

# BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT: Andy Perkins – Chairman  
Richard Brickwood  
Bill Brittain  
Bill Craig  
Lisa Humphries  
George Metcalfe – Vice Chairman  
Tony Smith – Treasurer and Company Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES:  
Nick Bowers  
Dave Latimer

34/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 meeting were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

**Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Andy Perkins**

35/18 AIRSPACE UPDATE

George Metcalfe briefed those present on developments to date around the recent CAA decision on the Farnborough airport ACP including related government and regulator policy issues, GA organisation responses to the decision, received legal advice and progress with options for BGA action. Those present expressed their thanks for the ongoing work by a small team of volunteers.

**Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe**

Andy Perkins noted that as planned John Williams has stepped down and with effect from 1st September 2018, Neil Goudie is the chairman of the BGA Airspace Committee.

Pete Stratten described recent developments within the GA Alliance, including use of contractors and the intention to develop policy positions, including an electronic conspicuity policy position which is almost ready for publication.

36/18 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AUDIT AND BUDGET PLAN

Tony Smith spoke to a previously circulated plan detailing timelines to the 2019 AGM and a plan to complete the annual audit and have draft budget details available during early December.

**Status: Open Action: Tony Smith, Pete Stratten Due: December 2018**

37/18 BRITISH TEAM FUNDING

Andy Perkins reported that at a recent sponsorship strategy meeting, an anticipated shortfall in funding for International competition participation was highlighted by the Competitions Committee. It was agreed that details would be required to inform dialogue around future budgets. Andy Perkins agreed to follow up with the Competitions Committee chair.

**Status: Open Action: Andy Perkins Due: October 2018**

38/18 BGA ACCIDENT AND INCIDENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Pete Stratten spoke to a previously circulated briefing note that identified how the BGA accident and incident reporting requirements, which reflect the EU occurrence reporting regulation, omit to advise pilots how to report airspace infringements, a reportable occurrence listed within the regulation. Revised text was considered, modified and accepted by those present. Pete Stratten agreed to promulgate the updated BGA publication.

**Status: Closed**

39/18 AIR CADETS

Andy Perkins updated those present on known planned changes within Air Cadet gliding and potential opportunities, that if they do emerge will be discussed with BGA clubs. In response to a question about current formal arrangements between BGA clubs and 2 FTS at RAF Syerston resulting in a small number of clubs providing gliding to Air Cadets, Pete Stratten advised that those clubs should continue to engage directly with their contact at 2 FTS.

**Status: Closed**

40/18 AOB

- a. Executive Committee Workshop. Those present confirmed that the majority would be willing to attend an Executive Committee workshop at the Club Management Conference venue on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> October. Andy Perkins agreed to confirm with Nick Bowers and Dave Latimer.
- b. Tony Smith. Having previously raised the point with Andy Perkins, Tony Smith advised that he will be stepping down as an Executive Committee member and as Treasurer/Company Secretary at the next AGM. He went on to note how moving on is right for him, how privileged he felt from serving the BGA, and generously offered his assistance if required in the future. Andy Perkins led those present in thanking Tony for his significant contribution over many years.
- c. Club Management Conference. Bill Brittain noted that he is preparing presentational material for the CMC for a piece describing and promoting service on the Executive Committee. He requested any related thoughts from other Executive Committee members.
- d. Sponsorship Strategy. Richard Brickwood described a sponsorship strategy meeting with Competition Committee members and Andy Perkins. Summary notes are under development and a presentation will be made at the Executive Committee workshop during October.
- e. Executive Committee Co-Opting. Lisa Humphries asked for feedback on her proposal to co-opt a young volunteer onto the Executive Committee. Those present support the approach which is aligned with previously agreed policy. It was agreed that Andy Perkins and Lisa Humphries should discuss the proposal with the individual concerned.

The next meeting will be the Executive Committee Workshop in October.