SSS Committee Meeting Minutes, Thursday 30th May 2019, 19:30, The Plough

Present:
Jon Garner (Chairman),
Rowland Pantling (Equipment Officer),
Colin Baines (Airfield Officer),
Bob Symons (Treasurer),
Phil Morgan (CFI),
Stephen Ottner (Sales & Marketing Officer),
James Hunneman (Winch Advisor)
Apologies: Pete Smith (Secretary), Jim Clarke (Aircraft Officer), Graham Tanner (Safety Officer)

Discussion points:

The Club Directors (Jon, Colin, Phil, Stephen) agreed with the chairman's initiative to have a new management structure for the club in the interests of effectiveness & efficiency:

-Chairman (Jon Garner) will efficiently & effectively run club management process, strategic direction & child protection.
-Treasurer (Bob Symons) will deal with the finance, compliance documentation, etc.
-Sales & Marketing Director (Stephen Ottner) will look after income generation and club image.
-Ground Operations Director (Colin Baines) will look after airfield, winches, vehicles & buildings.
-Flying Operations Director (Phil Morgan) will look after flight operations & safety, flight training & compliance & aircraft.

This management change will take place immediately.

The individual Directors will work with the current Officers (eg Equipment, Aircraft, Safety, etc) for help in setting up the teams and will approach other club members for assistance.

CB commented that if existing levels of volunteering stay the same, the club will have to outsource a lot of airfield, vehicle and building work to external contractors.

JG is planning to make changes to the Articles Of Association. Details to be announced later and legal advice will be sought. The aim being to "bring up to date the articles without affecting the available influence of the membership".

CB reminded the Directors that the list of things that Steve Barber still does for the club needs to be understood and documented - to ensure continuation should Steve choose to stop this work. SO agreed to monitor this.

When discussing possible unexpected expenditures, parachute replacement was mentioned. Needs to be discussed with the Parachute Packer to get a replacement schedule planned.

Winch status

JH: Price of a new single drum winch is £47k +VAT assuming use of the club's spare engine & transmission. This is more than the club can spend, so Skylaunch has been approached for a quote to complete the necessary work to the Reserve Winch to make it an equivalent of the Skybrid winch. Discussions are progressing. Skylaunch to make a site visit in the next month before they can provide a quote.

Replacement vehicle for the grey Mitsubishi Pajero - on hold for now, until winch work quote is known.

MT hanger completion - on hold for now until winch work quote is known.

JH commented that details of club members, TLs & the club's Wiki are still accessible to anyone via the club web page - privacy issues, etc. SO to speak to the web master.

PM mentioned that he is concerned with the speed and standard of driving of the club's vehicles - things like towing gliders, launch point and winch too fast, late braking or steering on wet grass in front of people and gliders, etc. Club members to be reminded of the safety implications.

CB, PM, SO noted that during these longer summer days, it seems to be the same few people packing away at the end of the day. Club members are asked to either arrive and help set up the

airfield, or if they arrive later, to stay on and help pack things away. If they have to leave before flying ends, to consider if there will be enough people left to pack away.

Meeting ended 21:05.