

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES 9TH JUNE 2026

In attendance

Craig Lowrie, James Moore, Mark Fielding, Ellen Packham, Matt Page, Paul E Jessop, Sam Lazenby (Treasurer), Tim Barnes, George Metcalfe (Chair)

Apologies

Lucy Wooton, Pete Stratten, Chris Fox

21/26 Minutes of the May 12th BGA Exec meeting

The previous meeting notes were approved

22/26 Contingency financial provision.

On review of input received from BGA Subcommittees: a number of additional operational risks (technical/airworthiness, airspace) were noted but were considered largely manageable through volunteer effort or annual budget provision rather than large financial outlays. No related increase in contingency financial provision was considered necessary. It was noted that the Flagstone account is currently at its seasonal low point, but this is within expected patterns and does not change the overall position.

Closed.

23/26 Financial provision for strategic projects.

As noted in British Gliding Futures document, the formation of a reserve fund for strategic projects is under consideration. A number of potential funding sources and governance approaches are being investigated including the potential to establish a registered charity. Shortlisted options to be investigated further and member clubs' views on the strategic issues identified, directions, and funding & governance approaches to be sought at the October Development Conference.

Action: George Metcalfe October 2026

24/26 Cyberbullying.

An issue affecting junior gliding volunteers on social media has been reported. Advice to be sought from BGA Child Protection Officer.

Action: Craig Lowrie July 2026.

25/26 Seahawk GC (Culdrose).

It was noted with regret that the club has recently voted to close after 60 years, primarily because of inability to find an acceptable and practical arrangement for their accommodation at the naval base.