

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 10th DECEMBER 2024

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

APOLOGIES Lucy Wootton

IN ATTENDANCE Sam Lazenby - Treasurer
Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

42/24 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

The meeting notes of the 16th November 2024 were approved.

43/24 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATE

Dave Latimer spoke to previously circulated detail describing Development Committee activity encompassing Junior Gliding Centre support, Women and Inclusivity in Gliding, disability gliding awareness, expanding horizons, site security, planning, rates, tax and governance. He went on to describe several streams of work associated with current issues impacting clubs. A discussion took place around the pressure on leased airfields including NPPF and the categorization of airfields as brownfield sites. It was agreed that the BGA would continue to seek change to the relevant NPPF policy directly and via its connections with the General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC) and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Aviation (APPGA) airfields group. Dave Latimer noted that BGA office support may be required in April associated with work related to ratings. Those present thanked David Latimer and the wider team of Development Committee volunteers and contractors for their ongoing effective support of BGA clubs.

Status: closed

44/24 BUDGET OCTOBER 2025 – SEPTEMBER 2026

Pete Stratten and Sam Lazenby spoke to previously circulated budget detail, noting several considerations including gliding awareness and marketing costs and anticipated conversion income in the current financial year, and unknowns associated with Sailplane Flight Crew Licensing (SFCL) and anticipated investment income in the year that the budget applies to. Those present agreed to significantly increase the marketing budget allocation and to propose revised full and temporary membership fees that support a break-even budget.

Status: Closed

45/24 RESERVES UPDATE

Pete Stratten reported that the agreed investment platform application had been submitted and was awaiting a response.

Status: Open Action: Sam Lazenby, Pete Stratten Due: Feb 2025

46/24 SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

- a. Competitions and Awards Committee. The Competitions Committee decision to increase the competition licence, entry administration and competition levy fees was noted. Those present thanked the Competitions Committee for their ongoing work on behalf of competitors and competition organisers.

- b. Instructing and Examining Committee. Those present noted with thanks the ongoing work to support clubs, pilots and instructors. The Instructing and Examining Committee recommendation to the Executive Committee that the Silver Badge should no longer be a prerequisite for assistant instructor training was discussed and supported. Pete Stratten agreed to amend the BGA requirements and promulgate the change.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: January 2025

47/24 CASC FUNDS UPDATE

George Metcalfe reported that initial discussions had taken place with relevant parties informing them of the agreed BGA policy and noted the need to establish the mechanisms by which applications for and deployment of the funds will be managed.

Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe Due: February 2024

It was agreed that an updated summary is needed of club airfield tenure and opportunities for acquisition. Craig Lowrie agreed to liaise with David Latimer to collate the data.

Status: Open Action: Craig Lowrie Due: February 2024

48/24 RAeC AWARDS

Pete Stratten spoke to previously circulated detail describing citations received for RAeC and BGA awards and the need to establish BGA-agreed nominations to the RAeC. Those present noted the importance of recognising individual's contributions to gliding and wider air sport, reviewed previous awards made, and agreed that George Metcalfe and Pete Stratten would consider the detail ahead of submitting nominations to the RAeC by the 15th December.

Status: Closed Action: George Metcalfe, Pete Stratten Due: 15th December 2024

41/24 AOB

There were no items raised.

The next meeting is planned for the 14th January 2025.