

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 7th SEPTEMBER 2022

PRESENT Andy Perkins – Chairman
Richard Brickwood
Bill Brittain
Nick Garland
David McGrath
George Metcalfe – Vice Chairman
Matt Page

APOLOGIES Rebecca Bryan
Tony Smith - Treasurer and Company Secretary
Lucy Wootton

IN ATTENDANCE Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

36/22 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

The Executive Committee meeting notes of 26th July 2022 were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

37/22 MARKETING UPDATE

Pete Stratten spoke to a previously circulated briefing note describing progress to date by the sub-group considering several options that will be formed into proposals for the Executive Committee workshop. It was noted that the next sub-group meeting will follow a post-WWGC2022 review meeting in early October which is expected to provide details of lessons learned from that event. Pete Stratten reported on recently sought and received guidance on a proposed way forward for BGA social media.

Status: Open Action: Richard Brickwood, Bill Brittain, Rebecca Bryan, Andy Perkins, Pete Stratten
Due: November 2022 Status: Open

38/22 WWGC2022

Andy Perkins noted that the WWGC2022 had been a safe, successful, and happy competition. He noted how competition director Liz Sparrow, the organizing team, the many volunteers, and The Gliding Centre club members had done a superb job, and that there had been unique outreach activity with immediate and potential legacy benefits. Those present discussed the public event and associated activity, the broadcast and social media output from the event, industry engagement, and potential opportunities as well as challenges. It was noted that a post-event review meeting is planned in early October 2022, following which the Executive Committee will be provided with a briefing note.

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39/22 INSTRUCTING

Pete Stratten spoke to a previously circulated briefing note describing how the team of volunteer BGA Senior Regional Examiners that form the Instructing & Examining (I&E) committee are very busy with routine regional activity, and that capacity to further develop instructor recruitment and support including for Flight Instructor Coaches (FIC) is in some cases not meeting club requirements. He went on to note that the I&E committee chairman vacancy remains, that to support clubs there is a need for greater focus on instructor and coach development, that the I&E Committee will need additional suitably experienced members, and that Executive Committee direction is needed on this important issue. It was agreed that the BGA will advertise for a replacement I&E Committee chairman, that when appointed the new chairman will be briefed on priorities by the Executive Committee, and that going forward that committee's

terms of reference will be reviewed to reflect the instructing development and flight instructor coaching priorities.

It was noted that Stu Naylor has been appointed as the BGA Training Standards Manager with effect from 1st October 2022.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: October 2022

40/22 CAA

Pete Stratten briefed those present on several issues relating to CAA evolving policy and working practices. Andy Perkins, Pete Stratten, and Richard Brickwood described various constructive conversations held over recent weeks with members of the CAA leadership team, during which various challenges and opportunities going forward both from BGA and CAA perspectives were usefully discussed. It was agreed that the BGA chairman will follow up a potential opportunity to move this BGA/CAA engagement forward on a formal basis that will lead to agreed outcomes. It was noted that there remains a need to continue the BGA's significant contributions to ongoing GA/CAA engagement.

Status: Open Action: Andy Perkins Due: October 2022

41/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Patron. Andy Perkins described a suggested way forward regarding a Royal Patron that he agreed to develop into a proposal paper.

Status: Open Action: Andy Perkins Due: October 2022

- b. Workshop. It was agreed that the BGA Executive Committee workshop will take place from 10am to 4pm at the BGA Office on Saturday 19th November 2022. The Club Development Conference takes place in Northampton on Sunday 20th November.

The next meeting will take place on 24th October 2022.