

# BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL HELD ON THE 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016

PRESENT: Peter Harvey - Chairman  
Nick Bowers  
Neil Goudie  
Dave Latimer  
George Metcalfe

IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Stratten (Chief Executive)

APOLOGIES: Bill Craig  
Charlie Jordan  
Lisa Humphries  
Andy Perkins – Vice Chairman  
Tony Smith – Treasurer and Company Secretary

23/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 meeting were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

24/16 WIND TURBINE POLICY

Dave Latimer spoke to the previously considered draft policy and noted subsequent feedback which will be incorporated into the final version. All those present accepted the policy document on that basis and Dave Latimer will arrange publication in due course.

**Status: Closed**

25/16 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Those present discussed the previously circulated February 2016 meeting notes which were accepted with thanks. It was noted that the Development Committee is covering a significant volume and range of work on behalf of clubs, which is much appreciated by the Executive Committee.

**Status: Closed**

26/16 SPORTS AND RECREATION ALLIANCE VOLUNTARY CODE OF GOVERNANCE

Pete Stratten spoke to previously circulated information and subsequent email dialogue with the Executive Committee regarding a proposal to adopt the S&RA Voluntary Code of Governance. Those present agreed to adopt the S&RA code of governance, noting the need to ensure that BGA governance remains proportionate and agreed that a small working group comprising of Andy Perkins, Tony Smith and Pete Stratten should manage any necessary work and periodically brief the Executive Committee.

**Status: Closed**

27/16 COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

George Metcalfe spoke to the previously circulated 6 February 16 and 5 March 16 (amended) meeting notes and identified that a drafting error had been corrected by the CC chairman resulting in his query being resolved. Those present accepted the meeting notes with thanks.

**Status: Closed**

28/16 INSTRUCTORS COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Pete Stratten spoke to the previously circulated March 16 meeting notes. Those present accepted the meeting notes with thanks.

**Status: Closed**

29/16 INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

Pete Stratten spoke to the previously circulated update to the instructor requirements within BGA Laws and Rules that clarify the situation regarding continued use of BGA requirements during the extended period of transition to EASA requirements. Those present accepted the update. Pete Stratten agreed to publish the update and ensure clubs are aware of the detail.

**Status: Closed Action: Pete Stratten Due: May 2016**

30/16 AAIB REPORT AND BGA RESPONSE

Pete Stratten spoke to the previously circulated draft AAIB report into the serious injury accident involving the pilot of a Silent 2 microlight sailplane within which there were no recommendations made to the BGA. Those present considered the advice sought from BGA specialists and agreed that in response to a speculative comment, the AAIB should modify a sentence in the report to read 'the pilot had a loose seat cushion in the cockpit but there is no evidence that this interfered with the take-off'. It was noted that the draft AAIB report is inconclusive on the cause of the accident.

**Status: Open Action: Peter Harvey Due: May 2016**

31/16 EUROPEAN GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIP 2017 LASHAM – UPDATE

Peter Harvey reported that the two agreements between BGA and Lasham had been signed by both parties, and that an FAI sanctions document is currently being considered ahead of signature by RAeC, BGA, Lasham and the FAI. Those present noted the obvious challenges associated with obtaining significant sponsorship in the available timeframe.

**Status: Open Action: Peter Harvey Due: July 2016**

32/16 AoB

- a) Very Serious Incident planning. Neil Goudie noted the need to continue the review of existing VSI planning and agreed to progress the matter with Pete Stratten.
- b) Part-Gliding. Pete Stratten noted that following a request by CAA and agreement with Peter Harvey, Pete Stratten is representing UK CAA/BGA in an EASA working group that is developing revised operations rules for sailplanes.

The next meeting will be at the end of June 2016. Proposed dates will be circulated.