

## Minutes of the

### Board Meeting of Walking on Air

held on the

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 at 19:30 on Google Meet.

#### Attendees:

Dave Tuttle	Chairman, Director.
Peter Clayton	Treasurer, Director.
Derek Storey	Director.
Clare Johnston	Director.
Alan Carbray	Director.
Andrew Gordon	Secretary, Director.

#### 1. Apologies:

Garry Simpson	Director.
Maria Duncan	Director.
Jim Cook	Director.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

#### 2. Approval of minutes of last meeting.

Treasurer approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Jan 2025. Seconded by Alan Carbray.

#### 3. Matters arising.

- a) Secretary reported the WoA minutes are on the website. Point of contact for updates to the website is Sally Woolwich. **Action:- Secretary.**
- b) Treasurer reports notice to keep the scales area clear for wheelchair access once the new pilot weighing system is in place.
- c) Treasurer reported that the letter detailing the proposal to fit front hand controls to LOV be delayed for a year due to the scarcity of 2-seater trainers. **Action:- Treasurer to monitor.**
- d) The meeting reported that WA1 location is being displayed in the clubhouse TV monitor.
- e) Treasurer reports the gift aid documentation will be completed by the end of the tax year. **Action:- Treasurer.**
- f) Treasurer reported that he is still to speak to John Dunnington ref fitting "Launch Assist System" to WA1 and a cost to purchase and fit to be identified. **Action:- Treasurer.**
- g) BGA Disability Access Group award to Clare will be presented at the airfield on 22/3/2025. The meeting congratulated Clare on winning the award.
- h) Alan Carbray reported that he has contacted a couple of suppliers for the proposed pilot weighing scales. Alan described a recent accident he had suffered that highlighted the need for the new scales platform to be large enough to fit a wheelchair without the wheels falling off the edge of the platform. Clare emphasised that the weighing experience needed to be good and that pilots should be able to weigh themselves independently and without an audience. Treasurer stated that as we had asked Clare and Alan to research this issue and make a recommendation. This they have done, and the board should follow through. The cost of the scales is approximately £640. The board agreed to fund the purchase of the scales by majority vote. The chairman felt strongly this is the wrong decision and voted against it. Alan agreed to place the order and attempt to get the VAT discounted from the price.

**Action:- Alan Carbray and the Treasurer.**

- i) Alan also explained that he has a meeting with “Scottish Disability Sports Organisation” where “Walking on Air” may be able to recruit new members. As such some banners and decent pamphlets would be beneficial to attract potential new recruits. Alan reported that he has priced pop-up banners at between £50 and £200 and professionally printed leaflets at £100. Alan also reported that he has contacted S&G Magazine, Enable Magazine, and the Motability Magazine to increase WoA presence in the disabled community. Alan also reported that he is happy to make group presentations to create awareness of WoA. Alan then asked if funding could be provided for the banners and leaflets. Treasurer asked for more information on costings for the banners and leaflets. Derek agreed to forward to Alan contact details for the supplier of the original banners displayed at the entrance to the airfield.

**Action:- Alan Carbray & Derek Storey.**

- j) Clare agreed to circulate to the board the car stickers she has recently designed.

**Action:- Clare Johnston.**

- k) Derek asked about displaying WoA posters at council sports centres and that local publications such as the “Town Crier” could publicise WoA. There is also John Guy’s old videos that have been displayed at WoA events in the past that are still relevant. Treasurer remarked that the banner at the airfield entrance has faded and could be refreshed or renewed.

- l) Derek reported the roster is issued up to the end of May and more helpers have volunteered. There are now 3 BI’s including recently qualified BI Mark Adams. There are two full cats along with Ken Robertson volunteering. The roster starts 14/3/25.

**Action:- Derek Storey.**

- m) Clare reported she is still to set up the Treasurer to be able to receive card payments.

**Action:- Clare Johnston & Treasurer.**

- n) Derek reports that the PVG’s are continuing to come through and he has completed the application for his own disclosure. He also reported that once you receive the invitation to apply via email you have only 14 days to respond.

**Action:- Garry Simpson (ongoing).**

- o) Secretary reported that he is unable to access the digital Asset storage System. It was suggested that the “wettransfer” website could help and Clare agreed to help the IT illiterate secretary transfer the WoA documents, photos and videos to the new Digital Asset Storage facility

**Action:- Clare Johnston & Secretary.**

#### **4. Chairman's report.**

The Chairman reported that the new Google meet software is an improvement on the previous system use for our remote meetings. Chairman also thanked all the Instructors, Board members and Helpers for their ongoing work in support of WoA.

#### **5. Treasurer's report.**

Treasurer reported the following:-

- i. £37,000 on deposit.
- ii. Current Account: £10,304.
- iii. Donations:- Alec Stevenson £100, Matt Roberts £200, Bitwise £260.
- iv. Balance on the SGC/WoA current account is in our favour.
- v. Pooleys owe WoA some £700 for donations. Usually pay once a year.

Fees for 2025/26 (from 1/4/2025) were agreed by the meeting to be as follows.

- Annual subscription £150:00. (WoA flying members with a W number).
- Associate Membership £50:00. (Non-flying WoA flying members with a W number).
- Air Ex Flight £75:00.
- Cost of flight in WA1 per minute £0.33p.
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**Action:- Treasurer**

Note: The meeting agreed that if a non-flying member returned to flying, they will be charged £100:00 prior to flight thereby transferring to the full annual subscription.

**6. Secretary's report.**

No report this meeting.

**7. Engineering report** (including current WA1 availability).

- Treasurer reported WA1 serviceable.
- T&S unserviceable due to fuse being removed to stop the T&S indicator draining the battery.

**8. Future of Walking on Air post 2024 flying season.**

To be discussed Feb 2026.

**9 PVG and Disclosures.**

See para 3n) above.

**10. AGM.**

The meeting agreed to hold the next AGM once the accounts have been finalised.

**Action:- Treasurer**

**11. Any other competent business.**

Treasurer and the board clarified who can fly WA1.

- WA1 can only be flown solo by a WoA pilot with a “W” number, and when any pupil pilot, WoA or SGU, is under instruction a BGA instructor must be in the glider.
- WA1 can be test flown by qualified personnel following repair/inspection and first flight after rigging.

**12. Date of next meetings.**

14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 19:00 via Meet.Google.com

Andrew Gordon,  
Secretary WoA,  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.

**Post meeting activity.**

Clare reported that she had six responses from people interested in an expedition to Feshie.

Treasurer reported that he has contacted Feshie re a potential WoA visit. Feshie reported that currently they only have one two-seater glider available with a second 2-seater due to arrive in July 2025.

Alan asked if the WA1 trailer is roadworthy? Secretary agreed to contact Alloa A1 auto services who have maintained the trailer in the past. Trailer badly needs washing. Hopefully Alloa can do this, but if not, Treasurer will organise.

**Action:- Secretary, Treasurer & Clare Johnston.**

**Post meeting notes.**

The Chairman added further information on Disability magazines in the UK for info.

SIA should be in the list and also Disability Rights UK (formerly RADAR)

Sport and Spokes is an America publication but people in UK subscribe (do not know numbers).

**Able Magazine**

A lifestyle publication that focuses on what people with disabilities can do, including accessible travel, product reviews, and real-life stories

**Disability Horizons**

An online magazine written for and by people with disabilities, known for its coverage of accessible travel and dating

**Disability Review Magazine**

A free bi-annual publication that offers articles that empower, inspire, and support people with disabilities

**PosAbility Magazine**

The largest disability lifestyle magazine in the UK, aimed at inspiring people with disabilities to lead healthy lifestyles

**Enable Magazine**

A bi-monthly publication that provides specialist content to the disability community