

# BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Lucy Wootton  
Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES: Rebecca Bryan

### 11/21 HRH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Those present noted their sadness that our Patron, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, had passed away. Andy Perkins noted his intention to send condolences to the Palace on behalf of the BGA.

### 12/21 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

The Executive Committee meeting notes of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

### 13/21 CO-OPTED MEMBER

Andy Perkins welcomed co-opted Executive Committee member Lucy Wootton to the meeting.

### 14/21 SPONSORSHIP POLICY

Andy Perkins spoke to previously circulated draft papers describing the BGA sponsorship policy and related aspirations. Several comments had been supplied in response to the circulated draft and those present discussed several topics including due diligence to mitigate reputational risk, that sponsors will have different needs including that some may not seek online exposure, and that delivery of sponsor gliding benefits will be discussed with clubs. Andy Perkins noted that next steps will include updating the document and a further conversation with the WWGC22 sponsorship team. Noting that the aim of the aspirations document is to inform potential sponsors, it was agreed that the document should reference our high-level safety objectives, and that the document will be reviewed later in the year with club chairman.

Status: Open Action: Andy Perkins, Richard Brickwood

### 15/21 WWGC22 AGREEMENT

Andy Perkins spoke to a previously circulated draft agreement between the BGA and The Gliding Centre regarding the WWGC22. It was agreed by those present that the agreement shall include explicit reference to financial liability being TGC responsibility other than the £5k BGA contribution, and shall include that the agreement and financial matters, including any profits due, will be concluded at the end of the TGC financial year in question, namely 31st Dec 2022. Andy Perkins reported that both points are supported by The Gliding Centre chairman and agreed to provide an appropriately amended draft agreement for Iain Baker to progress.

Status: Open Action: Andy Perkins

16/21 CLUB CHAIRMEN MEETINGS

Pete Stratten spoke to previously circulated headlines following recent meetings with club chairmen attended by Andy Perkins and George Metcalfe. It was noted that regular online meeting opportunities with club chairmen are beneficial to all involved and agreed that they should be continued going forward.

17/21 DTO ENGAGEMENT

Pete Stratten spoke to a previously circulated gliding DTO presentation that had been used to engage with most CFIs during seven meetings in late March. He went on to describe how CFIs had been positive throughout the engagement meetings and had provided excellent feedback that is being incorporated into resources currently being developed by a small team of volunteers and staff.

18/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Airspace Charity Update. George Metcalfe provided a summary of the background and context that has led to proposals to establish a charitable organisation (to be named "Airspace4All Trust") with aims to support GA interests in the CAA's UK Airspace Modernisation program and related matters. The Department for Transport is very supportive, and willing to provide significant funding dependent on budgets and successful registration of the Trust as a charity. Five Trustees-designate have been identified from various organisations (including BGA) across the spectrum of General Aviation. He went on to describe work in progress on various governance subjects including with The Charities Commission on definition of Terms of Reference to qualify the Trust's activities as wholly charitable. It was noted that gliding-specific responses to ACP's will continue to be a feature of BGA work in support of the charity and that in due course the charity will require an element of funding by GA.
- b) Fit for the Future Update. Pete Stratten spoke to a previously circulated note describing current thinking on 'Discover Gliding', which aims to support newcomer introduction to gliding from external marketing through to conversion to full flying member of clubs. He went on to note that if the ideas are supported by clubs, the initiative would be taken forward from late 2021.
- c) Philip Wills Memorial Fund. Those present thanked the PWMF Trustees for their annual report and accounts.
- d) Annual Awards 2020. Peter Hibbard noted that several recordings have been made ahead of finalizing arrangements for the online BGA awards event that it is anticipated will be held online in late April and subsequently made available via YouTube.
- e) Ridge Flying. Nick Garland welcomed the development of the new SFCL SPL ridge soaring syllabus and highlighted the potential benefits of ensuring that syllabus is taught before any student pilot is provided with the opportunity to carry out supervised solo flying involving ridge soaring. Pete Stratten agreed that in the context of all three soaring types detailed in the SPL training programme, he would raise the issue with the team that is developing a club DTO manual that is designed to be used with all the SFCL compliant training syllabus's currently under development.

The date of the next meeting will be advised in due course.