

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 1st FEBRUARY 2018

PRESENT: Peter Harvey - Chairman
Nick Bowers
Neil Goudie
Dave Latimer
George Metcalfe

IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES:

Bill Craig
Lisa Humphries
Charlie Jordan
Andy Perkins – Vice Chairman
Tony Smith – Treasurer and Company Secretary

01/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the 18th December 2017 meeting were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Peter Harvey

02/18 AIRSPACE UPDATE

Pete Stratten provided a summary update of recent developments including progress with the GA Alliance and efforts to access specific expertise unavailable within existing resources in support of airspace work by the GA Alliance organisations. It has been agreed that immediate priorities should include supporting consultation response efforts and establishing a strategy and plan that will engage with UK government. Those present agreed with the priorities. George Metcalfe updated those present on the emerging BGA airspace strategy and plan that will be offered to the GA Alliance to support that work. Pete Stratten noted that following a BGA facilitated meeting of stakeholder GA organisations and clubs at Bicester GC on 21 Jan 18, a response to the Oxford and Brize Norton consultations is under development by a team of primarily BGA and LAA volunteers led by an experienced glider, civil and military aeroplane, and commercial air transport pilot from the Bristol and Gloucester GC.

Peter Harvey noted that the work needed to address the threats posed by uncontained growth of controlled airspace will require significant funds. He described a proposal that he intends to follow up to establish an airspace fund and noted the need to establish proper governance and controls.

Nick Bowers noted that he had received feedback that Exeter airports response to their recent consultation recently submitted to the CAA includes a number of apparently false statements. It was noted that the Bath, Wilts and North Dorset GC team involved are liaising with the Airspace Committee chairman on this topic ahead of submitting a complaint.

Status: Open Due: March 2018

03/18 COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES DEC 17 AND COMPETITION RULES 2018

Pete Stratten spoke to previously circulated documents which were accepted with thanks. The Competition Rules for 2018 were considered and no significant issues were raised.

The Executive Committee reiterated its support for the work of the Competitions Committee and its emerging efforts to generate external finance, and also reiterated its support for the level of funding from central funds.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: January 2018

04/18 SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES JAN 18

Pete Stratten spoke to previously circulated documents. Those present approved the SMS update following the January 2018 review. Nick Bowers offered to carry out an objective review of BGA airspace safety training and education in support of a safety committee proposed project and will discuss the detail with the safety committee chairman. The meeting notes were accepted with thanks.

Status: Open Action: Nick Bowers, Pete Stratten Due: March 2018

05/18 PARTICIPATION

Noting ongoing need to support efforts to grow participation in gliding aligned with the BGA strategy, those present accepted an offer from David Latimer to develop a participation growth proposal drawing on experience of, for example, Glide Britain, WomenGlide, Junior Gliding, the FFVV's Discover Gliding, and successful initiatives outside gliding.

Status: Open Action: Dave Latimer Due: May 2018

06/18 AoB

AGM and Conference. Peter Harvey reported that the Company Secretary had put in place the AGM arrangements and that two nominations for Executive Committee Officers, a Vice Chairman nomination, and a Chairman nomination had been received from member clubs. It was noted that, because those nominated for Chairman and for Vice Chairman are existing Executive Committee members who will be changing roles, there remains one Committee Officer vacancy which will not be filled by the election. It was agreed that subject to a decision by the Executive Committee that will be formed following the AGM, the Executive Committee should actively seek to appoint or co-opt a member.

Noting that this may be the last meeting ahead of the AGM on 17 February 2018, those present thanked retiring Executive Committee members Peter Harvey, Charlie Jordan and Neil Goudie for their service.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: March 2018

The next meeting is anticipated during March as agreed by poll.