

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 23rd APRIL 2014

- PRESENT:
- Peter Harvey - Chairman
Nick Bowers
Dave Fidler
Lisa Humphries
David Latimer
George Metcalfe
Andy Perkins
John Williams
- IN ATTENDANCE:
- Les Kaye – Treasurer
Pete Stratten – Chief Executive
- APOLOGIES:
- Ron Bridges
Bill Craig

35/14 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the meeting on the 20th March 2014 were approved and will be signed by the Chairman at the next opportunity.

Status: Closed

36/14 AIRSPACE UPDATE

Limiting the update to three of the significant numbers of ongoing airspace related issues that the BGA is involved with, John Williams described the latest situation in respect of the Farnborough airspace consultation; noted the recently published CAA recommendation to change a piece of Class F airspace to Class E in an area that experiences only 80 commercial movements per month and that the BGA and GA Alliance is responding appropriately; and noted that Southend appears to be gaining traffic from Flybe and that BGA and GA Alliance airspace teams are monitoring developments at that airport with interest.

Status: Closed

37/14 ACTION AGAINST THE BGA UPDATE

Pete Stratten spoke to information previously circulated in an email to Executive Committee members dated 16 April 2014. Pete Stratten agreed to keep the Executive Committee informed of any developments and in particular those identified by the legal team involved.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: May 2014

38/14 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES MARCH AND DECEMBER 2013

Dave Latimer spoke to the previously circulated meeting notes, which were accepted with thanks. He then summarised some of the activity currently underway including responding to the Governments proposed changes to CASC, site leases, wind turbines and other planning applications. The significant amount of work carried out by the Development Committee on behalf of member clubs was noted with thanks by those present.

Status: Closed

39/14 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Pete Stratten spoke to a previously circulated application to join the BGA. MotorGlide, based at Wellesbourne airfield, had submitted an application including club Articles and an operating protocol as well as describing a number of members. It was noted that the applicant club intends

to promote and encourage sailplane training using Touring Motor Gliders; that if the application were successful the number of members would initially limit the club to Associate Member status; and that there is a need to ensure that the BGA retains a not for profit ethos. Those present agreed that MotorGlide should be accepted as an Associate member club and that Pete Stratten should respond to the application welcoming MotorGlide into the BGA and noting the conditions of membership.

Given the emergence of several new self-launching glider derivatives, plus the changing regulatory environment, those present felt it useful to understand better the BGA's position regarding the operation of these aircraft types at BGA clubs. Nick Bowers volunteered to prepare a paper on these matters for consideration during the Executive Committee autumn workshop. Pete Stratten agreed to supply previously considered detail that supports the use of these aircraft at BGA clubs that intend to operate them.

Status: Open Action: Nick Bowers Due: October 2014

40/14 ACCOUNTS UPDATE

Les Kaye spoke to previously circulated accounts detail to the end of March 2014. Those present discussed a number of points of detail including a forecast year end surplus greater than budgeted; an overall small increase in membership at clubs; that the Association continues to experience a period of change; and that unknowns remain as the European aviation regulatory system continues to evolve. The six monthly accounts were accepted with thanks. The next review will be at the end of the third quarter.

Status: Closed

41/14 AOB

- a. Website. Pete Stratten noted that the first meeting of the Discovery phase had taken place, that the second meeting was planned for May and that Sharon Kerby would be informing that second meeting.
- b. Team Sponsorship. Andy Perkins noted ongoing discussion with the Team squad about their potential involvement in servicing any future commitment to Gliding Team GB sponsors.
- c. Competitions and Awards Committee. Pete Harvey noted Ron Bridges email of 23 April which Pete Stratten read to those present. Pete Harvey went on to note that the Competition Handbook has been published without a reference to a potential future ban on cloud flying in competitions, that he had discussed at length with the Competition Committee chairman who had advised that the Competition Committee is considering the issue including appropriate consultation, and that a no cloud flying trial in a competition could be used by the Competitions Committee as part of their ongoing deliberations.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be a conference call at 7pm on Tuesday 3rd June.