

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 8th JULY 2025

PRESENT

George Metcalfe – Chair
Tim Barnes
Mark Fielding
Chris Fox
Nick Garland
Craig Lowrie
Ellen Packham
Matt Page

APOLOGIES

David McGrath – Vice Chair
Lucy Wootton

IN ATTENDANCE

Sam Lazenby - Treasurer
Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

29/25 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

The meeting notes of the 13th May were approved.

30/25 PART66L

Pete Stratten spoke to a previously circulated briefing describing the BGA's three strand approach to Part66L including fit for purpose process and support, proportionate CAA charging, and change to secondary legislation. He went on to detail the background, current situation, and significant risk associated with the CAA disproportionate charge for Part-66L licence renewal, noting that the CAA is expected to write to the BGA shortly to describe its unmoved position with respect to all aspects of Part66L. Those present discussed the topic including a funded proposal, agreed the need to support BGA inspectors, and identified several options. Pete Stratten agreed to provide further data to support further consideration by the Executive Committee.

Status: Open Due: August 2025

31/25 SFCL UPDATE

Pete Stratten spoke to a previously circulated briefing describing progress with the SFCL conversion project, challenges including anticipated last minute conversion applications and a changing regulatory environment that will not be enacted until two weeks before the date SFCL compliance is mandated i.e. after 30th September 2025, and currently no engagement from CAA about how the BGA's qualified entity will interact with CAA including charges. Those present raised several related questions. It was noted that the regulatory goalposts are still moving after a decade or more and there are risks associated with the SFCL changes, including overly complex or misinformed implementation by users leading to non-compliance or unnecessary burdens, and that the BGA has an important role in providing clear direction and guidance to support safe, effective, and enjoyable participation in gliding.

Status: Open Due: September 2025

32/25 EGM

a. Special Resolution

George Metcalfe left the meeting for 32/25a. and Craig Lowrie was asked to take the chair. Sam Lazenby reminded those present of the context, i.e. that the Chair and Vice-Chair are currently due to retire simultaneously at the 2026 AGM and therefore the Executive Committee are proposing a resolution in the best interests of the ongoing stability and continuity of BGA Strategy and governance. He went on to

describe two previously circulated options for a Special Resolution for BGA member club consideration and vote at an EGM. Those present agreed that option A will be proposed to the membership, i.e. 'The British Gliding Association sanctions by Special Resolution the eligibility of the current Chairman, George Metcalfe, to stand for re-election to the position of Chairman at the 2026 Annual General Meeting for a period of 3 years.'

Status: Open Action: Sam Lazenby Due: July 2025

b. Updated BGA Operational Regulations

Pete Stratten spoke to previously circulated detail that described how following a consultation with clubs detailing Executive Committee agreed updates to BGA Operational Regulations in advance of legislative changes effective from September 2025 as well as amendments that reflect club and other needs, a small number of feedback points had been received and responded to, and that Executive Committee members views on any final amendments was sought. Those present agreed to respond to a single subject email to ensure that a deadline is met for circulation in advance of the 12th August EGM.

Status: Open Action: All Due: July 2025

33/25 AOB

There were no items of AoB.