

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 21st SEPTEMBER 2021

PRESENT: Andy Perkins – Chairman
Pete Bennett
Richard Brickwood
Bill Brittain
Nick Garland
Peter Hibbard
George Metcalfe – Vice Chairman
Matt Page

IN ATTENDANCE: Lucy Wootton
Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES: Rebecca Bryan
Tony Smith – Treasurer and Company Secretary

34/21 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

The Executive Committee meeting notes of 25th July 2021 were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

35/21 SAFETY MATTERS

Pete Stratten described how the previously reported (28/21) BGA safety committee facilitated meeting with a club chairman and CFI had taken place and that the club had subsequently supplied an action plan to the BGA safety committee chairman. Planned BGA airworthiness audit activity was noted.

Status: Closed

It was noted that imagery had emerged from the Junior championships that indicated that some participants had not understood the competition finish rules and guidance, that the competition director had taken immediate action by extensively briefing all competitors ahead of the following days flying, and that the Comps Committee intends to discuss the issue this winter to identify what further guidance may be required ahead of the 2022 competition season.

36/21 WWGC22 13th – 27th August 2022

Andy Perkins reported on an update meeting held with Liz Sparrow, Ian Baker and Colin Davey and attended by Pete Stratten during which it was noted that the WWGC22 organization is about to reconvene following a busy summer, that the pre-Worlds were operationally satisfactory, that environmental sustainability is being discussed in detail with the local council, and that the WWGC22 financials are becoming clearer. It was noted that sponsorship and marketing is evolving and that several competition organization roles have been identified that need filling. Andy Perkins advised that Ian Baker has been invited to future Executive Committee meetings to address this fixed agenda item leading up to the event.

Status: Open

37/21 AIRSPACE - UPDATE

Pete Stratten described recent CAA and ACOG engagement with the BGA regarding the Airspace Modernisation Strategy (AMS) and ongoing related work with the GA Alliance, noted DfT grant funding in place to support airport's AMS Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) activities, and described how as a result ACP response work will increase significantly over the coming months and years. George Metcalfe provided a brief update on the proposed A4A charity that aims to support GA response work relating to the AMS and agreed to provide a further update in due course.

Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe Due: November 2021

38/21 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ROTATION

Andy Perkins described recent correspondence from the Company Secretary describing Articles prescribed Executive Committee rotation requirements and noted that the individuals concerned had been contacted to discuss the way forward. Andy Perkins noted that a date for the online AGM would be finalized at the next Executive Committee meeting and notified through the usual channels.

Status: Open Action: Any Perkins/Tony Smith Due: October 2021

39/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) BGA pilot survey analysis. Bill Brittain reported on analysis of the data from the 1675 responses to the March 2021 BGA pilot survey that is already providing some helpful insights. He presented a brief overview to date, offered to supply those present with a copy of the presentation, and noted that a deeper analysis will be available for discussion at the Executive Committee face to face workshop in the autumn.

Status: Open Action: Bill Brittain Due: November 2021

b) Marketing workshop. Pete Stratten reported that the BGA e-marketing workshop had taken place, was attended by several BGA representatives, and that several interesting opportunities and challenges had emerged that will be detailed along with a written report from the event supplier, Effect Digital Ltd.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: November 2021

The next meeting will take place in October. Date to be advised in due course.