

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL HELD ON THE 26th February 2016

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

IN ATTENDANCE:
Anthony Smith – Company Secretary
Pete Stratten – Chief Executive

APOLOGIES:
Ron Bridges
Bill Craig
Les Kaye – Treasurer
Andy Perkins

08/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
The notes from the 14th January 2016 meeting were approved and were signed by the chairman.

09/16 COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS SUB-COMMITTEE NOTES AND COMPETITION RULES 2016
Peter Harvey spoke to the previously circulated January meeting notes which were accepted with thanks. Those present noted the subsequent constructive discussion with the competitions committee chairman on the subject of FLARM equipage, including agreement that data is required to inform a risk based and proportionate approach, and that it has been agreed to review the situation during 2016 ahead of the 2017 competition season. Those present considered the Competition Rules for 2016 which were accepted with thanks. Neil Goudie identified that there is a need for incoming sub-committee chairmen to be briefed on various topics and to support their improved awareness of the BGA's wider activities. Pete Stratten proposed that rather than having, for example, the competitions committee organized into the 'Participation Group' and with others in an 'Operations Group', it may be appropriate to help to keep all the sub-Committees fully informed across the silos of activity through one extended group of sub-committees. It was agreed that the concept should be developed with the sub-committee chairmen and meanwhile sub-committee chairmen should be encouraged to attend BGA Executive Committee meetings as appropriate.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: April 2016

10/16 SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM MANUAL v10.1
Pete Stratten spoke to the previously circulated and discussed SMS manual v10.1 which was adopted with thanks. Pete Stratten agreed to publish and advise clubs of the update.

Status: Closed

11/16 BGA TREASURER
Noting that Les Kaye had previously noted his intention to step down as treasurer at the 2016 AGM, Anthony Smith of Mendip GC confirmed that he is content to take on the role. Those present appointed Anthony Smith as BGA Treasurer in accordance with Article 28.1. Those present thanked Les Kaye, who was unavoidably absent, for his work as BGA treasurer and Peter Harvey noted that he would write a note of thanks.

Status: Closed

12/16 EUROPEAN GLIDING UNION UPDATE

Pete Stratten noted that following meetings between an EGU delegation led by Patrick Naegeli and the EASA Director-General Patrick Ky, it had been agreed that Operations, Licensing and Training requirements applicable to gliding will be reviewed and revised with joint EASA and EGU expert input with the aim of developing 'Part-Gliding'. At the recent EGU congress at which he represented the BGA, those present had unanimously agreed to adopt this opportunity to redevelop EASA regulations applicable to gliding. The work will take a number of years to conclude and therefore it is likely that an extended opt-out from current regulations is required. It was agreed by those present that the BGA will seek an extended opt-out.

Status: Closed

13/16 AoB

- a) AGM. Those present noted the arrangements for the forthcoming AGM. Peter Harvey and those present expressed their thanks for the support and commitment provided over the past 6 years by Ron Bridges and John Williams who are stepping down from the Executive Committee by rotation in accordance with the Articles of Association.
- b) Recommended Practice Update. Nick Bowers described progress with the planned project to review and improve the dissemination of BGA guidance material including recommended practices that complement and support the BGA Operational Regulations, noting discussion with Hugh Browning around content and Keith Auchterlonie around publication matters. Nick Bowers noted the view to date that the essence of existing recommended practices must be retained and should be subsumed into an updated version of the BGA 'Managing Flying Risk' publication and further BGA Safety Leaflets with an effective version control system. He went on to note that as the work develops, comment will be sought by members clubs including CFI's, and that the work is on track for a planned discussion with club chairmen at the November 2016 club management conference. Those present thanked Nick Bowers for his efforts to date.

Status: Open Action: Nick Bowers Due: October 2016

- c) Pension Requirements. Pete Stratten noted that the BGA is making the necessary arrangements around workplace pensions as required. It was noted that there will be an impact on future budgets.
- d) Video Conferencing. Neil Goudie proposed that greater use is made of technology to minimise the need for BGA committees to meet physically, including video conferencing. Pete Stratten agreed to follow that up.
- e) Application for Membership. Pete Stratten spoke to a previously circulated email from a new motor-glider club based at Balado airfield that has requested BGA membership. Those present agreed that the club should be submit a formal membership application for approval including details of club aims, membership and governance.
- f) Strategy Development. George Metcalfe noted the need to move forward with the previously identified strategy development. It was agreed that he and Pete Stratten who are discussing this topic will propose issues and a timetable ahead of the next Executive Committee meeting.

The date, time and venue for the next meeting will be agreed with the Executive Committee after the 2016 AGM.