

## BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014

PRESENT: Peter Harvey - Chairman  
Ron Bridges  
Dave Fidler  
David Latimer  
Andy Perkins  
John Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: Les Kaye – Treasurer  
Pete Stratten – Chief Executive

APOLOGIES:  
Matt Cook  
Tony Smith

19/14 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Status: Closed**

20/14 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 14

Peter Harvey noted the four nominations for four vacancies and therefore no election was required. Peter Harvey went on to note that he will propose a face to face meeting of the new Executive Committee at the end of March or early April. Pete Stratten and Peter Harvey agreed to liaise on communicating with new Executive Committee members following the AGM.

**Status: Closed**

21/14 AIRSPACE UPDATE

John Williams summarised the detail that he will be presenting at the BGA conference and provided an update on the TAG Farnborough Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) that closes to responses on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 14. He noted that both the local implications as well as precedent setting for future airspace grabs by commercial interests mean that this ACP requires more than the logical and measured response routinely adopted by the BGA. This ACP needs a vast response from GA in the round. Details of the ongoing BGA and GA Alliance campaign were discussed in detail. It was agreed that Dave Fidler and Pete Stratten would liaise on an associated issue relating to the economic value of GA and sport.

**Status: Closed**

22/14 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES JAN 14

Those present reviewed and noted with thanks the content of the previously supplied meeting notes.

**Status: Closed Action: All**

23/14 BGA WEBSITE UPDATE

Pete Stratten reported that three shortlisted potential suppliers have presented final pitches. The working group under Sharon Kerby will score the pitches and present their findings to the Executive Committee during March. All those present agreed that the Executive Committee should see the scores separately from their associated proposed charges. Pete Stratten agreed to circulate the detail by email as soon as it is available. The agreed initial budget of £20K was discussed and it was noted by all that the BGA share of the NPLG's unused marketing fund that it

has been agreed by NPLG will be disbursed to the BGA is a potential source of additional funding. Those present agreed that in principle the Executive Committee will be able to choose the supplier at their next meeting.

**Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: March 2014**

24/14 COMPETITION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

a. Meeting Notes

The meeting notes were reviewed and accepted with thanks. Those present discussed the cloud flying in competitions issue, noted that in their view the issues relating to the future of cloud flying in competitions has not yet been adequately explored, and that further discussion on the way forward is required. Following extensive discussion, it was agreed by those present that to identify the relevant issues a 'no cloud flying' limited trial could be carried out during 2014/2015 with appropriate guidance supplied to competition organisers who volunteer for the trial. Peter Harvey agreed to discuss the issues with Mark Holden.

**Status: Open Action: Peter Harvey Due: March 2014**

b. Competition Rules 2014

Those present accepted the Draft Competition Rules 2014 content. Those present were unable to accept the description of a cloud flying ban from 2015 as described in the document preamble, and Ron Bridges noted that a limited trial would be appropriate and the wording in the publication should reflect that. Pete Stratten agreed to inform the Competition Committee chairman that the Draft Competition Rules 2014 could be published subject to the supplied paragraph regarding future cloud flying competitions being redrafted to an acceptable description of the cloud flying in competition issue including any limited trials.

**Status: Open Action: Peter Stratten Due: March 2014**

25/14 PROPOSAL FOR CIVIL AWARD

Those present discussed a previously circulated proposal for a civil award that was submitted by a member of a BGA club. The proposal was carefully considered. It was noted that the subject of the proposal had received significant international recognition for the contribution described in the proposal. It was agreed that the proposal for a civil award would not be taken forward at this time. Peter Harvey agreed to discuss the decision with the member concerned.

**Status: Closed**

26/14 ACTIONS AGAINST THE BGA

Pete Stratten updated the meeting on the two separate claims against the BGA that are being handled by BGA insurer's legal teams.

**Status: Closed**

27/14 AOB

- a. Participation Group Update. Andy Perkins reported on a recent, helpful discussion with Commandant Air Cadets. He went on to note plans for personal development gliding linked to Government projects on deprived areas and reported on a planned meeting between the BGA and the Aviation Skills Partnership in support of work by Yvonne Elliott, the BGA Schools and Colleges lead.
- b. Four Counties GC. Dave Fidler described the expected closure of Four Counties GC due to a new operational role and increased military flying at the club's site.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> March at a venue to be notified.