

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 14th MARCH 2018

PRESENT: Andy Perkins – Chairman
Richard Brickwood
Bill Brittain
Bill Craig
Lisa Humphries
Dave Latimer
George Metcalfe – Vice Chairman

IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES:
Nick Bowers
Tony Smith – Treasurer and Company Secretary

07/18 INTRODUCTIONS

Andy Perkins warmly welcomed new members of the Executive Committee and thanked all for their support and engagement on behalf of the membership.

08/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the 1st February 2018 meeting were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Andy Perkins

09/18 AIRSPACE UPDATE

Pete Stratten provided a summary update of recent developments including progress around a number of ACP's which are either at stage 4 or 5 of the CAP725 process. The expectation of an imminent CAA decision on the Farnborough/TAG ACP was noted, and the need for a number of coordinated strands of activity following a poor decision by CAA was discussed at length. It was agreed that George Metcalfe will liaise with the key gliding stakeholders and report back to the Executive Committee. Pete Stratten described recent engagement on airspace matters with the GA Alliance, DfT, and APPG GA, and noted that there are medium to long term opportunities associated with the UK aviation strategy that BGA will respond to with the GA Alliance. Pete Stratten described how a number of airspace contractors are currently available to the newly formed GA Alliance funded airspace support initiative and described how they are being utilized by the Brize Norton/Oxford airport ACP consultation response effort.

Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe Due: April 2018

10/18 FASVIG

Pete Stratten spoke to previously circulated documents describing developments around FASVIG Ltd resulting from recent changes to their funding arrangements. He went on to note that another air sport organization had met with FASVIG Ltd to discuss further details and that the relationship was likely to be fruitful. Those present agreed that BGA would not get involved in that B2B arrangement and will continue to be supportive of FASVIG project work on behalf of GA within FAS.

Status: Closed

11/18 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NOTES FEBRUARY 2018

Dave Latimer spoke to previously circulated confidential meeting notes. Those present discussed challenges faced by a number of sites and noted the excellent work of the Development Committee and supporting experts. The meeting notes were accepted with thanks. Opportunities to present what clubs could do and ideas on how to do it with central support were noted, including regional meetings of club chairmen, which had been successfully trialed in two areas. The subject of Development Committee resources was discussed at length, and those present agreed that Dave Latimer, George Metcalfe and Bill Brittain will develop and supply a proposal around participation group activities including development issues and any additional resources that may be required.

Status: Open Action: Dave Latimer, George Metcalfe, Bill Brittain Due: May 2018

12/18 SITE OWNERSHIP

Andy Perkins described how there is a growing need for gliding site security and that gliding in one region is at long term risk because very few gliding sites are owned by gliding clubs. He went on to describe how a potential gliding club relocation within that region may be an opportunity to find a permanent site. He described how a team of volunteers are considering potential sites and intend to meet next during April. It was noted that all opportunities should be considered, including for example HS2 blighted land.

Status: Closed

13/18 GDPR

Pete Stratten noted the May 2018 change of law introducing the GDPR, that the BGA is making plans to put in place the necessary changes, and that Development Officer Alison Randle is supplying guidance to clubs. It was noted that use of Google docs and Dropbox with password protected limited access are helpful, low cost tools that can support a GDPR compliant approach to data.

14/18 AOB;

- a) EASA regulation developments. Pete Stratten described recent developments associated with the extended opt-out from EASA aircrew regulations for pilots of EASA sailplanes effective from 8th April 2018. He noted that CAA had helpfully acted to implement a number of exemptions to ensure legal certainty on 8th April 2018, including the inclusion of SLMG pilots within the sailplane pilot opt-out to 8 Apr 2020. He went on to describe a further exemption that describes continued use of national medical requirements for pilots of EASA aircraft from 8 Apr 2018 to 8th April 2019, and to confirm that regardless of any applicable exemption regarding medical requirement, pilots of EASA powered aeroplanes must hold an EASA pilot licence on 8th April 2018.

The next meeting will be in April as agreed by poll.