

# BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

### PRESENT

George Metcalfe – Chair  
Tim Barnes  
Mark Fielding  
Chris Fox  
Nick Garland  
Craig Lowrie  
David McGrath – Vice Chair  
Ellen Packham  
Matt Page  
Lucy Wootton

### IN ATTENDANCE

Sam Lazenby - Treasurer and Company Secretary  
Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

### 45/25 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

The meeting notes of the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 were approved.

### 46/25 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT FUND

George Metcalfe described the BGA's Planning & Environment Fund (PEF) purpose and governance, funding history and a recent request for a £30k transfer. It was agreed that the approach to supporting the PEF should be informed by wider emerging considerations around BGA club site security and how the PEF funds are used and that meanwhile an immediate transfer to the PEF of £15k was approved.

Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe, Craig Lowrie Due: April 2026

### 47/25 AWARENESS OF GLIDING

George Metcalfe noted that another year of experience is likely to be needed to substantiate the initially promising outcome of the 2025 raising awareness of gliding social media initiative. It was agreed that the BGA should continue to fund comparable activity during 2026 with a budget of £10k containable within the marketing budget.

Status: Closed

### 48/25 STRATEGY

George Metcalfe described draft revisions of the BGA vision and strategy documents that reflect discussion and agreement at the recent Executive Committee workshop. Several line items were additionally suggested including 'funding site security' and 'pilot development'. It was agreed that a member club validation of the proposed updated strategy would be carried out via a simple survey and the outcome communicated to members during 1Q 2026.

Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe, Chris Fox Due: February 2026

### 49/25 SUB-COMMITTEES

Noting detailed discussion on a wide range of sub-committee related governance, activities and issues during the Executive Committee workshop, several sub-committee topics were discussed further including appointments, terms, succession-planning, quarterly reporting, consultation and engagement, current issues, and where pilot development could be supported within the sub-committee structure. Highlighting the valuable and fundamentally volunteer nature of the work carried out by the sub-committees, it was agreed that further consideration, including with sub-committee chairs, of how to effectively support sub-committees is needed. Those present were asked to raise their individual thoughts

with George Metcalfe ahead of the topic being tabled at a future meeting. It was agreed that the quarterly reporting format would be progressed by George Metcalfe and Pete Stratten.

Status: Open Action: All Due: December 2025

50/25 AGM

It was agreed that the AGM would be held online on the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026. George Metcalfe noted the timetable leading up to the AGM that is directed by the Articles including the need to establish nominations for Executive Committee vacancies and the completion and approval of the annual accounts and audit.

Status: Open Action: Sam Lazenby, All Due: December 2025

51/25 AOB

- a. FAI IGC award proposal. A proposed FAI IGC nomination for a Lilienthal Medal was fully supported. Pete Stratten agreed to inform the IGC.
- b. FAI and BGA awards. It was noted that nominations for RAeC awards must be submitted online by the end of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and that BGA awards should be nominated by end January 2026. Pete Stratten agreed to inform clubs. George Metcalfe requested any Executive Committee member's suggested nominations as soon as possible.