

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 11th MARCH 2025

PRESENT

George Metcalfe – Chair
Tim Barnes
Mark Fielding
Chris Fox
Nick Garland
Craig Lowrie
David McGrath – Vice Chair
Ellen Packham
Matt Page
Lucy Wootton

IN ATTENDANCE

Tim Freegarde – Safety Committee Chair (item 13/25 only)
Sam Lazenby - Treasurer
Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

George Metcalfe welcomed the two new members of the Executive Committee, Ellen Packham and Chris Fox.

13/25 SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Tim Freegarde presented a detailed update on the work of the Safety Committee including reporting and data analysis, refreshing legacy and developing new safety initiatives, communications, current priorities, the Safe Start self-briefing, and liaison with other sub-committees. Tim Freegarde noted that communication with pilots is always a challenge and there is reliance on CFIs passing on important messages; responded to a question confirming that there are risks associated with the SFCL changes; and noted that encouraging use of radio as a circuit situational awareness tool is resulting in change at clubs. Those present thanked the Safety Committee for their ongoing important work.

Status: Closed

14/25 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

The meeting notes of the 14th and 30th January were approved.

15/25 CASC FUNDS

George Metcalfe provided an update following the 30th January meeting describing the conclusion of development of a way forward that meets stakeholder requirements. Those present agreed that Windrushers GC CASC dissolution funds in BGA's keeping are to be transferred, with accrued interest, to the Philip Wills Memorial Fund to deploy under the agreed terms.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: April 2025

16/25 PWMF TRUSTEE NOMINATION

Those present agreed to nominate David Latimer as a PWMF trustee.

Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe Due: April 2025

17/25 COMPETITION RULES

Those present discussed a report from the Competitions Committee describing the outcome of a competition rules consultation and the process through which BGA handicap changes had been made. Those present agreed that an adequate and proportionate process had been followed and approved the finally proposed 2025 Competition Rules.

Status: Closed

18/25 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

Sam Lazenby spoke to a previously circulated quarterly financial report including a previous year comparison. Those present discussed points of detail and Sam Lazenby thanked Peter Bishop for supplying the data.

Status: Closed

19/25 EGM PROPOSAL

George Metcalfe described a future BGA Chair election matter that will require agreement at a General Meeting and Pete Stratten reminded those present that ahead of the full implementation of SFCL several necessary amendments to Operational Regulations will require agreement at a General Meeting following legislative changes expected this summer. It was agreed that David McGrath will develop a paper describing the election options for Executive Committee consideration and that an EGM will be proposed for a date following expected SFCL legislative changes.

Status: Open Action: David McGrath Due: May 2025

20/25 EGU/RAeC

George Metcalfe spoke to a previously circulated report requested of and supplied by David Roberts that described the background, current situation, benefits and costs associated with BGA membership of the RAeC and the EGU. All those present agreed to continue with BGA membership of the RAeC and the EGU.

Status: Closed

21/25 GAA LEGAL ENTITY

Pete Stratten spoke to a previously circulated note in which the GAA Facilitator proposed that the GAA should become an incorporated body. All those present agreed that it makes sense for credibility and practicality that the GAA is incorporated, and that GAA representative activity going forward including cost is another matter.

Status: Closed

The next planned meeting will be on the 13th May 2025, with a placeholder for 8th April 2025 should that be required.