

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL HELD ON THE 11th July 2016

PRESENT: Peter Harvey - Chairman
Neil Goudie
Charlie Jordan
Dave Latimer
George Metcalfe
Tony Smith – Treasurer and Company Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES: Nick Bowers
Bill Craig
Lisa Humphries
Andy Perkins – Vice Chairman

33/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the 12th May 2016 meeting were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

34/16 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

Tony Smith spoke to the previously circulated six-monthly management accounts information illustrating the current position of expenditure below budget, but forecast to be slightly in excess of budget by year end (including contingency). This reflects the usual position at this point of the financial year and similar in profile to previous years. In response to a query about a budget variance relating to the S&G website, Pete Stratten referred to previously circulated detail relating to unexpected costs associated with ongoing additional support and hosting costs and associated resolution of website/back office software issues that he has been advised will be completed by September. It is also noted that this back-office functionality is usable across the whole BGA website so will have wider benefit. Pete Stratten noted that following successful negotiations and closure with HMRC, the corporation tax situation is clear. Peter Harvey requested that Tony Smith considers providing balance sheet information as a part of the well-received management accounts summaries.

Status: Closed

35/16 RESERVES / INVESTMENT

Tony Smith described how interest received on an element of BGA reserves could be increased through a carefully considered and professionally managed investment portfolio. Following a detailed discussion about the BGA's reserves policy, existing interest received, potential investment benefit, the wider economic situation and associated risks, those present agreed to carry out a review of the BGA financial reserves policy including objectives and appropriate level. It was noted that a review fits as a potential component of the current overall strategy initiative being led by George Metcalfe. Those present agreed to take up an offer to learn more about the investment opportunity with no commitment. Pete Stratten agreed to circulate the BGA's reserves policy document to Executive Committee members.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Tony Smith Due: September 2016

36/16 FARNBOROUGH AIRSPACE UPDATE

Pete Stratten spoke to previously circulated information describing a CAA facilitated meeting on 4th July 2016 attended by representatives of Farnborough/TAG, GA Alliance, AOPA, RAeC, Lasham, Southdown, and BGA. Those present noted minute 20/16 regarding airspace contingency funding.

Status: Closed

37/16 BREXIT

Peter Harvey noted recent discussion with the presidents of Europe Air Sports and the European Gliding Union including potential implications associated with the UK leaving the EU. It was noted that for the time being at least, the UK is certain to continue with EASA regulation; that DfT and CAA have yet to develop a view of the implications; that the UK will lose governmental and political influence within EASA; and that the BGA will continue to explore and exploit any opportunities on behalf of its membership.

Status: Closed

38/16 NATIONAL GLIDING WEEK

Peter Harvey suggested a national gliding week in 2017 during which clubs would open their doors to the public with the aim of encouraging membership growth and participation. He went on to propose that the gliding week would be marketed nationally by BGA in co-ordination with clubs, and that the whole project should be developed, consulted and agreed with clubs in good time ahead of August 2017. All those present were supportive. Charlie Jordan, Dave Latimer and Pete Stratten agreed to form a small working group to consider and recommend how to move the suggestion forward.

Status: Open Action: Charlie Jordan, Dave Latimer, Pete Stratten Due: October 2016

39/16 AoB

- a) Club Management Conference. Dave Latimer reminded those present that the club management conference will be held at a new venue on 12th November 2016 and noted that suggestions for content are welcome.
- b) VSI plan review. Neil Goudie advised those present that he has received expert input and will circulate information by email.
- c) Executive Committee workshop. Pete Stratten agreed to arrange an all-day Executive Committee workshop on either the 22nd October or the 5th November.
- d) Skype conference call. Further to the Executive Committee policy of reducing costs whilst increasing accessibility, those present reported that Skype, used during this meeting for the first time, was accepted as a useful and workable tool.

The next meeting will be on 31st August 2016. Proposed dates will be circulated.