BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13th OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT	George Metcalfe – Chair Tim Barnes Paul Jessop Craig Lowrie James Moore Ellen Packham Matt Page Lucy Wootton
IN ATTENDANCE	Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer
APOLOGIES	Mark Fielding Chris Fox Sam Lazenby - Treasurer and Company Secretary

39/26 PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES
The meeting notes of 8th September 2026 were approved.

40/26 STAFF UPDATE
Pete Stratten provided a brief update on recent staff developments.

Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe, Pete Stratten Due: November 2026

41/26 BGA CHARITY
Those present discussed the desirability and value of establishing a BGA fund aimed at supporting clubs aligned with British Gliding Futures strategy, the preference for a charity option, which is dependent on Charity Commission recognition of gliding as a sport, and the work needed to support that. Those present noted the helpful support of the Development Committee and others to date and agreed that the necessary engagement should continue to evolve including with member clubs.

Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe Due: November 2026

42/26 RECENT CONSULTATIONS
Pete Stratten reported that responses had been submitted on behalf of the BGA in respect of the CAA Electronic Conspicuity mandate consultation, the Doncaster airport airspace change proposal consultation and the CAA Rules of the Air consolidation consultation. He went on to note that engagement and consultations could be expected associated with the CAA's new powers and changes to aviation regulation delivery and format.

Status: Closed

43/26 BUDGET 2027-2028
George Metcalfe noted that several high-level assumptions including a future BGA fund may need to be accommodated within the proposed BGA budget for the period 1 October 27-30 Sep 28 that will be circulated to member clubs ahead of the forthcoming AGM. Pete Stratten noted that output from a budget meeting in late October that includes the Treasurer and Accounts Manager will provide the basis for Executive Committee consideration and agreement during the Executive Committee workshop in November.

Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Sam Lazenby, all Due: November 2026

44/26 INSURANCE PROJECT

James Moore spoke to a previously circulated BGA insurance project initiation document. Those present agreed with the project proposal including timeline as described and thanked James Moore who will lead the project and liaise with BGA staff and other support as required.

Status: Open Action: James Moore Due: December 2026

45/26 SUCCESSION PLANNING

George Metcalfe described the need for key role succession planning with a working group and terms of reference. Those present discussed the formation of the group and terms of reference, details of which will be considered and agreed at the Executive Committee workshop.

Status: Open Action: George Metcalfe Due: December 2026

46/26 AOB

a. Sub-Committee quarterly reports. George Metcalfe agreed to circulate recently supplied sub-committee reports.
b. Ukraine FAI request. George Metcalfe noted that the Ukraine air sports federation has requested that FAI opposes membership applications by Russia and Belarus. It was agreed that BGA expects the FAI to adopt an appropriate response.
c. Workshop. Noting the Executive Committee workshop date of 8th November, George Metcalfe proposed several agenda items and sought further suggestions from those present.
d. Club requests. Pete Stratten noted a request from a club with respect to a BGA charge. It was agreed that this would be considered during the Executive Committee workshop.

Dates of next meetings.

- Workshop: 8th November
- Placeholder: 8th December