

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 13th DECEMBER 2016

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

Tony Smith – Treasurer and Company Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES: Charlie Jordan
Andy Perkins – Vice Chairman

54/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the 15th October 2016 meeting were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

55/16 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS YE 30th SEPTEMBER 2016

Anthony Smith spoke to the previously circulated management accounts noting a number of variations between budget and outcome resulting in a break even on operating activity, recovery of the previously allocated corporation tax liability following work by the accounts manager and the BGA's tax advisor resulting in an HMRC decision, underspend on the participation allocation, and the unused contingency allocation. Noting previously agreed financial liabilities for airspace work in support of the wider membership, it was agreed that they should be reflected in these rather than later management accounts. Those present thanked the BGA finance team for their work.

56/16 BUDGET 1st OCTOBER 2017 – 30th SEPTEMBER 2018

Anthony Smith spoke to a previously circulated draft budget noting the challenges of forecasting so far in advance, the need to avoid over-cautious budgeting (which has contributed to previous surpluses), that the draft is a tight budget based on knowns, that it includes a 50p per full member increase, and that it will be appropriate to note with the budget that unknown airspace costs may need to be addressed during the budget period. Those present discussed the detail resulting in agreement that the airspace allocation should be increased to £15K, and an additional £5K should be allocated to Marketing bringing its total to £35k, the full member fee should increase by 50p, and that there will be an operating loss in the 2017/2018 budget of circa £17k. Those present agreed that whilst a deficit of this magnitude is generally not desirable, in this instance following several years of surplus and to avoid a significant member fee increase it would be acceptable.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Anthony Smith Due: January 2017

57/16 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Noting the Articles of Association requirements, Anthony Smith reminded those present that at the next AGM four members of the Executive Committee will have reached the end of the first three year term and are eligible to re-stand for a further three year term. Nick Bowers, Lisa Humphries, George Metcalfe and Bill Craig have notified their agreement and the support of their member clubs

to continue for a further three year term. Anthony Smith noted that the Executive Committee rotation detail will be described within the AGM calling notice to clubs.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Anthony Smith Due: January 2017

58/16 BGA ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORTS

Pete Stratten spoke to two BGA accident investigation reports, subsequent BGA subject matter expert views, and associated proposals. Those present agreed that;

- a. Accident to G-CKOT
 - i. 2016/116/01 is not accepted. The club management and relationships have evolved since this recommendation was made.
 - ii. Recommendation 2016/116/02 is partially accepted in that pilots should be reminded of the need to refer to the available aerotowing performance guidance
 - iii. Recommendation 2016/116/03 is accepted.
- b. Accident to G-CJVV
 - i. Recommendations 1,2,4,5 and 6 are accepted.
 - ii. Recommendation 3 is not accepted as it would be inappropriate for BGA to recommend or imply unapproved modification.

Those present thanked the investigators for their work in support of gliding. Pete Stratten agreed to refer the intent of recommendation 3 to the safety committee for consideration as feedback to manufacturers/type certificate holders.

Status: Closed Action: Pete Stratten

59/16 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Those present reviewed and accepted with thanks the October 2016 Instructors sub-Committee report and two reports from October 2016 meetings of the Competitions and Awards sub-Committee.

Status: Closed

60/16 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT FUND

Pete Stratten spoke to previously circulated detail supplied by the PEF trustees including a request for Executive Committee acceptance of an amendment to the PEF deeds extending the scope of activity and for a £47K contribution from member's funds. Those present discussed the good work of the PEF trustees, the PEF rationale, associated governance, the complexity of the deeds, and how PEF funds could be ring-fenced within the BGA accounts. Those present agreed that David Latimer should carry out a review of the PEF in consultation with the PEF trustees. Those present considered potential forthcoming rates assessment challenges and agreed to an immediate allocation of £15K to the PEF.

Status: Open Action: David Latimer Due: March 2017

61/16 AoB

- a) EGC 2017. Pete Stratten noted dialogue with competition organisers regarding sponsor benefits and that a decision is pending.
- b) Promotion. Dave Latimer updated those present on recent discussions around national gliding week and Go Gliding, and noted discussion with a major TV broadcaster.
- c) Lasham GS. Those present noted the previous BGA donations to airspace work underway at Lasham GS and agreed to donate a further £7K.

Status: Closed Action: Pete Stratten

There will be a single subject Executive Committee call on 5th January 2016 at 1930 hours to review the audited accounts