

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 25th JULY 2018

PRESENT: Andy Perkins – Chairman
Nick Bowers
Richard Brickwood
Bill Craig
Dave Latimer
George Metcalfe – Vice Chairman

IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES: Bill Brittain
Lisa Humphries
Tony Smith – Treasurer and Company Secretary

26/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the 10th May 2018 meeting were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Andy Perkins

27/18 AIRSPACE UPDATE

Andy Perkins thanked George Metcalfe for chairing a call on Sunday 22nd July 2018 on the topic of the CAA decision on the TAG/Farnborough ACP, which included the Executive Committee (Bill Craig and Lisa Humphries were unavoidably absent), John Williams and Neil Goudie from the Airspace Committee, and Vice-President Patrick Naegeli. He went on to describe the outcome of subsequent conversations he had with three club chairmen which had been helpful. All agreed the importance of working cohesively as well as the need to maintain the widest perspective. It was agreed that the BGA should seek advice on a number of points relating to actions in response to the CAA decision. The content of a BGA statement regarding the CAA decision and the planned publication timetable was agreed. It was agreed that a letter to Government that identifies the key issues around that decision should be drafted and a timetable of actions should be proposed. George Metcalfe agreed to discuss with Patrick Naegeli, whose offer of support was accepted with thanks by those present.

Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe: August 2018

28/18 CLUB DEVELOPMENT, MARKETING AND PARTICIPATION

Dave Latimer reported on recent dialogue around co-ordination of the various development, marketing and participation activities noting that improving communication is a key objective. He went on to describe planning applications and site security issues that the Development Committee is working on. He noted that Glide Britain has progressed well particularly in terms of online reach, and that had been recently recognised by the Sport and Recreation Alliance. Those present discussed potential next steps for Glide Britain and noted that maintaining the quality of output will come at a financial cost. In discussing the BGA's role in identifying good practice, it was agreed that additional alternative use of club and airfield facilities should be highlighted. Dave Latimer agreed to progress that within the Development Committee. It was noted that the Marketing Officer is already making a positive impact, that her wider engagement with all clubs in due course is to be encouraged, and that there is an expectation that a club marketing toolkit will be developed, and that Sport England and other existing resources will be highlighted and signposted.

Status: Open Action: Dave Latimer Due: October 2018

29/18 CLUB AND REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Andy Perkins led a discussion on direct engagement with clubs, noting that Scottish and Thames Valley regional meetings during 2017 had been well-attended and productive. It was agreed by those present that the model should be developed and expanded during winter 2018/2019 in addition to the established and popular Club Management Conference held in the autumn. Pete Stratten agreed to make the arrangements in co-ordination with the Development Committee.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: October 2018

Those present discussed the Executive Committee meeting programme. It was agreed that the Executive Committee will meet on the Friday prior to the AGM, shortly after the AGM and for an all-day workshop in October. Other routine business will take place by pre-agreed conference calls and meetings as required.

Status: Closed

30/18 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT

George Metcalfe spoke to a previously circulated paper that described next steps associated with the turnover of Executive Committee members required by the BGA Articles of Association. All those present supported the paper and fundamentally agreed with its conclusions. It was agreed that interest, energy and ability are the most important factors influencing selection, that balanced representation of demographic and gender is an important aspiration, and that there is a need to ensure younger Executive Committee members can carry the baton forward. It was agreed that there will be a more proactive campaign around Executive Committee nominations ahead of the next AGM.

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

31/18 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

Pete Stratten spoke to a copy of the management accounts and related notes previously circulated by Tony Smith. Those present noted their satisfaction with the details to date and thanked Tony Smith and Peter Bishop for their ongoing work.

Status: Closed

32/18 INSURANCE

Richard Brickwood described the basis on which gliding insurance is funded and supported, emerging potential risks, and future implications for the sport and the BGA. It was agreed that Richard would circulate a note to Executive Committee members. Any recommendations that emerge following discussion with BGA safety management experts and others will be presented to the Executive Committee in due course.

Status: Open Action: Richard Brickwood, Pete Stratten Due: September 2018

33/18 AOB

- a. VSI. The updated Very Serious Incident control plan was accepted with thanks. Pete Stratten agreed to provide hard copies as required.
- b. 8.33. Noting the planned changeover to 8.33 kHz ahead of January 2019, Pete Stratten spoke to a previously circulated note describing dialogue with the CAA. Those present agreed that in discussion with the CAA it is appropriate to establish a larger number of generic gliding frequencies, to ensure those can be used without additional pilot qualification and cost, and to seek to reduce the bureaucracy associated with ground station licencing. It was noted that EU funding towards re-equipage remains available until 30th September 2018.

The next meeting will be at the end of August/early September. Potential dates to be polled.