

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 20th JULY 2023

PRESENT

Andy Perkins – Chairman
Richard Brickwood
Bill Brittain
Craig Lowrie
David McGrath
George Metcalfe – Vice Chairman
Matt Page
Lucy Wootton

APOLOGIES

Rebecca Bryan
Nick Garland

IN ATTENDANCE

Tony Smith - Treasurer and Company Secretary
Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

26/23 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

The meeting notes of the 22nd May and 3rd July were approved.

27/23 GRANT FUNDING

Andy Perkins spoke to a previously circulated note describing a grant funding opportunity aimed at supporting clubs' development of their facilities. He went on to describe a company that has been recommended to the BGA as having a track record of success in identifying suitable grants, the associated business model, and potential cost to the BGA. Those present agreed that the initiative should be followed up, including in due course a conversation with PWMF and PEF trustees. Andy Perkins agreed to engage with the potential supplier and report back to the Executive Committee with further detail.

Status: Open Action: Andy Perkins Due: September 2023

28/23 STRATEGY UPDATE

George Metcalfe spoke to a previously circulated document describing several considerations associated with a proposal to update to the published BGA Strategy. Those present discussed the topic, including the need to ensure that the strategy publication is easily absorbed by the general membership as well as useful to those helping to deliver it; that any targets are credible; that the strategy is performance monitored; the related role of sub-committees; and that a significant percentage of the Executive Committee autumn workshop will be focused on this topic. It was agreed that the strategy update engagement should be progressed to develop a first draft revision ahead of the Executive Committee workshop. It was noted that sub-committee chairs will be approached as strategy stakeholders, that they will be reminded that they are most welcome to engage with the Executive Committee at any time to discuss their needs and thoughts, and that a discussion with sub-committee chairs would be facilitated during the next Club Development Conference. It was noted that there is a vacancy for the Instructing and Examining Committee chair and that the Airspace Committee chair role is being temporarily held by Pete Stratten pending a suitable volunteer stepping forward. Those present agreed that with several initiatives that were launched under the sadly departed former BGA Instructing and Examining sub-committee chair now established by the committee and the BGA-wide instructing and examining community, the BGA should actively recruit the next Instructing and Examining Committee chair.

Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe, Pete Stratten Due: October 2023

29/23 UPDATES

- a. Go Gliding. Richard Brickwood briefed those present on positive progress, a recent meeting between the oversight team and the contractor, and the ongoing learning process associated with delivering the Go Gliding programme. Richard Brickwood additionally noted plans to apply for 2024 funding.
- b. Website update. Pete Stratten spoke to a detailed written update describing how the website and the back-office CRM/CMS are linked, wider plans in respect of BGA back-office resources, and how work is underway to improve the presentation of the information within the members website.
- c. Gliding with a disability. Pete Stratten noted that having discussed the topic with charities and clubs, clubs have again been contacted highlighting opportunity, providing points of expert contact, and noting that BGA published guidance has been updated. He advised that the BGA will continue to monitor feedback from clubs while continuing to push the topic in club forums including at the Club Management Conference.
- d. Feedback to AAIB. Pete Stratten noted that the agreed feedback to the AAIB's draft report into G-CFRW was submitted to the AAIB ahead of the closing date and that the next step will be the AAIB published final report.
- e. Dormant account. Pete Stratten noted that following several written exchanges with a high street bank about their unannounced decision to classify a BGA deposit account as dormant, the situation has now been resolved as the funds have been repaid to the BGA in full. A subsequent complaint was made to the bank which has responded noting the feedback and highlighting their payment of interest owed to the BGA.

30/23 AOB

There were no AOB items.

The next meeting will take place during September 2023.