

# BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017

PRESENT: Peter Harvey - Chairman  
Nick Bowers  
Bill Craig  
Neil Goudie  
Lisa Humphries  
Charlie Jordan  
Dave Latimer  
George Metcalfe  
Andy Perkins – Vice Chairman  
Tony Smith – Treasurer and Company Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

### 01/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 meeting were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

**Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Peter Harvey Due: February 2017**

### 02/17 AUDIT REPORT AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS YE 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

- a. Anthony Smith spoke to the previously circulated annual audit report and draft annual accounts for the year ending 30 September 2016. Those present asked a small number of questions on detail or had done so previously by email which Tony Smith answered to their satisfaction. The annual audit report and annual accounts were accepted. Tony Smith agreed to sign the annual accounts on behalf of the Executive Committee on receipt from Grant Thornton.
- b. Pete Stratten reported that the existing auditors were appointed in 2012 and at that time it had been agreed that the BGA would periodically review the appointment in line with good governance practice. It was agreed by those present that at the 2017 AGM, accountants Haines Watts of Leicester should be proposed to the membership as the BGA auditor. Tony Smith and Pete Stratten agreed to make the necessary formal arrangements.

**Status: Closed**

### 03/17 NATIONAL PROMOTION

Dave Latimer spoke to a previously circulated report detailing options around the development of a long term national promotion campaign. He described recent feedback from club consultation on the topic including that received at the club management conference following a presentation. A number of opportunities and potentially significant challenges were discussed and Pete Harvey summarized the situation as three topics; a national TV broadcast and associated media opportunity that will need some BGA volunteer support, a BGA led integrated social media campaign linked to a national gliding week and the EGC 2017 involving the BGA's professional online marketing suppliers, and the development of very interesting promotion project ideas by an expert volunteer that the BGA is highly supportive of in principle and if launched will need currently unknown resources and significant funding. The second option (linked to EGC and gliding week) already has agreed budget. With the aim of increasing national awareness of gliding and active interest, it was agreed that the TV opportunity and the BGA led integrated social media campaign linked to a national gliding week and the EGC 2017 should continue to be developed in co-ordination with all interested parties. It was agreed that a detailed proposal would be needed before

progressing with the very interesting major project idea discussed to date with the expert volunteer to who Andy Perkins and Dave Latimer agreed to provide the Executive Committee's positive feedback. Those present thanked Dave Latimer for his initiative and drive on this important subject.

**Status: Open Action: Andy Perkins, Dave Latimer Due: February 2017**

04/17 TAG/FARNBOROUGH ACP UPDATE

Peter Harvey updated those present on recent developments including that TAG/Farnborough has submitted its controlled airspace proposals to the CAA and that the TAG/Farnborough ACP process has resumed following the previously reported pause. Peter Harvey noted the significant expertise among the involved gliding/other GA stakeholders, the continuing need to ensure that those experts are given the space needed to play to their strengths, and the continuing need for careful co-ordination to avoid any unintended issues.

**Status: Open Action: Peter Harvey Due: March 2017**

05/17 AoB

There were no items of AoB.

There will be an Executive Committee meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February at 1930 hours at the BGA conference venue.