

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 12th JANUARY 2026

PRESENT George Metcalfe – Chair
Tim Barnes
Chris Fox
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

APOLOGIES Mark Fielding
Nick Garland

01/26 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

The meeting notes of the 11th November 2025 were approved.

02/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NOVEMBER WORKSHOP

George Metcalfe highlighted matters arising from the November Executive Committee workshop:

a. Reserve funding. Those present discussed ideas and implications around a potential and to be named gliding support reserve fund with associated charitable status and agreed to continue to develop the idea.

Status: Open Action: Craig Lowrie Due: March 2026

b. Site security. Work underway on analysis, identifying those at risk, and developing strategic opportunities regarding future site security with Development Committee involvement was noted.

Status: Open Action: Craig Lowrie Due: March 2026

c. Strategy. The British Gliding Futures document received further comments that will result in a final draft for consultation.

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

d. Sub-Committees. Proposed revisions to sub-committee terms of reference including those relating to sub-committee reporting, appointments, and sub-committee specific roles were discussed resulting in several amendments that will result in a further draft. Recent engagement with sub-committee chairs was discussed and it was agreed that further opportunities for sub-committee chair briefings at Executive Committee meetings will be explored.

Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe Due: March 2026

03/26 COMPETITION RULES 2026

George Metcalfe spoke to previously circulated documents including a draft of the proposed Competition Rules for 2026. Those present discussed Executive Committee member comments submitted prior to and during the meeting. Points of feedback relating to several proposed changes were discussed and it was agreed to supply detailed feedback to the Competitions Committee before the end of January.

Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe Due: February 2026

04/26 PROMOTING GLIDING

Craig Lowrie presented an update to the promoting gliding initiative and confirmed that the previously discussed 2026 programme is being arranged with the contractor and is aligned with the agreed budget.

Status: Open Action: Craig Lowrie Due: October 2026

05/26 AGM PREPARATION

Those present approved that, if the number of nominations received for election to BGA Executive Committee exceeds the number of vacancies in any office, the required ballot(s) will be by email and BGA Vice-Presidents Peter Harvey and David Roberts will be appointed as scrutineers. The next steps following the closing date of nominations were agreed, including voting between 17th and 31st of January. Formal declaration of the result will be at the AGM on the 24th February 2026.

Status: Open Action: Sam Lazenby Due: 16th January 2026

06/26 AUDIT

Pete Stratten provided an audit update noting that following a slow start the audit is underway, that several queries are being responded to by the BGA accounts manager, and that the auditors understand the need to complete the process by the end of January.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Sam Lazenby Due: 31st January 2026

07/26 AOB

- a. Insurance. Pete Stratten noted a recent BGA insurance health check and described related activity in respect of policy renewals due in May 2026.

Date of next meeting to be notified.