

# BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 31st MARCH 2026

### PRESENT

George Metcalfe – Chair  
Tim Barnes  
Mark Fielding  
Chris Fox  
Paul Jessop  
Craig Lowrie  
James Moore  
Ellen Packham  
Matt Page  
Lucy Wootton

### IN ATTENDANCE

Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

### APOLOGIES

Sam Lazenby - Treasurer and Company Secretary

### 13/26 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

The meeting notes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 were approved.

### 14/26 RESIGNED ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Pete Stratten added to previously supplied information about a motor-gliding and aspirant conventional gliding operation formed within a wider air sport club that joined the BGA as an associate member. The associate member has not paid or made satisfactory arrangements to pay subscriptions due. Those present agreed that as directed by 'Article 31. Conditions of Membership', the associate member is deemed to have resigned its membership of the BGA. Pete Stratten agreed to notify the former associate member.

Status: Closed

### 15/26 INSURANCE RENEWAL

James Moore and Pete Stratten spoke to previously supplied detail. Those present discussed BGA insurance policies at a strategic and tactical level both in the round and with respect to the 2026 BGA insurance renewal and agreed an approach for the 2026 renewal.

Status: Open Due: April 2026 Action: Pete Stratten

Those present agreed to develop and establish an insurance review process ahead of the 2027 insurance renewal.

Status: Open Due: March 2027 Action: James Moore

### 16/26 BRITISH GLIDING FUTURES, AND SUBCOMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

George Metcalfe updated those present that final draft versions of the recently developed 'British Gliding Futures' guidance document had been circulated to club chairs for comment, and similarly the revised 'BGA Committee Terms of Reference' circulated to BGA Subcommittee chairs. A number of comments had been received resulting in helpful improvements to the documents, both of which are now available in final form on the BGA website.

Status: Closed

### 17/26 SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS – REVIEW AND REAPPOINTMENT

George Metcalfe spoke to previously circulated sub-committee quarterly reports, noting that not all sub-committees had submitted. In reviewing the reports, those present noted that the recent ToR revisions

had included changes intended to motivate succession planning, as both good practice and to address a range of needs. The challenges of achieving this among limited volunteer availability were acknowledged, as was the expectation that the changes would take some time to take full effect. George Metcalfe agreed to continue to engage with sub-committee chairs on the topic of succession planning and of quarterly reporting format and timetable.

Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe Due: April 2026

Those present agreed re-appointment of the following sub-committee chairs: Technical – Howard Torode (planned successor - Tim McFadyen), Safety – Tim Freearde, Instructing & Examining – Rose Johnson, Airspace – Pete Stratten, Development – Dave Latimer, and Competitions – Jim White.

Status: Closed

18/26 DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE THEME & AGENDA ITEMS

Those present noted and agreed with the direction of travel of Development Committee proposed themes for the 2026 Club Development Conference and George Metcalfe advised that ideas from Executive Committee members are welcome.

It was noted that there is a need to encourage participation by all clubs and that should be discussed with the Development Committee.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: May 2026

19/26 LENDING TO CLUBS IN SUPPORT OF SITE SECURITY

Craig Lowrie provided an update on a potential strategic site purchase opportunity including details of how that could be financed by the club including with loans, including potentially from the BGA. George Metcalfe highlighted the need for a policy that will enable the Executive Committee to take a considered position on any proposed loan to a member club in support of site security. Those present agreed. George Metcalfe agreed to form a group within the Executive Committee to develop a draft policy.

Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe Due: May 2026

20/26 AOB

- a. Club situations. Pete Stratten provided newly received details regarding situations negatively impacting three clubs that had previously been highlighted with the Executive Committee.
- b. GASCo donation. Pete Stratten noted that the BGA was advised of the decision by the GASCo board to close that charity. As a result, the previously agreed 2026 donation by the BGA had not been made.

Date of next meeting is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026. A single subject meeting may be notified for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026.