

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 20th JUNE 2022

PRESENT

Andy Perkins – Chairman
Richard Brickwood
Bill Brittain
Rebecca Bryan
Peter Hibbard
David McGrath
George Metcalfe – Vice Chairman
Matt Page
Lucy Wootton

APOLOGIES

Nick Garland
Tony Smith - Treasurer and Company Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE

Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

24/22 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

The Executive Committee meeting notes of 16th May 2022 were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

25/22 WWGC2022 UPDATE

Liz Sparrow described updates around budget, operations, events, and the organizing team. She noted that the budget is broadly on target subject to activity levels during the competition, the met person vacancy had been filled, the public event is work in progress, the Home Office is supportive of the Ukrainian entry, local links are developing well, internal BGA PR continues to be helpful, and The Air League's BGA co-sponsored Empowering Women in Aviation event had been inspirational. Liz Sparrow described ongoing volunteering opportunities throughout the competition and is encouraging people to get in touch.

Status: Open until September 2022

26/22 FARNBOROUGH EVENT

Pete Stratten reported that the BGA is partnering with The Air League at the Farnborough International Air Show 2022 with a STEM/career theme including the 'Soaring to Success' initiative, supported by BGA PR volunteers, the BGA simulator, and a club Discus arranged by Peter Hibbard, who is additionally liaising re Junior pilot presence.

Status: Open Action: Peter Hibbard Due: July 2022

27/22 CAA ENGAGEMENT

Pete Stratten spoke to his previously supplied briefing note describing the BGA's long term successful engagement, consultation and compliance activity with CAA and EASA to date and described a need to adapt the BGA's approach going forward to align with new ways of working at the CAA GA Unit and how that will proceed. He additionally noted the recent helpful meeting with the CAA Chairman at Lasham and a planned meeting with the CAA CEO at Dunstable.

Status: Closed

28/22 CLUB HEALTH

Pete Stratten spoke to his previously supplied briefing note detailing Development Committee current activity in support of clubs. Referring to previously supplied current club pilot statistics, he noted the clear upturn in 2021 and emphasized however that it is likely to take some time for clubs to return to 2019 pre-Covid overall pilot numbers. Pete Stratten described the latest update supplied by the chairman of a club in the Thames Valley Region that is in dispute with the airfield operator and as a result has not operated during 2022.

29/22 MARKETING UPDATE

Pete Stratten spoke to his previously supplied briefing note into positive progress with the bespoke piece of work by a marketing consultancy at a fixed cost that will result in a report including recommendations. He went on to note that the BGA has been advised that the report will be available at the end of June and will include several recommendations, and that the BGA should have budget available to develop Executive Committee considered priorities. The report will be supplied to the Executive Committee as soon as it is available.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: July 2022

30/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Executive Committee Workshop. Andy Perkins proposed, and all agreed, that the Executive Committee workshop should be moved forward from November to October 2022.
- b. Aston Down competitions. Pete Stratten noted the high-quality photography and engaging social media activity during the recent Standard, 15m and Open National class competition recently hosted by Cotswold GC at Aston Down. Matt Page described how one individual had provided both the imagery and the daily social media output throughout the competition.

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