Shalbourne Soaring Society - Committee meeting 21 March 2017

PS, JC, SB, CB, JG, RP, PM, SO. Apologies JK

Title	Discussion	Action	
Minutes - error	SB noted that the AGM values for reduced membership were incorrect but that we would stand by them		
Grass Cutting	CB advised that the mower is serviceable and that he would acquire a brush cutter.	CB	Purchase brush cutter
AGM		JG	Publish minutes
Instructor development	It was advised that Martin Hoskins is looking to revalidate his rating.	PM	Continue to work with BGA to achieve this.
JMX	The disposal of JMX was discussed. It was agreed that it should be disposed of at its full value and not reduced for a quick sale.	JC	To readvertise at no given value (for segeflug.de , atthe previously advertised amount as zero value ads are verboten)
MT Hangar	CB proposed a Semi permanent building as a MT workshop/hangar. It was agreed this was a good idea in principle at the costs proposed.	CB	Investigate building further and provide costs.
Grass matting	CB proposed grass stabilising matting around the launch point and NW launch point verge to track. No action at this time, although it was agreed to be an interesting proposal.		
Winch	A service regime and winch maintenance owner is required.	SO	Assess annual winch total and add trigger to log recording spreadsheet based on annual total divided by 4
		JC/ PM	Winch DI to be placed in caravan launch point and to be reviewed as signed by DI prior to daily
Flying activities	Club flying week to we held in may. Two seat instruction will be promoted exclusively to members signing up in advance. All ab initio launches and minutes to be included in fee with no upper limit, any remaining balance to be returned to club member accounts. cables available for solo flying and PO.	PM	Set date and organise.
		SB/ JK	Set fee
	Open day to be held Sunday prior to club flying week	SO	To organise once date confirmed as above
	women go gliding day to be organised in July	SO	To confirm dates with ES
	Summer exped to organised to flatland site in mid August.	PS	Advise date and advertise, research suitable clubs
Stragetic Plan	To be published in AGM minutes		

Capital Projects	The capital projects list was discussed and prioritised as 1. HCF refinish 2. MT Hangar 3. Hangar floor 4. EGF Refinish In addition the following projects have committed funding 1. Winch 2. Toilet block 3. Launch point control	JK	Provide financial model of the projects (MT Hangar assumed £4k. Refinishes to be undertaken in winter months)
AOB	Trial lesson fees to remain as per current	SO	Investigate varied marketing strategy
	Security, wildlife camera	RP	Purchase and install. Provide notices as required.
Next meeting	18th May		

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Finance Report

1 message

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Please find attached the management accounts. The only point really worthy of particular note is that Flying Fees are still up despite the abysmal February we had.

On a negative note David Nobel's father has not responded to requests to bring David's account up to date. As it stands, Stan has not received a membership renewal form from him. So if he arrives at the club can we reluctantly let him know he cannot fly? (Phil – can you let the instructor community know?). On the plus-side it looks like his dad has forgotten to cancel the £10/month standing order payment to us, so I am hopeful that his account will eventually be cleared if I keep quiet :)

Bank balance at the end of February was £35k. Quite a number of members had allowed their account balance to accumulate in order to pay membership fees, which were charged at the beginning of March.

Just to remind you, in financial terms, we had planned to repair the Latrine roof in March (Budget £500) and to start of the launch point in April (budget £1500). While the accountant in me is obviously ecstatic if money is not spent it would be very good to get on with these core improvement projects.

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There is a UK wide initiative to increase awareness of gliding called "Go Gliding" – video explaining what it is can be viewed here http://www.gogliding.co/ I have had contact with one of the folks behind this but haven't followed up on it so far. The main things they are looking for is to co-ordinate our social media efforts with Go Gliding and also a capital contribution towards 2 documentaries they are planning. They are looking for £750 per club.

Voucher sales were strong for Christmas but slower than normal in the period since Christmas. The YTD is that we are about 3 TL sales behind the same time last year. In terms of valid vouchers out there that we may get called upon to deliver are 14 half days, 31 regular TLs and 12 charity ones (the later being just a single launch).

I have emailed Liz to see if we should be considering some sort of women in gliding event.

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Re: Committee meeting - Tuesday 21st March

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AO report

Current Activities

- HCF is now derigged for ARC. No special requirements and expected to be complete within a few weeks.
- K8 due next on 26/4/17. Will follow on from HCF after Easter.
- Vega due for a reweigh 10/4/17
    - We have equipment to do this and Andy will put it in the diary
    - Plan to weigh with and without ballast as a check on the placard
    - Pete has ordered a new Radio
    - Artificial horizon also available
    - Both should ideally be installed before weighing but not essential
- Other minor items reported and will be investigated:
    - T&S on JPC not function
    - Canopy on JPC stiff

JMX
Interest in JMX has been light and as noted by Steve we are being undercut on this by another UK club. This raises a number of questions for discussion.

Options are:

- Re advertise and play the long game
- Drop the price
- Keep it

The following needs to be considered:

- The aircraft is airworthy until the end of June and could be brought back into service in case of an issue with another 2 seater prior to this with minimal effort.
- If we retain the aircraft for any period of time storage needs to be considered. Needs to be under cover and dry and ideally not in EUFs trailer. We should look into options and cost.
- Lowering the price can only go so far. It has worth to use as a standby aircraft and for spares. A canopy for instances costs circa 6k pounds..
- It is highly likely that glue inspections on all K series will be required next year and every 3 years after that. We dont know which aircraft is better or what the outcome of an inspection would be. This does mean the aircraft has some value to us although this is not quantifiable. It also may mean that other clubs are in the market for a K13 to fill a gap in their fleet if other aircraft fail the inspection.

Thanks
Jim

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Airfield officer's Report

I had an impromptu meeting with our landlord on 4th March, during which we were able to discuss a number of matters, both of urgency and routine.

1. I expressed concern that, during the recent gale, a bough from an ash tree had fallen close to trailers and the gas reservoir and that there were similar overhanging branches.
2. We discussed repairing potholes on the track at the north end and at the main gate.
3. We discussed how the worst of the sunken areas of the airfield might be re-profiled.
4. Ringo said it might be possibly to move his site for burning agricultural waste to the unused area of the airfield at the south east corner.
5. He also mentioned that the commercial vehicles, etc. in Dingly Dell are to be removed and the site restored to nature.
6. Ringo has been offered a 40 foot container, which we can have for the cost of delivery. Should this materialise I need advice on a suitable location.
7. Site security - As regular access is required for water bowsers, etc. while cattle are in the adjacent field, gates may be left open from early in the morning until late at night.

At a subsequent meeting on the airfield with Ringo Hine and Roy Hibberd we discussed the best solution for items 1 (Ringo to use cherry picker to cut off branches) - 2 (RH to bring up a JCB when ground conditions permit) – 3. (RH to store piles of aggregate at strategic points around the airfield, strip off the turf, fill the dips and replace the grass.) There was no discussion as to who will pay for what.

Other matters

Generator - oil leak is from a push rod sleeve, can get parts but major job to fix it.
Ken H Seems to have got the auxiliary generator running
KH has also fixed club house heater (again)
Thanks to Jonty for clearing the fallen branch.

Discussion please – possibility of using grass matting in place of cardboard sheets currently used to keep mud out of launch caravan.