

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 14th JANUARY 2025

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

APOLOGIES Nick Garland
Sam Lazenby - Treasurer

IN ATTENDANCE Rose Johnson – Chair Instructing and Examining Committee (03/25 only)
Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

02/25 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

The meeting notes of the 10th December 2024 and 3rd January 2025 were approved.

03/25 INSTRUCTING AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Rose Johnson described the current aims and objectives of the Instructing and Examining (I&E) committee and described several current priorities over and above instructing and standardization including, significantly, preparation for SFCL. She went on to highlight that the SFCL syllabus and training is very similar to existing BGA requirements as well as to detail several considerations including; slow recognition by some within gliding that SFCL is happening; BGA proposed and CAA accepted amendments to SFCL which should be established by May 2025; examiner standardization and ensuring adequate examiner numbers; good progress with course programmes and associated resources for clubs with a publication target of mid-2025; existing support to facilitate attendance at an FI(S) refresher seminar as part of FI(S) rolling recency; and the need to maintain a drumbeat of communication to help clubs and instructors in particular to understand the required new processes. Rose Johnson noted that a new instructor manual is under development and is likely to be rolled out online section by section. She also highlighted the challenges of succession planning within the regional teams led by SREs.

Following brief discussions on several of the items raised, those present thanked Rose Johnson and the I&E committee for their ongoing work.

Status: Closed

04/25 SITE STRATEGY

Craig Lowrie updated those present on the disposition of gliding club sites and resources. Noting the ongoing importance of securing sites for the future and in BGA taking an informed strategic view, those present thanked Craig Lowrie and agreed that the initiative should continue to identify and establish relevant data and to evolve conclusions.

Status: Open Action: Craig Lowrie Due: October 2025

05/25 CASC FUNDS

George Metcalfe provided an update following an action taken at the 3rd January meeting. Those present considered the details of a proposal for transferring funds and agreed on the next steps.

Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe Due: Feb 2025

06/25 BGA AWARDS

Pete Stratten spoke to previously circulated detail describing nominations for BGA awards. Those present agreed with the proposed awards for presentation at the 2025 BGA Sporting Conference.

Status: Closed

07/25 COMPETITION RULES 2025

Pete Stratten spoke to previously circulated detail provided by the Competitions Committee detailing proposed changes to the 2025 Competition Rules. Several points were discussed. It was agreed by those present that before confirming a change, the proposed rule update regarding finish rings would potentially benefit from input from competition directors. Pete Stratten agreed to respond to the Competitions Committee chair.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: January 2025

08/25 RAISING AWARENESS OF GLIDING

Craig Lowrie provided an update on the project to date noting that the BGA's refreshed outward facing/marketing website was almost complete and that in the past 90 days there has been a very significant and consistent increase in BGA social media interest and engagement. He went on to highlight the next phase of further engagement with clubs including plans to reinforce the message about being prepared for potential member interest during 2025.

Status: Closed

09/25 ANNUAL AUDIT UPDATE

Pete Stratten reported that the audit was progressing well with, to date, no reported issues or changes to supplied data and that a single subject call will be required to review the accounts during late January 2025. Those present agreed to meet on the 28th of January 2025 subject to availability of the final draft accounts.

Status: Open Action: All Due: January 2025

10/25 AOB

There were no items from AOB.

The next meeting will be on the 28th January 2025.