

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 26th JUNE 2024

PRESENT

George Metcalfe – Chair
Tim Barnes
Rebecca Bryan
Mark Fielding
Craig Lowrie
David McGrath – Vice Chair
Matt Page

APOLOGIES

Nick Garland
Lucy Wootton

IN ATTENDANCE

Dave Latimer – Development Committee Chair
Sam Lazenby - Treasurer
Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

18/24 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

The meeting notes of the 9th of April 2024 were approved.

19/24 CLUB MOMENTUM SURVEY

Craig Lowrie spoke to a previously circulated report that followed a club momentum survey. He noted the long term and evolving overall club membership situation, known potential focus areas for BGA support and the reasons for carrying out the survey. Noting that around 40% of clubs had responded and that the survey underlined known issues as well as identifying others, Craig presented insightful data from the survey, including membership retention, promotion and marketing, financial security, site security, and specific points of feedback on a range of topics that could potentially benefit from BGA support. He went on to discuss proposed recommendations for BGA action. Those present discussed the topic at length, noted existing BGA activity, a previous member survey, and previous consultancy promotion and marketing advice, and agreed that a cohesive and funded programme involving the BGA and clubs across several key areas of activity is likely to make a difference. George Metcalfe summarized the discussion, thanking Craig Lowrie for the work to date, noted that promotion and marketing is viewed as the highest priority issue, that there is recognition that many clubs can improve how they deliver gliding, and that there is a need for an integrated approach. It was agreed that Craig Lowrie and Dave Latimer would consider a high-level plan and, with George Metcalfe and Pete Stratten, develop a draft programme for Executive Committee consideration.

Status: Open Action: Craig Lowrie, Dave Latimer, George Metcalfe, Pete Stratten Due: July 2024

20/24 CASC DONATION

Noting that the BGA's and donor club's aspirations are aligned and that the BGA has ultimate discretion over compliant use of the funds, George Metcalfe provided an update following a discussion with a CASC subject matter expert who had identified that the situation is highly unusual, i.e. a CASC closing with funds donated to a governing body as described in the CASC requirements. As the BGA needs to understand how donations from a CASC can be used by a governing body, George Metcalfe proposed and all those present agreed that the CASC expert would be professionally engaged to advise on next steps including engagement with HMRC.

Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe Due: July 2024

21/24 DEPOSITS

David McGrath spoke to a previously circulated document describing the use of a commercially available platform to manage and optimize BGA deposit accounts. Those present discussed the opportunities, risks and practicalities of the concept and identified one platform that is likely to meet the BGA's needs. It was agreed by all present that a subgroup of David McGrath, Sam Lazenby and Pete Stratten would develop and propose a detailed way forward.

Status: Open Action: David McGrath, Sam Lazenby, Pete Stratten Due: July 2024

22/24 UPDATES

Pete Stratten spoke to previously supplied updates, noting that:

- a. A recent meeting with the AAIB chief accident investigator to discuss BGA's ongoing concerns over some aspects of AAIB's report writing had been cordial. It was noted that the MoU between BGA and AAIB will be refreshed and AAIB has offered a training day for BGA investigators during September.
- b. The Reach for the Skies funded Go Gliding initiative programme is 75% complete including payment. It was noted that the final 25% of the programme is planned and with that the remaining 25% of funding is committed and will be claimed this summer. Details of outcomes and potential opportunities will be discussed with the Go Gliding team as part of other work relating to participation. Those present noted and agreed with the proposal from Liz Sparrow to bid to deliver a RftS funded Go Gliding programme in 2025.
- c. An Executive Committee 'data board' had been previously requested and supplied. Two additional items of data were proposed and will be included going forward.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: July 2024

23/24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

The date of the next meeting will be advised.