

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST MAY 2019

PRESENT: Andy Perkins – Chairman
Pete Bennett
Nick Bowers
Richard Brickwood
Bill Brittain
Bill Craig
George Metcalfe – Vice Chairman
Tony Smith – Treasurer and Company Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE: Peter Hibbard – Co-opted Member
Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES: Rebecca Bryan
Lisa Humphries

25/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the 3rd April 2019 meeting were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Andy Perkins

26/19 LASHAM GLIDING SOCIETY SUPPORT

George Metcalfe provided a brief update on the LGS appeal for donations towards the cost of challenging the CAA decision to allocate controlled airspace to Farnborough airport. Noting the significant commitment by LGS that could benefit the UK gliding and GA community, Andy Perkins updated those present on the previously made Executive Committee offers of support made to LGS. The proposed financial donation towards LGS operating costs and the offer of further support if required going forward has been welcomed by LGS. All those present agreed with the approach being taken including the decision to make a BGA donation to LGS operating costs.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: June 2019

27/19 COMPETITION COMMITTEE AND BRITISH TEAM FUNDING

Andy Perkins reported that Liz Sparrow had stepped down from the Comps Committee chair. Alan Langlands has kindly agreed to caretake the role for 12 months. All those present expressed their thanks for the excellent work carried out by Liz Sparrow during her time as the Competitions Committee chair.

Bill Britain reported on the strategy discussion with Comps Committee chair which aims in due course to inform budgets going forward, including on areas of benefit to gliding in addition to the Team. Andy Perkins agreed to talk with Liz Sparrow to identify her thoughts on next steps, and with Bill Britain and Alan Langlands to keep the topic moving forward.

Status: Open Action: Andy Perkins, Bill Brittain Due: July 2019

28/19 SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Pete Stratten spoke to previously circulated BGA sub-committee meeting notes from the Instructors Committee, Airspace Committee and Comps Committee. All three sets of meeting notes were considered and accepted with thanks.

Status: Closed

29/19 GLIDE BRITAIN - UPDATE

Andy Perkins reported that Dave Latimer had proposed that a further number of short videos are produced under the Glide Britain brand for use by BGA clubs during internal and external marketing. Those present considered the detail and agreed the requested expenditure of £3K from the marketing budget, subject to establishing effective cost controls.

Status: Closed

30/19 REGIONAL MEETINGS

Pete Stratten spoke to a previously circulated update detailing the series of Executive Committee-led regional meetings with club chairmen that took place last winter and will be completed this coming winter. The aim of the meetings is to facilitate discussion on key topics of concern to clubs, develop improved awareness by all parties involved and encourage regional collaboration. Those present who had attended the meetings provided their views and all agreed that the initiative has been successful to date, should continue and should be repeated on a three-yearly cycle.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: November 2019

31/19 CLUB MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2019

Bill Brittain provided an update on the CMC to be held at a new venue during mid-November. He sought and received a number of additional ideas for the agenda which will be developed by the organizing team.

Status: Open Action: Bill Brittain Due: September 2019

32/19 AoB

- a. Invitation to Shuttleworth. It was noted that any Executive Committee member who would like to take up an invitation to attend a VGC event at Old Warden on the 4th August should contact Nick Bowers as soon as practical.

The next meeting will be held in Banbury during June. Dates to be polled.