

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8th SEPTEMBER 2026

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Sam Lazenby - Treasurer and Company Secretary
Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES

Craig Lowrie
Lucy Wootton

33/26 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

The meeting notes of 14th July 2026 were approved.

34/26 PART-66L

George Metcalfe described the recent meeting between BGA representatives and CAA policy and other representatives regarding the BGA's ongoing concerns about the well-documented risks associated with Part-66L requirements and the need for the CAA to facilitate mitigation through revised requirements that can work for the fundamentally volunteer club-based nature of gliding. There was formal recognition by the CAA that the issue requires further policy development and the CAA committed to initiating a policy process. It was noted that the BGA will be following up on these commitments. It was recognised by those present that any changes to the current requirement cannot be assumed, that the Part-66L licence as it stands continues to be an important qualification in support of sailplane maintenance, and that the BGA is continuing its promotion of Part-66L licence uptake and extending its support for BGA inspector Part-66L candidates, several of whom are currently engaged with the BGA-facilitated qualification process.

Status: Open Action: Craig Lowrie, Pete Stratten Due: December 2026

35/26 EC MANDATE

George Metcalfe updated those present on the CAA's current EC mandate consultation and the development and subsequent publication and signposting of BGA guidance that strongly encourages individual and club responses. Those present briefly discussed the recent BGA meeting with CAA on the subject and the key issues within the CAA's proposals. It was agreed that ahead of the consultation closing date individuals and clubs should be reminded to individually respond and that the BGA should contribute to a GAA response to the consultation in addition to the BGA's response.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten Due: September 2026

36/26 DATA

George Metcalfe noted that the following legal guidance the BGA had responded to a data-related matter, had informed insurers, and that there is no indication of BGA non-compliance with related regulation. It was agreed that during the upcoming Executive Committee workshop, the Executive Committee will review its use of available BGA back-office system support.

Status: Open Action: All Due: November 2026

37/26 BGA EMPLOYEES

Pete Stratten described that a BGA employee had confirmed their intention to retire and that another BGA employee had noted their intention to resign to explore new opportunities. He went on to describe action taken to identify a replacement for the role fulfilled by the retiring employee and a proposed way forward regarding both roles. Those present discussed the related risks and opportunities and agreed that the proposed way forward should be actioned.

Status: Closed Action: Pete Stratten Due: November 2026

38/26 AOB

- a. Insurance 2027. James Moore agreed to circulate a draft project plan that he has prepared for Executive Committee discussion.
- b. Competition Committee. George Metcalfe noted that three pilots with extensive competition experience are newly joining the Competition Committee.
- c. Airspace Committee. Pete Stratten, the acting chair of the airspace committee, reported that he had recently met with and briefed the potential incoming volunteer chair of the Airspace Committee. Those present agreed with the proposed change, which it is anticipated will occur during October 2026.

Dates of next meetings.

- Placeholder: Tuesday 13 October
- Club Development Conference: Sunday 18 October
- Exec workshop: Sunday 8 November
- Scheduled: Tuesday 10 November
- Placeholder: Tuesday 8 December