

Minutes for SHGPGC General Meeting

15th August, 2018

Queenstown Events Centre

7pm

In the lead up to the NZHGPA's AGM to be held in early September in Wellington this meeting was organized to read and discuss the given Agenda for that meeting that Southern Club delegates be informed and members notified.

Present: Ben, Mark, Tim, Karl, Evan, Craig (and daughter Mia) Blake, Hanna, Chris, Helen, Ian, Shai and Pumba

Apologies: Dean, Melanie.

The Meeting opened at 7:05pm with a screen presentation of the Agenda. Relevant items were viewed and discussed.

In particular, owing to a spate of accidents and incidents this last year, CAA is urging, via the NZHGPA, that members be made more aware of risk analysis when flying and in particular to risk involving the general public. e.g low flying over roads. Consideration is to be given to amending published Site Briefings to this fact. The Skyline-Gondola site and landing at the Recreation ground is of particular concern. This matter is to be further discussed at the next Committee meeting. It is important to be proactive in this matter.

Notification that the current NZHGPA President (Kyla McDonald) and Treasurer (Derek Divers) were resigning their positions on the NZHGPA Exec. Gratitude to those officers was expressed. The NZHGPA exec. is seeking new officers to fulfill Exec roles. If no members come forward then it may be that the NZHGPA will be operating in breach of it's constitution. It was mentioned that Exec members don't have to be pg / hg pilots. Owing to the new format of the Exec. NZHGPA exec members may be skilled in any area e.g. I.T. that is useful for the Association. On this note, members at the meeting were encouraged to consider joining the exec if they felt they had skills and time to commit for a term.

The financial statement and budget was discussed. Specific questions were answered, and the members present agreed that it is acceptable to budget for a small loss – this has been the pattern for the past few years, and in fact the loss usually doesn't become a reality as budgeted for ideas do not come to full fruition or cost.

With only one Remit presented regarding a reduction of NZHGPA membership fees owing to an increase in NZHGPA members it didn't take long to get through this issue. Having just been presented with a Budget deficit for next year it was deemed that to reduce membership fees was not wise. Remit 1 defeated unanimously.

It was mentioned that it was possible for last minute remits and changes to the Constitution may occur at the AGM. Mark Hardman proposed that the 4 (or

more) members / delegates indicating that they would attend be authorized to represent the Club. Motion Approved, seconded by Helen Jeffrey.

On completion of the Agenda it was proposed by Mark Hardman that the Agenda, as presented, had been viewed and discussed. Approved. Seconded by Helen Jeffrey.

Other business:

Ben informed the group of the potential development of a new launch site at Mt Dick on the west side of the Lake at Kingston. There had recently been land ownership changes and DoC now controlled the road but it needed a lot of work. Kingston locals were happy to assist and develop paragliding activities (notably acro.) from this site as it involved the local community. Acro competitions and SIV courses have been held from this site in previous years. Ben was asking if the Club would be able to assist in the road development and maintenance. The answer: yes and in fact the Club maybe able to draw on NZHGPA funds as well. Ongoing research is being conducted, and final decisions will be dependent on the cost. Well done Ben.

Mark Hardman expressed concerns over a new endeavor involving Commercial remotely controlled drones to be based out of Alexandra airport. It seems the Company involved is requesting from CAA a possible restricted area extending 15nm out from the airport up to 3500ft. It doesn't look like local air users have been consulted. Mark Hardman was investigating with the view to lodging an objection.

Mark Hardman also requested an update on PG operations, particularly with regards to landing, at Treble Cone in view of recent car-park developments at the TC landing field. Tim was to contact Dean Orton and other members in Wanaka for any updates. Concerns expressed regarded the thermal instability (rough air) over landing due to the gravel and the proximity of cars, and the public, at the landing field.

As the Events Centre closes at 9pm.

Meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Thank you for all those members that attended

Minutes written by: Tim Brown. Reviewed by Helen Jeffrey 17th August 2018