

Minutes of the Board Meeting of Walking on Air

held on 23rd September 2025 by Google Meet

Attendees:

Dave Tuttle.	Chairman, Director.
Peter Clayton.	Treasurer, Director.
Clare Johnston.	Director.
Jim Cook.	Director.
Andrew Gordon.	Secretary. Director.

Apologies:

Derek Storey.	Director.
Maria Duncan.	Director.
Garry Simpson.	Director.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting, held on 12th August 2025.

Treasurer approved the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Jim Cook.

3. Matters arising:

- a) Treasurer reported that 2024 accounts are approved by EQ accountants and have been forwarded to Companies House. Treasurer agreed to forward accounts to OSCR in due course. **Action: -Treasurer.**
- b) Treasurer reports that the car stickers have been paid. Available for all, if wanted.
- c) Treasurer reports that the United States recent visitor flew with WoA in WA1 and he was very happy with his flight.
- d) Derek Storey agreed to sort out the new WoA banners for display on his return from Germany. **Action: - Derek Storey.**
- e) WA1 annual inspection now moved to w/e Friday 3rd Oct 2025.
- f) Clare reported an update on Pilot owner maintenance. For seat pan removal and refit (to recover a dropped bolt) the authorised person performing this task must be either:
 - A voting member of WoA
 - A WoA pilot.
 - Be on the list of persons approved to carry out this task.(Derek was volunteered to update the list) **Action: -Derek Storey.**
- g) Secretary reported that he has e-mailed Garry ref PVG clearance progress. Garry responded that he would chase this up and report back. **Action: - Sec & Garry.**
- h) Clare informed the meeting that it is now an offence to have a member operating without PVG clearance. The meeting considered the slow progress on this issue and Clare agreed to find out more about the process with her employer who is also dealing with PVG clearance for its own staff. **Action: - Clare Johnston.**
- i) Jim Cook also agreed to speak with Garry on further progress with the PVG clearance program. **Action: - Jim Cook.**
- j) Secretary reports that Clare has received the “flash Drive” with WoA documentation for the digital asset store and this has been uploaded to the digital asset store.
- k) Clare reported that the proposed 6 AirEx flights have been cancelled by the visiting charity.

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4. Chairman's report:

Chairman thanked all WoA board members, instructors and helpers for their ongoing efforts and support of the organisation.

5. Treasurer's report:

a). Current bank account £6,149. After paying an extra £1,000 into a savings deposit account.

b). Fixed term deposit £23,000. Interest rate of 2.24%. Matures 23/9/26.

c). Another deposit £18,000 at 2.54% interest. WoA currently earning approx £1,000 per annum in interest.

d). WoA account with the SGU at circa £4,580 credit, after paying for the new parachute.

e). Treasurer proposed another savings deposit of £5,000 if funds allow in the New Year, which the board agreed. **Action: - Treasurer.**

f). Treasurer reported that the second WA1 parachute is not out of date but is marked as WoA/SGU. Therefore, WoA may not need to purchase a second parachute yet. Treasurer agreed to check this. Treasurer also noted that the parachute bags have paper stickers that fall off. To be marked up with indelible white marker pen. **Action: - Treasurer.**

g). SGU/WoA operating agreement.

The meeting discussed the draft agreement from the SGU. The Treasurer was concerned that clauses 1 & 5 indicate that WoA is responsible and liable for everything on the airfield (when operating on a Friday). The board agreed that WoA should not be fully responsible or liable. WoA does not have a full cat instructor required to act as the lead instructor in charge of the airfield. Treasurer agreed to discuss this with the SGU.

Action: - Treasurer.

h). The board reviewed clause 10 of the draft SGU/WoA operating agreement, which states that when a WoA member joins a glider syndicate (like the former WA2 syndicate), they must become a full SGU member and pay all SGU fees. This was not the case with the WA2 syndicate who flew WA2 as WoA members. The board rejected this proposal from the SGU.

i). The increased block maintenance charge for WA1 from £500 to £700 indexed by CPI per annum was agreed by the board.

j). The board next reviewed clause 15 of the draft SGU/WoA operating agreement, which states that "if the SGU damages WA1, the SGU will pay for the repair up to a limit of £600 (the present insurance excess) after which the insurer pays". WoA would then need to pay the full cost of using the replacement SGU aircraft paying 66 pence per minute of flight time rather than the effectively zero cost of using WA1. The SGU charge should be 33

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pence per minute at most. The board agreed to challenge this with the SGU.

Action: - Treasurer

6. Secretary's report:

No report this meeting.

7. Engineering report:

- a). WA1 reported fully serviceable. Annual inspection arranged for w/e Friday 3rd Oct.
- b). Main wheel bearing reported as very noisy.
- c). Battery/charger fault being investigated
- d). The board agreed that Friday 3rd October flying not be cancelled, but that the pilots booked to fly attend and put their name on the SGU flying list. Jim Cook agreed to contact the pilots.

8. Future of WoA. Not discussed at meeting, end of year review only.

9. Any Other Competent Business:

- a). Clare reports that there are apparently 3 versions of the Articles of Association relating to the governance of WoA. The version listed at Companies House is the oldest original version, but there is some confusion as to which of the 3 versions in the WoA digital asset store is the up-to-date version. The Treasurer and Clare agreed to resolve this issue.

Action: - Treasurer & Clare Johnston.

- b). Bruce Duncan has requested help from WoA to explain to 3 visitors from Edinburgh University staff the role and operation of WoA in the provision of flying instruction to disabled people who would like to learn to fly. The Treasurer, Clare and Jim kindly agreed to help. There may be 2 visits. Clare kindly agreed to provide the safety brief to these visitors.

Action: - Treasurer, Clare Johnston & Jim Cook.

- c). The meeting was informed that Bernie and Wendy are organising a WoA Dinner. The board expressed its gratitude to the organisers and fully support the Dinner. WoA will not provide any financial support.

11. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be the **Annual General Meeting** at 18:00 on the 4th November. There will then follow a board meeting at 19:00 hrs.

Andrew Gordon. Secretary, WoA.
23rd September 2025.