

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 14th JULY 2026

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES

Sam Lazenby - Treasurer and Company Secretary
James Moore
Lucy Wootton

26/26 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

The meeting notes of the 9th June 2026 were approved.

27/26 BGA DIPLOMA NOMINATIONS

George Metcalfe reported an unavoidably short notice club request, Executive Committee chair approval and subsequent supply of a BGA Diploma. All those present retrospectively supported the action. He went on to note three further BGA Diploma nominations, which were approved.

Status: Closed

28/26 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

George Metcalfe spoke to previously supplied detail about an application for BGA membership by a flying operation based in Dorset and noted engagement with the Development Committee with respect to club governance. Those present considered the available information and concluded that consideration of the application should be deferred until gliding activity is established and operating at the site and the governance approach understood. Pete Stratten agreed to respond to the applicant.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: July 2026

29/26 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Noting previously circulated information, those present were supportive of the sub-committee quarterly reporting initiative and thanked those sub-committees that have responded to date. Pete Stratten agreed to ensure that the I&E Committee recent meeting notes are made available to all Executive Committee members.

Status: Closed

30/26 BGA RESERVES AND EXTERNAL RISKS

George Metcalfe described helpful details submitted by the sub-committees. On consideration of this additional information, it was concluded no change is called for in the currently estimated amount of contingency funding needed by the BGA.

Status: Closed

31/26 LEGACY PROJECT / GLIDING CHARITY

Those present discussed progress on several activities including those relating to establishing charitable status and considered related plans going forward, including socialising the strategic fund and charity

concept during the forthcoming BGA Club Development Conference. George Metcalfe and Craig Lowrie agreed to meet with the Development Committee Chair and BGA Development Officer, from whom a draft paper on the subject is expected in due course.

Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe, Craig Lowrie Due: September 2026

32/26 AOB

- a. Financial reporting. It was proposed and agreed that the Treasurer should be asked to liaise with the Accounts Manager to produce periodic summary financial reporting for Executive Committee information.
- b. Social media trolling. A way forward in respect of the previously reported social media trolling was discussed and agreed.

Date of next meeting. A placeholder exists in August 2026. The next scheduled meeting is in September 2026. A poll will be supplied for an Executive Committee workshop date.