Committee meeting 2nd September 2024 19.00h

1. In attendance:

Jonty Hitchman: Chairman	JH
Phil Morgan: Chief Flying Instructor	PM
Richard Dann: Treasurer	RD
Gillian Brind: Secretary	GB
Martin Hoskins: Safety Officer	MH
Chris Humphrey: Airfield Officer	CH

Apologies:

Jamie Minx: Aircraft Officer	JM
Rowland Pantling: Equipment Officer	RP

2. Adoption of minutes.

The minutes for the committee meeting held on 16th August July 2024 were approved by JH, seconded by MH.

3. Expected Expenditure until end of Sept 25

RD has received expected expenditure from Andy Brind regarding the aircraft. RD asked how often the cables are changed? They are probably changed about once a year, on average, depending on the amount of usage. JH asked if the new arrangement with SUGC has put the club in a better position? RD stated that the data is lacking to answer that question. MH is hoping that the club will not need all the existing fire extinguishers replacing but some will need replacing

so there will be a cost involved. **Action RD will produce a forecast for expected expenditure for the next financial year.**

4. Trial Lesson pricing

JH would like to simplify the options. A discussion took place regarding TL pricing and it was decided that the club would have 3 options:

Walk ins, single flight £70

Bookable approximately 20 minute flight or 2 flights if short £110

Bookable approximately 40 minute flight or 4 flights if short £175

All options come with one month temporary membership and vouchers have a 12 month validation period.

It was agreed that all the Trial Lessons will be advertised on the website but walk ins will not be bookable.

Action all committee members to think about names for these options and let GB know.

It was decided that a sign for the gate saying visitors welcome and advertising if Trial Lessons were available that day would be useful. The sign could be put up on days when there was capacity. **Action MH will get some costings for an advertising board.**

5. New Website.

No progress yet however now the TL pricing has been agreed then progress can be made. The current website has all the clubs costs this needs to be simplified and the prices need checking. **Action RD will look at the pricings that are currently on the website and update/reduce the list as appropriate.**

MH left the meeting at this point.

6. Thames Valley Paraglider Open Day

JH has approached the TV Paraglider community to arrange an Open Day for them. A discussion took place regarding the best way to offer a discounted offer for TVHGC members as they could well become members of SGC. It was decided that 2 days would be suggested as there are a lot of members. Dates of 14th & 21st September were agreed on at a price of £50. After the 2 dates then it could be possible for them to book at the reduced price. **Action JH will contact the Chairman of the TVHGC club, introduce himself and suggest these 2 days**.

7. Duty Pilots

There should be 4 members in a Duty Team and there are not sufficient members to increase this at this time. The Duty Pilot role needs to be revisited PM thought there is an induction handbook. Need to encourage and empower Duty Pilots to engage with members and organise the launch point. The role is very important in ensuring that members are all involved at the field and assisting a more efficient launch point. Members need to be aware that if they can't make a duty that they try and swap with someone or advise the DI if they can't find anyone. It would be good to see what is given to new members and consider giving it to existing members.

8. Trailer movement request to members and responses.

CH had sent an email to members to try and organise the trailers. Two members wanted to move from the North East end of the airfield to the main trailer area. CH stated that the primary reason requested by members in that area, was that the area was dangerous to access during the winter months due to sloping and poorly drained ground hence the request to place storage trailers in this area that where either empty or lightly used. In the email CH mentioned that storage trailers could be relocated to the North East end of the airfield.

Some members were confused and not happy by the email. JH asked if emails that are going out to members can be sent through the committee first to avoid any misinterpretation. CH is happy to send his emails via the committee in future by using either What's App or email.

9. BGA Club Development Conference Sunday 17th November.

It was discussed that a key representation was necessary to attend the BGA conference. The admission for this conference is £30 before 4th October and £35 after that. JH & GB will attend and claim their admissions back from the club. PM will attend if he is not away. RD will attend if once the programme has been published it is appropriate for him. After the event it could be discussed whether a modest contribution towards fuel could be given. However after further discussion it was agreed that fuel costs could be covered as it is in Nottingham.

10. AOB

GB & MH are now Directors.

Alcohol is now available at the club, however the club does not have a licence to sell it. The committee need to look at the rules regarding this and what other clubs do. Alcohol should be removed until this has been investigated. Could

possibly have a locked fridge for the alcohol as the committee would like to encourage the social aspect of the club.

JH has met with SZ for a handover. SZ is happy to assist with the lease negotiations however as Chairman JH feels it is his responsibility so will be the point of contact with the landlord for future negotiations.

An Invoice has been received from the solicitors for £1200 costs for the licence renegotiation.

CH asked when the tanks should be filled. **Action CH to organise this soon as prices could rise and the field will become more inaccessible later in the year.**

Next meeting Tuesday 1st October at 7pm
Meeting finished at 8.59pm