

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 18th DECEMBER 2017

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES: Dave Latimer
Andy Perkins – Vice Chairman

49/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the 21st October 2017 meeting were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Peter Harvey

50/17 ANNUAL AUDITED ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 2017

Tony Smith spoke to previously circulated audited annual BGA accounts. A number of questions were presented and responded to including re the difference in the headline P&L figures compared to the management information which resulted in an essentially break-even outcome. The substantial movement in the after tax surplus figure on the P&L between 2016 and 2017 can largely be explained by 'ring fenced' contribution to the British Team and Competition Support from membership fees. The cycle of competitions, and consequently the expenditure relating to these do not take place on an equal annual cycle. Therefore, there was a surplus of c£18k in 2016 and a deficit of c£25k in 2017 compared to budgeted figures as a result of these timing differences. Some years ago, a prudent decision was made to make a provision of c£20k for Corporation Tax pending clarification of the treatment of certain income. Clarification was received from HMRC, no liability applied and consequently the provision of c£20k was released back to the P&L in 2016.

Subject to minor typos being addressed, those present accepted the audited accounts. Tony Smith agreed to draft a five year view of annual out-turn to assist with presentation of BGA financial trends.

Status: Closed

51/17 DRAFT BGA BUDGET OCTOBER 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 2019

Pete Stratten spoke to a draft budget that anticipates increased expenditure on marketing and airspace support. Those present discussed the budget line by line and after careful consideration agreed to increase the full membership fee by £1, the temporary membership fee by 50p, and the airworthiness fee by £2. Those present agreed with the budget subject to the three changes and a review and if necessary adjustment of the budgeted inspector income.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: January 2018

52/17 WOMENS WORLD GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

Pete Stratten spoke to a previously discussed item and circulated information supplied by the Competitions Committee chairman noting that the financial liability issues had been largely clarified and that the Competitions Committee chairman intends to hold a stakeholder meeting during January to consider and address operational liabilities into an agreement, plus a more detailed financial budget. On that basis, those present agreed that the bid should be submitted with the proviso that in the event of the liability issues not being satisfactorily addressed, the bid could be recalled without significant inconvenience to the IGC. Those present thanked Liz Sparrow and others for their work to date.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: February 2018

53/17 SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

- a) The Competition Committee October and November 2017 meeting notes were accepted with thanks, with those present noting that they look forward to reading in due course about a number of conclusions regarding ongoing discussion.
- b) The Instructor Committee October meeting notes were accepted with thanks.

Status: Closed

54/17 AIRSPACE

Peter Harvey noted that a number of airspace related meetings had recently occurred, including a one to one discussion between Peter Harvey and the CAA CEO to consider the challenges faced by gliding and the GA movement in airspace that is increasingly congested by unnecessary restrictions imposed by airports. Those present considered the earlier written exchange between the BGA and the CAA regarding Doncaster PIR and CAA decision making on airspace matters. It was agreed that BGA should respond and a number of associated next steps were considered. The Oxford/Brize Norton ACP was noted, including that the ACP will be addressed by CAA under the legacy process and that BGA was engaging with clubs and the GA Alliance to form a response. The need to boost engagement in airspace matters by pilots of all GA persuasions was agreed. A recent request from the Lasham for an additional BGA donation for airspace work was acknowledged and although funds would not be made available at this point, the need for further contribution will be kept open. Peter Harvey proposed the need for a campaign fund to support airspace effort and agreed to take that forward.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Peter Harvey Due: January 2018

Date of next meeting will be at the end of January 2018 as agreed by poll.