

Meeting Notes – BGA Instructors Committee 19th March 2016 held at Husbands Bosworth

Present: Mike Fox, Hugh Browning, Don Irving, Derek Smith, Paul Whitehead, Graham Morris, Simon Minson, Pete Stratten, Patrick Nageli, Andy Miller, Andrew Roch, John Garrett

1. **Apologies:** Mick Davis, Dave Munro, Colin Sword
2. **Notes from previous meeting:** accepted.
3. **Safety:**

Pete Stratten – There is sizeable cross-section of RSO's who remain very proactive. Others have slowly drifted away. In regions where RSOs are no longer active SREs are asked to be the immediate point of contact where CFIs need support and guidance. In recent years, the old style of BGA external 'safety audits' has been replaced by clubs carrying out their own safety reviews using BGA resources. John Hull is the safety committee POC for club safety issues. It should be noted that club safety officers still report to club chairmen.

Hugh Browning gave a presentation.

- Last 6 months – Substantial damage totals similar to previous years
- Instructor accident presentations. – In depth analysis carried out including case studies.
- Very interesting discussion regarding late takeover accidents and how to get the message across regarding the changing culture of instructing. Mike Fox, Andy Roch and Hugh Browning agreed to produce a personal communication for instructors.

It was suggested that winch launch failure teaching should always be included in the 5 year refresher weekend.

Dr Peter Saundby gave a presentation on mental health and its implications for gliding medical standards. The information was well received by all on a subject that gets very little air.

His key message was the need for clubs to be sensitive and to be supportive as in many cases the illness can be very effectively managed.

4. Coaching corner

Mike Fox discussed numbers of applicants this year for instructor courses. This produced a useful discussion about the course and it's attributes and suitability. It was agreed that more research was needed before any conclusions were drawn – especially as there is a instructors' survey in progress.

(Post-meeting Note: thank you for your many useful ideas following the meeting. For the immediate future, the program will continue as currently set-out. Issues causing concern will be carefully reviewed in slower time.)

A draft instructor development chart was briefly reviewed. It was felt that it might be useful post EASA transition.

Training news was discussed, and a few new ideas were aired.

The possibility of using certain FICs as BI coaches was raised and it was agreed that where an FIC was seen a suitable by his SRE, the privileges could be extended to include BI coaching. The BGA's FEM will be updated to reflect this change.

A short discussion took place on the possibility of producing some resources for instructors perhaps using a smart phone or tablet.

5. Motorgliding

Paul Whitehead discussed EASA's classification of Aeroplanes, Powered Sailplanes and Sailplanes. There was clarification regarding adding Self Launching Sailplanes to EASA Sailplane licences.

6. Regional Reports

Thames valley report

CFI meeting – Approach control discussed, Hugh's safety brief – Taking over control. Comments on the Instructor course and a wish that more courses could be promulgated earlier

South East report

Site tenure issues that the regional team are providing support over. Concern about the numbers of possible instructor course candidates.

South West report

Regional CFI meeting – concern about instructor support from the service clubs in the South West.

North East Report

Burn – new CFI – New BI's to convert to Ass Cats, Trial flight accident at a regional club caused some concern and a review which resulted in some recommendations.

Scotland and borders

Major currency issues due to the winter weather in Scotland. Quite a few Full ratings carried out.

7. Update on UK/ EASA transition

Patrick gave a presentation on Part GLIDING as part of his role as Chairman of the European Gliding Union. He illustrated the depth of uncertainty of our licencing situation, but also the possibility of a set of very sensible basic regulations written with a large involvement of the gliding community.

The timeline for completion of this work remains highly uncertain.

8. Examining

Andy Miller discussed the need for correct teaching by FI(S)s. He noted that most instructors, when under test to revalidate their ratings taught the exercise(s) as requested but did not construct and execute a coherent lesson. They demonstrated but did not teach!

9. AOB

Charging for FIC form 5 was raised. It was agreed that as these are the coaches doing the work for the benefit of wider membership that we should find the administrative cost from elsewhere.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Saturday TBD, Oct 2013 at Husbands Bosworth starting at 10:00.

Don Irving & Mike Fox