

# BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2020

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

### 15/20 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

The Executive Committee meeting notes of 24<sup>th</sup> February and 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 were considered, approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

### 16/20 COVID19 CLUB ENGAGEMENT AND BGA ACTIVITY

Pete Stratten described in detail support to clubs, pilots, instructors and owners, online training developments including the new FRTOL online course, Development Committee activity, and BGA cost reduction including re staff and contractor activity. Andy Perkins described his recent engagement with club chairmen and noted an intention to repeat the activity at the end of April 2020. Those present discussed the overall situation and available data and agreed with the ongoing actions, including ongoing engagement and proactively monitoring the evolving situation and any associated risks.

### 17/20 REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS

Pete Stratten reported on a COVID19 related potential delay to the implementation of SFCL with CAA expected to provide details 'soon'. He went on to note the imminent challenges around Part-66L implementation by October 2020, and noted that the CAA are considering exemptions relating to regulated GA licencing and medical requirements impacted by COVID19 restrictions.

### 18/20 PILOT ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

Matt Page described how the BGA online webinar series has been quickly developed and launched with several speakers already offering to present on a variety of gliding related topics. He went on to note that the webinars appear to be popular, that maintaining the webinars does require support from others, that scaling up the current process may become necessary, and that it is likely that the webinars will become a normal BGA activity post the COVID19 situation. Those present thanked Matt Page for moving this initiative forward.

### 19/20 RESTARTING GLIDING POST COVID19

Noting that the COVID19 emergency as the biggest crisis in a generation will ease in due course, Andy Perkins identified the need for BGA to prepare to support the restarting of gliding by member clubs, including taking into consideration any ongoing social distancing requirements. It was agreed that timing is critical, that it's important not to cancel planned activity too early, that flight safety relating to pilot recency will be an important factor, and that it is likely that clubs will want to prioritise members flying over introductory flights. It was noted that if clubs choose to carefully consider the social aspects of their operation, they may benefit from social need after a

long period of isolation. All agreed that BGA guidance will be published to support a stepped return to normal operations by member clubs.

20/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. WWGC21. Andy Perkins described a recent meeting with the WWGC21 organising team during which a likely need to postpone the event to 2022 was noted. It has been agreed that the WWGC21 organising team's Liz Sparrow will seek via Brian Spreckley the FAI IGC view on a proposed postponement and report back.

**Status: Open Due: May 2020 Action: Andy Perkins**

- b. BGA Strategy. George Metcalfe updated those present on recent engagement with sub-committees in respect of their inputs to the live BGA strategy publication. He suggested that new members of the Executive Committee familiarize themselves with the strategy detail, which describes the broad range of activity carried out by BGA sub-committees on behalf of the membership. He went on to note progress with so far crude modelling of the impact of COVID19 and other factors on gliding, and how that data will support ongoing strategy development.

**Status: Open Due: May 2020 Action: All**

The next meeting will be in early May 2020. Andy Perkins will circulate details.