

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL HELD ON THE 12th SEPTEMBER 2016

PRESENT: Peter Harvey - Chairman
Bill Craig
Neil Goudie
Dave Latimer
George Metcalfe
Andy Perkins – Vice Chairman

IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES: Nick Bowers
Lisa Humphries
Charlie Jordan
Tony Smith – Treasurer and Company Secretary

40/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the 11th July 2016 meeting were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

41/16 ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT - DIMONA

Pete Stratten spoke to the previously circulated BGA accident investigation report which included a recommendation regarding ignition switch guards and another recommendation regarding carburetor icing. Those present accepted the report and recommendations. Pete Stratten agreed to pass the recommendations to the relevant sub-committees for action.

Status: Closed Action: Pete Stratten

42/16 LEAVING THE EU

Peter Harvey noted that following the previously reported meeting with the EGU President Patrick Naegeli, EAS President David Roberts to identify potential issues following the EU referendum, no precise actions or decisions had emerged. Peter Harvey went on to note recent DfT engagement on the issues and opportunities relating to leaving the EU during which the BGA supplied a written briefing on its position which is based on meeting the needs of the majority of glider pilots who do not operate outside the UK and therefore do not need to be regulated by EASA, as well as meeting the needs of those glider pilots who choose to operate outside the UK. It was agreed that this agenda item would be closed until circumstances change.

Status: Closed

43/16 FARNBOROUGH AIRSPACE UPDATE

Pete Stratten described recent developments including the CAA proposed meeting/workshop following on from the previously reported 4th July meeting. Those present discussed the topic in detail, identified the significant workload experienced by all air sport organisations, noted the need to maintain momentum where there may be over-reliance on BGA engagement; and agreed the need provide support to the volunteers working on airspace matters.. It was agreed that a formal proposal would be developed and submitted to the GA Alliance ahead of their forthcoming AGM.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: October 2016

44/16 INFRINGEMENTS

Peter Harvey noted the importance of ongoing and successful BGA efforts to minimize infringements of controlled airspace. He went on to note an incident in 2016 involving an inexperienced solo pilot and another involving an experienced instructor, work by BGA and others that identified that 75% of GA infringers were not equipped with a moving map, with a further 20% being equipped but not using the equipment, and the need to provide pilots with proportionate and effective guidance. Pete Stratten noted that the Instructor sub-committee had recently updated the BGA published guidance on navigation training and testing to include the benefits of using GPS moving maps. Noting that BGA Recommended Practices are currently under review with the aim of ensuring relevant issues are carried forward within the BGA publication 'Managing Flying Risk', those present agreed that a suitable form of words encouraging use of GPS moving maps for cross country flying particularly in complex airspace areas should be developed and included in that publication which will be widely promoted in early 2017.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: November 2016

45/16 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Pete Stratten spoke to previously circulated detail describing how the owner of Bognor Regis air strip, who is an experienced glider pilot, intends to form a commercial motor glider operation at that site and has requested membership of the BGA. Noting the location and layout of the site, those present agreed to offer provisional associate membership subject to agreement to comply with BGA operational regulations and associated requirements, and agreement that a BGA facilitated site operations review should take place within 12 months.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: November 2016

46/16 AoB

- a) Executive Committee Workshop. Pete Stratten agreed to circulate a poll for the two proposed dates of 22nd October or 5th Nov.
- b) Lasham GS. Pete Stratten noted that following consideration and agreement during an Executive Committee conference call meeting, Lasham GS has been advised that given that there is potential for the significant and costly airspace work underway by that club to positively impact on all member clubs, the Executive Committee have agreed to make a one-off donation of £10,000.
- c) Instructor Courses Neil Goudie noted that having discussed the topic with a number of stakeholders, he is preparing a briefing paper for the Executive Committee.
- d) British Team WGC Australia. Peter Harvey noted that temporary import arrangements result in a potential need to lodge approximately £60,000 or pay a carnet of circa £10,000 to guarantee the removal of the Team's gliders within the 12 month temporary import limit and how that presents a potential barrier to participation by some team members. He went on to note that the Gliding Federation of Australia may be able to act as guarantor which would remove the need to lodge those funds, but in that case would need the BGA to guarantee against any financial loss by the GFA. Those present agreed that more information is needed to fully consider the issue. Peter Harvey agreed to provide that detail and if necessary propose an Executive Committee single subject call to discuss the topic.

The next meeting will take place during the Executive Committee workshop. Date to be notified (see 46/16a).