

Southern Hang Gliding Paragliding Club Annual General Meeting Minutes



Date/ Time: 29 November 2016, 7pm Queenstown Memorial Centre

Committee Present: Mark Hardman (MJH1), Derek Divers (DD), Melanie Heather (MH), Katka Cerna (KC), Cathal McLoughlin (CM) & Blake Round (BR).

Members: Hannah Ruthford, Michael Anyon, Jack Bailey, Warrick Boustred, Joe Bradshaw, Tim Brown, Alfredo Bustamante, Daniel Diaz Rizo, Ian Douglass, Pete Helliwell, Carl Horne, Benjamin Kellett, Shai Lanuel, Paul McGinley, Zach Morris, Ian Nicol, Doug Patterson, Chris Shaw, Alan Swann, Louis Tapper & Richard Van Nieuwkoop.

Committee Apologies: Craig Smith (CS), Helen Jeffery (HJ), Dan Puglsey.

Club Member Apologies: Nathan Hyslop, Kath Jones, Phil Hystek, Vicky Zadrozny.

Minuted by: Melanie Heather (MJH2) reviewed by -

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Meeting opened at: 7.15 pm

General Discussion - What do members want?

Louis Tapper suggested the Club holds a regular (monthly) club day. The legalities of members / committee holding events was discussed.

1. Membership numbers, recap of events, members achievements

Refer to attached slides.

Coronet carpark astro turf - Shai made a request "ensure the sand stays in place. Do not remove it". The team that installed the astro turf plan to put a mound of earth and tussock around the new astro turf to protect it from ski field traffic. NZ Ski assisted with the astro turf installation by providing their machinery.

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Richard Van Nieuwkoop and Keith Clapson were recognised and thanked for the maintenance of a number of weather stations/ fixing issues.

Derek Divers, with the assistance of Louis Tapper, were recognised for their organisation of the Southern Club Regional XC Competition during the 2015/16 year.

2. **Annual accounts**

Refer to attached slides.

We were over budget for membership fees but under budget for bank account interest. The newly elected Committee may consider looking for a better interest rate. The budget / accounts need to be signed off and sent off for us to maintain our Incorporated Society status.

We didn't spend any money on the website but did have budget for it last year. It was proposed that the budget rolls forward to this year.

The Site Development Fund is there to encourage Club Members to carry out projects / site improvements / maintenance work.

It was reiterated that the Club is trying to accumulate funds / money for the purpose of protecting sites in the future i.e. buying a take-off / landing field if the opportunity arose or for a lawyer.

The closing balance is \$43,830.

3. **Budget**

\$3,000 is proposed for the Site Development Fund this year. This will accumulate to \$4,795 which the roll over from the last financial year. Shai Lanuel said NZ Ski may do some work near Rocky Gully. Commercial operators will pay a contribution.

There is a slight loss in the budget but it includes Terraces launch fees x 2 as we were not invoiced in 2015/16 year. But it will happen.

Mark proposed the membership fee is reduced to \$40 (a \$5 reduction). He believes due to our membership numbers increasing, we can maintain building our reserves while still

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maintaining what we are doing. This would lead to a \$1,500 decrease in funds if the membership fee is dropped in \$40 per person.

All present chose to maintain the club membership fees at \$45 per person.

A member asked why wouldn't someone choose to become a member of a cheaper club? This was changed at the recent AGM - you must join the Club where you learnt to fly. However once you are passed your first year, there is nothing stopping you from joining another club.

4. Update from the Committee

Refer to attached slides.

a. Coronet Peak

Blake Round was thanked for trying his best with NZ Ski. The **Club will be signed up to the FMC shortly**. This will give our Club a stronger voice.

Ross Copland is leaving NZ Ski. The Club will approach the new manager once he/she is employed.

b. Terraces

The old boundary went down the centre line of the State Highway. Pilots pleaded ignorance (thick line). However during CAA consultation we lost the main landing field once CAA clarified the boundary. The Committee worked with CAA to find a solution. CAA created a new GAA / boundary which allows us to peel off the end of the ridge below 2,100ft in to the landing field. The landing field is now protected. The visual line is the Arrow River and the gully to the east,

Mark talked to the Terraces launch land owner (David Stretch) about obtaining a formal lease agreement. He is willing to consider signing an agreement. We pay \$2,000 per year but this is under a gentlemen's agreement. We have no legal jurisdiction over the site. For example, it would be difficult for the Club to charge commercial operators that don't support the Club or non-members.

Committee to circulate bike lock combination for Terraces tools.

c. Cardrona and Treble Cone

Refer to attached slides.

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Skifield road is closed till mountain biking starts. Please respect road closure. Mark is working on getting a concession card for Cardrona's chairlift during the summer. Stand by.

Treble Cone

Ensure the padlock is always locked.

Mark and Mel had a meeting with Mark from Wild Wire to discuss their operation. Wild wire is discussing having a trip from the top of the waterfall which will involve a helicopter (ferrying customers back down the waterfalls via helicopter about 4pm). Richard confirmed it won't affect Wanaka Paragliding. Wild Wire is now aware that we generally operate on channel 33.

d. Skyline

Refer to attached slides.

Mark and Craig negotiated a paragliding Annual Pass rate for Southern Club members with Lyndon at Skyline. A request was put through to the NZHGPA to put 'club' on our membership cards to prove club membership for this sole purpose. The NZHGPA obliged.

Rec. ground landing field - summary of discussions with QLDC was presented. Shai suggested the Committee speaks with Andrew from OSH. Signs aren't generally accepted.

The biggest issue at Skyline is the pager network expiring in March 2016. Gene Downer has been working on a cell phone based App. He is keen to learn some new code. He is confident he can build something suitable. However this needs someone from the club (ideally a committee member) to drive the project forward. Mark doesn't have the time or desire to do it this time around. Ideally a number of people are involved with the project to ensure continuity. The people involved could be within / out of the committee, it could be formal or informal. It just needs some motivated people. Louis offered to help from the technical side, not the MOU/ documentation side.

The MOU between the Club and ZQN tower will need to be reviewed by Airways legal team. In reality we now only have a few months to get a system in place and the MOU updated. The principle of a cellphone based App has been raised and the tower are comfortable with the idea.

Louis Tapper questions the cell phone based App approach as cell phones and the technology change rapidly. There is a level of vulnerability, exposed to change. He is concerned about doing custom Apps. Pilots not having a Smart Phone is a limiting factor. Reliable two way comms with the tower is top priority. UHF was discussed again - it was

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explored a number of years ago when Skyline first became an issue.

The tower won't document what they need but informally they need - a robust system that lets them know who is airborne, the ability to notify us and confirmation that we have been notified. It is unlikely we won't find a solution. Mark has offered to assistant for continuity (only with the background info).

Someone asked if we can invest in a developer? Mark is in support of this. Others? A proposal would need to be tabled and approved. It could potentially come out of the Site Development Fund.

Someone asked if we could operate under G Force's MOU - this is not an option.

Can we work on a text system? Alert would be the problem.

e. **Naughty People**

Jeopradising our relationship with sites/ CAA.

Frankton beach - don't fly! Not supposed to be in the air. Don't get high, you may get arrested, fine is \$1500 plus loss of licence.

There has been a number of airspace breaches (a number at Coronet and the Terraces). Please don't upload airspace breaches on the internet! They are being checked by the NZHGPA. You can check flight logs via an Australian air check site: xcaustralia.org/aircheck

Many pilots are not logging out of pager system - tt undermines the system, the process and the MOU with the Tower. Look after your peers. Remind people, if you see someone logged in and you know they are not there - remind them to log out.

Flight Park - white line packing area. Use it! Discount for Southern Club members at Coffee Shop.

f. **Other bits and pieces**

Derek Divers initiated an Emergency Plan. This is being finalised. The idea is that pilots have this on hand in case of an emergency.

Melanie Heather initiated an Event Plan template. This is to assist event organisers with identifying potential hazards and mitigation measures. This was a result of concerns over H&S / legislation. If your event wants financial support from the Club it is more likely to get

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signoff if the event organiser has been through the basic processes around H&S.

Gifts been given to a number of land owners. QTN gifts were late this year but went out over the summer.

Facebook guidelines / policy written by Kath Jones. No unfriendly discussions since.

The NZHGPA AGM was discussed briefly. More specifically the PG3 XC requirement changes.

West Coast airspace review: The Southern Club requests it be added to the list of affected parties for any changes to uncontrolled airspace (including Mandatory Broadcast Zones) south of the line from Whataroa to Methven.

Wanaka Airport governance. Issue / incident by Wanaka airport. Mark will offer to do a presentation to the airport user group and will discuss what we do and where we go. In summary: The Club opposes any decision which will lead to a loss of QLDC's control of the strategic direction of Wanaka airport.

OTHER IDEAS IN THE PIPELINE

- Website improvements
- Club clothing
- Review of site authorisations - will be addressed at an NZHGPA level now.
- Updating signage / QR codes for out of date signs. Anyone good at graphic design? Need to get updated airspace on these signs.

5. Committee Elections

Thank you to the 2015/16 committee! Mark Hardman, Melanie: Heather, Ian Clark, Blake Round, Katka Cerna, Jim Rooney, Keri Mapperson, Cathal McLoughlin, Derek Divers, Helen Jeffery, Craig Smith & James Mitchell.

It was emphasised that four roles must be filled to fulfil the requirements of the Club Constitution. 3 of which are vacant. Mark said he would remain on the Committee if right President came forward to assist with the transition.

Sharing of roles, the new committee electing a chair, a paid president position were all explored as no one was coming forward for the President and Secretary positions. Mark did say he would call a SGM to propose closing down the Club if a President did not step

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forward.

It was decided that the newly formed Committee would meet within 2 weeks to discuss a way forward. Craig Smith wasn't present at the meeting but Shai said he was willing to co-share the President's role with someone else.

Two positions remained vacant: President and Secretary, all other roles were filled as per the table below.

Position	Name	Nominated By	Seconded By
President	VACANT		
Secretary	VACANT		
Treasurer	Katka Cerna	Melanie Heather	All
Paragliding Safety officer	Blake Round	Melanie Heather	All
Hang Gliding Safety Officer	Pete Helliwell	Melanie Heather	All
Sites Officer	Cathal McLoughlin	Melanie Heather	All
Events Officer	Chris Shaw	Melanie Heather	All
IT/ Web Officer	Daniel Diaz Rizo	Melanie Heather	All
Airspace Officer	David Hansen	Cathal McLoughlin	All
Committee Member (1)	Louis Tapper	Melanie Heather	All
Committee Member (2)	Helen Jeffery	Melanie Heather	All
Committee Member (3)	Craig Smith	Melanie Heather	All

6. Questions

No questions.

Meeting closed at: 9.50 pm

Next meeting: Date and Venue TBD.

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