deliberate spinning takes place.

It was noted that full spin training is necessary, good practice, a part of the BGA syllabus, legally required under SFCL rules, a BGA requirement ahead of the Bronze endorsement skills test and that by limiting spin training opportunity, there are obvious implications. Clubs have been fully briefed on the issues to date. It was agreed that regional support utilizing other two seat gliders can be helpful, that data regarding club operational impact is needed, and that a clearer view of underwriter's positions and a wider view from across Europe will be helpful. Pete Stratten agreed to address those points.

Action: Pete Stratten Status: Open Due: April 2022

09/22 REGULATORY UPDATE

Pete Stratten briefed those present on the post EU/EASA exit situation re UK aviation regulation including retained EU regulation, divergence between EU and UK-retained rules, the need to monitor DfT and CAA aviation regulation activity to ensure expertly informed engagement and consultation takes place in what is an evolving environment, how BGA is continuing to seek delegated authority on matters impacting gliding where that can benefit clubs and pilots, and how the BGA work aims to ensure proportionality, simplicity and reasonable cost. It was noted that Andy Perkins and Pete Stratten met recently with the CAA chairman to discuss several issues including delegation.

Status: Closed

10/22 COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Those present accepted with thanks the previously circulated Competition Committee meeting notes.

Status: Closed

11/22 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

Those present considered an early draft proposal from the Development Committee describing a method of supporting clubs with a better understanding of their effectiveness across several areas of activity including governance and inclusivity with an aim of improvement as well as alignment with external funding requirements. Those present supported the concept, recognised the need to develop the detail, and look forward to hearing about future developments in practice.

Status: Closed

12/22 SAFETY MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS

Pete Stratten reported on a completed trial supported by four BGA clubs that aimed to develop a tool for facilitating a desktop analysis of club safety management. Confidentiality, the non-audit status of the analysis, and club ownership of the conversation is emphasized throughout the process. The analysis is available to all club committees on request. Those present supported the initiative.

Status: Closed

13/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Launchpoint. Lucy Wootton noted a concern from one club regarding charitable funding of pilots who use CASC facilities. Lucy Wootton agreed to discuss the topic with George Metcalfe.
- b) Future Proof. Lucy Wootton requested details of the emerging Future Proof project. Andy Perkins noted his intention to have further conversations with stakeholders ahead of briefing the Executive Committee at the next meeting.
- c) Meetings. Matt Page sought earliest possible notification of Executive Committee meeting dates.

The next meeting will take place in April. Date to be advised in due course.