

# BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES:  
Rebecca Bryan  
Peter Hibbard – Co-opted Member  
Lisa Humphries  
George Metcalfe – Vice Chairman

01/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019 meeting were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

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

02/20 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS YEAR END SEPTEMBER 2019 AND 2020/2021 BUDGET

Tony Smith reported that the annual audit of the BGA accounts had been completed with no issues. He went on to discuss the annual accounts headlines and to note that the final version of the accounts will be circulated to the Executive Committee by email for any final comments before sign-off of the YE 2019 accounts and the 2020/2021 budget that had been previously agreed at 61/19 during the previous meeting.

**Status: Open Due: January 2020 Action: Tony Smith**

03/20 SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The previously circulated Competitions and Awards Committee meeting notes from the 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of November were considered and accepted with thanks. Those present noted the planned incremental increases in competition related fees. Andy Perkins noted a recent meeting with Comps committee members to discuss a range of issues including a strategic approach that maximises the benefits that competitor development and Team activity brings to the wider gliding community and the sport. He went on to note that discussion will be on going and he will report back to the executive Committee in due course.

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

04/20 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Andy Perkins spoke to a previously circulated note. He went on to propose the 90<sup>th</sup> year is an opportunity to highlight BGA aims and aspirations. Those present then discussed several options and issues that could potentially be included in a small number of topics highlighted in promotional material. It was agreed that an infographic should be produced using an agreed shortlist of topic and that extensive use should be made of social media. Andy Perkins agreed to develop the list of topics ahead of the BGA conference.

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

05/20 MEMBERSHIP

Tony Smith spoke to an application for associate membership from Suffolk Soaring. Noting 65/19 where those present sought assurance regarding the legal entity status of the organisation, it was reported that Suffolk Soaring is now a limited company by guarantee. Pete Stratten agreed to write to the club confirming associate membership subject to the associations Articles of Association.

Pete Stratten described a recent meeting with a BGA member club during which a number of topics were discussed including BGA support received, their future needs, and the importance of accurate annual return membership information.

**Status: Closed Action: Pete Stratten**

06/20 AOB

- a. Pilot licensing and training. Pete Stratten reported on the satisfactory conclusion of the Sailplane Flight Crew Licensing (SFCL) development work and noted that SFCL would come into force in April 2020 and be mandated in the UK from 8th April 2021. He went on to note that the BGA is now developing its approach to SFCL and Declared Training Organisation (DTO) conversion in support of pilots and clubs and has written to the DfT requesting ongoing access to pilot self-declared medicals for pilots of EASA sailplanes from April 2021.
- b. Airspace. Pete Stratten described the background to and the publication of the CAA airspace classification review consultation noting the need for individual pilot response.
- c. David Roberts OBE. Andy Perkins reported that he had written to David Roberts congratulating him on being made an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the 2020 New Year Honours for his services to aviation.

The next meeting will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at the BGA conference venue.