

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 3rd SEPTEMBER 2015

PRESENT: Peter Harvey - Chairman
Nick Bowers
Bill Craig
Neil Goudie
Dave Latimer
George Metcalfe
John Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: Les Kaye – Treasurer
Pete Stratten – Chief Executive

APOLOGIES:
Ron Bridges
Lisa Humphries
Andy Perkins

32/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the 3rd of June 2015 meeting were approved and will be signed in due course by the chairman.

Status: Closed

33/15 CASC UPDATE

Following a single subject call during August during which Dave Latimer presented detail that followed dialogue regarding the new CASC rules with HMRC and it was agreed by those present that clubs should be briefed during September 2015, Dave Latimer described plans to write to clubs in September and hold workshops for clubs this autumn following which clubs could make informed choices. All those present thanked Dave Latimer and the wider team working on the challenging changes to the CASC rules and agreed with the approach being taken by the Development Committee to support clubs.

Status: Closed

34/15 AIRSPACE UPDATE

John Williams noted ongoing work with member clubs and GA Alliance partners to push back against the proposals for a large area of controlled airspace in the SE of England. He noted that the ACP had been submitted to the CAA and that the GAA had recently written to the CAA noting in detail why the ACP should be rejected. A detailed reply is awaited. It was noted that following a single subject Executive Committee discussion and agreement during August, Lasham had gratefully accepted a one-off financial donation towards specific work underway at that club in support of airspace freedoms.

Status: Closed

35/15 CORPORATION TAX UPDATE

Pete Stratten noted that as agreed the BGA tax advisor wrote to HMRC and recently advised that HMRC had received the letter and would be in touch in due course.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: October 2015

36/15 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

Les Kaye and Pete Stratten spoke to previously circulated management accounts including the forecast to the year-end of 30th September. The forecast outcome is not significantly different from the agreed budget. A number of variations from budget were considered in light of information previously circulated including re costs associated with website development, engineering support,

and irrecoverable VAT, and income from instructor courses. It was noted that trial lesson and mini course sales are higher than anticipated and that the redemption rate is increasing, which is positive for clubs. To help to ensure the positive trend continues, it was agreed that there is a need to identify why redemption is increasing. Les Kaye formally noted his previously confirmed intention to step down as treasurer at the next AGM. He advised that his successor should be equipped with suitable terms of reference. Peter Harvey thanked Les Kaye and noted that identifying a successor who would be supplied with appropriate TOR's is underway.

Status: Closed

37/15 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKSHOP 2015

All those present supported a proposal by Peter Harvey that an Executive Committee all-day workshop should be held in Leicester during October 2015. He went on to suggest a number of potential agenda items and requested that Executive Committee members consider any other issues they would like to propose. It was agreed by those present that the 17th October was the most popular date. Pete Stratten agreed to check with the three members not present and consult with Peter Harvey ahead of agreeing a date.

Status: Closed

38/15 ACTION AGAINST THE BGA

Pete Stratten updated those present following the most recent dialogue with the BGA insurers legal representative.

Status: Closed

39/15 INSTRUCTOR RESOURCES

Neil Goudie described a perception of declining availability of gliding instructors at many clubs against a background of increasing demand. The majority of those present agreed with the perception and all discussed a number of potential factors and opportunities including barriers, complexity and cost of training, local motivation, encouraging other instructors to convert, the need for hard data, and expert input required from the instructors committee. It was agreed that Neil Goudie supported by Pete Stratten would collate detail ahead of the Executive workshop in October where the subject would be considered in detail.

Status: Open Action: Neil Goudie, Pete Stratten Due: October 2015

40/15 COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE – TEAM ISSUE

Peter Harvey described a recent incident at the European Gliding Championship resulting in alleged unacceptable behaviour by a member of the British Gliding Team. The Competitions Committee is addressing the issue at the request of the Team manager and their considered approach as described by Peter Harvey to this committee was supported by those present. All those present agreed the need for the Executive Committee to remain apart from the process and decision taken by the competitions committee so that the Executive Committee can act as a board of appeal if required. Although this unfortunate incident was a unique occurrence, it was agreed that competition disciplinary policy and procedures should be developed in consultation with the competitions committee. It was noted that similar template policies are published on the BGA website in support of clubs.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Competitions Committee Due: March 2016

41/15 AOB

- a) Dave Latimer noted that the Development Committee is responding to the Government consultation on sport participation. Inputs from Executive Committee members are welcome.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held in October – the date and time will be notified.