

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 15th October 2025

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Mark Fielding
Craig Lowrie

IN ATTENDANCE

Jim White – Chair Competitions Committee (item 40/25 only)
Sam Lazenby - Treasurer
Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

39/25 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

The meeting notes of the 12th August 2025 were approved.

40/25 COMPETITION & AWARDS COMMITTEE BRIEFING

Jim White, who chairs the Competitions & Awards Committee (CC), provided a comprehensive briefing covering 2025 successes, initiatives and achievements, current issues, BGA strategy and vision, and terms of reference. In doing so, he noted in detail and made proposals relating to budgetary pressures and opportunities, great work by CC members, challenges with recruiting volunteer committee members, a CC 'gatekeeper' recent appointment monitoring for vested interests, competition sites, hostility from a small number of competitors, international competition classes, and Executive Committee support going forward. Those present asked several questions, which were comprehensively responded to, and thanked Jim White and the CC members for their work on behalf of all competitors and competition hosting clubs. Jim White left the meeting.

Those present agreed that issues raised will be considered and that there is a potential need for more detail from the CC which will be followed up in due course.

Status: Open Action: November 2025

41/25 AIRSPACE COMMITTEE BRIEFING

Pete Stratten, the acting chair of the BGA Airspace Committee (AC), provided a summary briefing covering AC member's experience and roles, working arrangements, activity, example successes, main challenges, current topics, and suggested Executive Committee support including ongoing funding for professional airspace support. Those present asked several questions which were answered. The Executive Committee thanked the Airspace Committee for their work.

Status: Closed

42/25 SFCL UPDATE

Pete Stratten reported that the required SFCL conversion project had been fundamentally completed on time, that continued engagement with club CFIs will take place, that the revised BGA training organisation resources and guidance is published and open to feedback, that some 4100 SPL conversions have taken place, that SPL conversions are continuing with no time bar, that an internal SFCL post-implementation review after 12 months is being planned that can inform future regulatory changes, that a transparent

FE(S) process is being developed, that the I&E committee has nearly completed a beta version of the revised instructor manual, and that new processes are being developed for the BGA's Qualified Entity in support of clubs and their members future licensing applications.

Status: Closed

43/25 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKSHOP AGENDA

George Metcalfe described a proposed agenda for the 1st November 2025 Executive Committee workshop including strategy, sub-committees, budget, and Executive Committee retirements, and invited suggestions for additional topics. It was agreed that the workshop will start at 0930.

Status: Closed

44/25 AOB

- a. Pete Stratten noted that the BGA PEF trustees are requesting additional funds and agreed to circulate their written request to Executive Committee members.