

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 24th OCTOBER 2019

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

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

APOLOGIES:
Bill Craig
Lisa Humphries

47/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Andy Perkins

48/19 UPDATE FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH INSURANCE BROKERS

Pete Stratten reported that the Safety Committee has been reviewing data to ensure that its priorities regarding safety management work are appropriate, and that ongoing engagement with the insurance brokers is helpful. Ground-based accidents continue to be a source of concern. It was proposed that sponsorship would be sought to support the development of suitable info videos aimed at reducing ground accidents. Andy Perkins agreed to contact potential sponsors. Supervision has been identified as an area of focus which will be developed over the winter through the normal channels including CFI forums.

Status: Open Due: November 2019 Action: Andy Perkins

49/19 BUDGET PREPARATION UPDATE

Tony Smith noted a budget meeting to be held in the BGA office during late October at which all inputs previously received including from the from Executive Committee members would be considered ahead of drafting the 2020/2021 budget.

Status: Open Due: November 2019 Action: Tony Smith

50/19 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGM 2020

Tony Smith reported that three Executive Committee members are required by the Articles of Association to step down at the AGM in 2020 resulting in four vacancies for Executive Committee members. Andy Perkins thanked all for their ongoing service as Executive Committee members and noted that appropriate recognition will follow in due course for those having to step down. He went on to note the importance of continuing to attract to the Executive Committee appropriately skilled volunteers reflecting the demographic and diversity of the membership. It was noted that clubs will be contacted on the topic during December.

Status: Open Due: December 2019 Action: Tony Smith, Pete Stratten

51/19 SUPERVISION

Pete Stratten spoke to a previously circulated briefing document describing a BGA review which identified that while long-standing BGA rules and guidance around supervision of gliding are appropriate, several improvements could be made to support supervisors. Following a period of consultation with several club CFIs and others, a small number of developments have been applied to BGA guidance which is currently being circulated to club CFIs. It was noted that wording relating to young pilot non-gliding experience may need further development. In addition, two amendments to BGA Operational Regulations which clarify requirements around passenger flying have been proposed to the Executive Committee. It was agreed that these amendments would be considered further by Executive Committee members ahead of a decision at the November Executive Committee meeting.

Status: Closed

52/19 AAIB INVESTIGATION UPDATE

Pete Stratten reported that the AAIB investigation into an accident in Cumbria is continuing and that the investigator is meeting Pete Stratten at the BGA office on 28th October.

53/19 TEAM FUNDING

Andy Perkins reported that discussion with the Competition Committee chairman had established the need to develop a strategy for sustainable funding of the Team, that a business case is being developed within the CC.

Status: Open Due: Jan 20 Action: Andy Perkins

54/19 CLUB MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE PLANS

Bill Brittain reported that planning for the event is well underway. He noted that the overall theme is the pilot pathway and how that is supported. He listed the planned sessions and noted an intended take-away message around club-level strategy and planning.

55/19 AoB.

- a. WWGC 2021 FAI Agreement. Rebecca Bryan reported that she had met with the WWGC21 director who will write to the FAI regarding a small number of required amendments to the agreement.
- b. Ambassadors. Pete Stratten noted that the DfT has appointed British Gliding Team members Ayala Truelove and Claudia Hill as GA Ambassadors as part of the Govts 'Reach for the Sky' initiative.
- c. Website. It was agreed that the website update project should continue to move forward.
- d. IGC Meeting. Andy Perkins proposed and all agreed that BGA should offer to host an IGC meeting in 2022 subject to clarity around costs. Andy Perkins agreed to follow up with the BGA's IGC representative.

The next meeting is the BGA Executive Committee workshop to be held at the BGA Office on the 16th November 2019.