



SOUTHERN HANGGLIDING PARAGLIDING CLUB

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Annual General Meeting 2022

Minutes

Location: Cardrona Hall, Cardrona

Date: 18-11-2021

Time: 1915 – 2115 (BBQ from 1830)

Apologies: Louis Tapper, Hannah Rutherford, Blake Round, Kat Cerna, Ewan MacKie, Craig Smith, Doug Patterson, Kylie Parkes

Attendees: Tim Brown (chairperson), Chris Connolly, Jesse Dhue, Melanie Heather, Amelia Mc George, Sanae Noguchi, Nina Harrap, Sam Lees, Bradley Franks plus about 30 other members.

The meeting was well attended and popular with a BBQ prior. Tim opened the meeting with the Presidents Report but meant to read the Previous Minutes first as per the Agenda. However:

1. 2021 AGM minutes read and agreed correct

Accepted	Chris Connolly
Seconded	Jesse Dhue
Approved	

2. Presidents Report: Welcome. Explained the decision for using the Cardrona Hall as it being half way for most members and that it was important to support the Cardrona community and present a more public image. Review of 2022 events and proposed 2023 events. Main issues still regards Sites and Airspace. Specific mention of:

- The Terraces are back to normal but be mindful of Mr Weldon's property. Ensure that any interactions with Mr Weldon are reported. Save your tracklogs. The importance of top landings was stressed as the primary landing option as bottom landing options are becoming very limited. (Mark Hardman later briefed the members on the history of the Terraces with regards the Easement (which has no legal access to it!) and so it is important to keep supporting the Clubs relationship with David Stretch (property owner) and of continuing the \$2000/annum gratuity.
- Coronet Peak carpark 4 was damaged by NZ Ski's snow-ploughs. They were apologetic and helped reconcile the damage. A Club team got together recently and re-surfaced the site. All good. Recommended that signs / cones / chains be erected to advise other carpark users of the Club site. Don't wait

for the grass to get too long at both CP sites. Get onto the Wapp groups and organize a clean up /cut yourself. All members to be proactive regards sites maintenance.

- Mt Iron is in the final stages of being aquisitioned by QLDC. Major works will be undertaken soon. Please keep away for the moment.
 - Treble Cone. Major works to re-develop the launch were delayed in 2022 due to ongoing discussions with DoC. Works on the takeoff will be significant when they do occur probably later in the summer (see financial report). The Landing zone has had major Improvements done by both Club members and Richard at 'Wanaka Paragliding'. Thank you.
- Vicky, Dan and Doug keep a good eye on the proceedings there.

Airspace: Throughout NZ drones in airspace are becoming an issue. Recently Dawn Aerospace has applied for a significant and large drone operation out of Glentanner Station just south of the Mt Cook National Park but well within the MBZ. The Club has made representation to object. The revised operating area is deemed to have minimal impact on PG /HG operations as pilots would be on MBZ frequencies anyway. QLDC is reviewing flight operations in and around Wanaka airport with the idea of setting up an MBZ. This would have a significant effect on day-to-day PG /HG operations. An objection has been lodged with QLDC. QLDC is aware of our concerns. Apparently this 'MBZ' idea was floated some years ago and they were told that if 50-100 pg pilots were to use airband radios and report as per MBZ requirements then it would flood the MBZ frequency to such an extent that Wanaka Airport operations would become impossible. None-the-less, we're being 'squeezed' and some restrictions might have to be made. The region of most concern is the crossing from Mt Roy to Mt Maude which crosses approach and departure flight paths to the airfield.

It was urged that pilots get an ARO rating and use airband radios. There are discreet glider frequencies that can be used e.g. 133.55 (for Operations) and 134.00 for general comms with other users e.g. Hang-gliders.

The Club now has only one Airband radio for member use (Louis Tapper purchased the other). Bradley Franks has that radio.

Note that on the new Airspace charts the PLZ at Hawea Flat is shown as a 2nm radius on the LZ when in fact it is a rectangular shape. It is OK to transit if you have comms with the operators otherwise steer clear.

Administration: If you hold a position of administration back up and write down what it is that you do. Nico's passing has left a few 'holes' in that we are unable to access or do not have knowledge on how to conduct some of the tasks that he did! Sanae has taken over several of Nico's roles notably WoFs, Gondola administration and ZHF. Amelia has taken over the Secretary role and Bradley Franks the Safety Officer.

The Club's WhatsApp and FB platforms have been great in enhancing Club communications but be mindful of what goes up there especially regards privacy issues. It's difficult to get members to take on administrative roles but they are important. Being involved with the administrative side of things , both at National and Club level, gives one a much rounder and more mature appreciation for the Sport. Get involved!

Mark Hardman has stepped away from, and wound up the 'Paraventures' training school. Mark has been a stalwart of the training scene, and more, for a long time and though he will still be in the area and flying his contribution will be sorely missed. Thank you Mark Hardman.

Angus Tapper will not be operating his tandem business this summer.

Chris Connolly is now the only training school in the region. Let us support Chris in his endeavours.

Members are encouraged to present a more public face by utilising other public venues

(such as Cargo Bar, Fork n Tap, Kai's) so that the public begins to recognize us as an active, social contributor to the community.

Tim Brown is stepping down as President after six years, though he is staying on the Committee to assist especially with Finances and Airspace. Thank you Tim. Nina Harrap is going to take over the reins. She'll have a different and new perspective for the Club. Let us welcome and support Nina.

Proposed that the Presidents report be accepted as read

Proposed Amelia McGeorge
Seconded Melanie Heather
Approved

3. **Safety Report:** Bradley Franks addressed the group as the new Safety Officer. Safety begins early in the flight or even prior to take-off. It's an attitude. Don't wait until landing! Please report all accidents / incidents via the NZHGPA 'no blame' incident reporting system. It's for the good of the whole community. Looks forward to working with Nina.
4. **Financial Report:** The financial Report was presented and explained by Tim. The Club is in pretty good shape with a net profit last year of over \$7500. Total assets of around \$85000. The main source of revenue is the membership fees. They didn't change much due to Covid. Main expenses were Sites maintenance, Wind meters and Social events. Treble Cone works may be significant in 2023 and so it was proposed that:

"The Committee is approved to expend up to \$15000 for legally approved site development at Treble Cone's Pub Corner' in this financial year"

Proposed Mark Hardman
Seconded Vicki Zadrozny
Approved

(N.B.: In a non-meeting discussion with Committee members with Tim recently it was proposed that the Club approach the Central Lakes Trust for financing for Club issues)

Proposed that the 2022 Financial Report be accepted as read.

Proposed Melanie Heather
Seconded Jesse Dhue.
Approved

5. **Committee for 2022-2023**

- Tim Brown resigned as President after six years but remains on the Committee
- Nina Harrap is elected the new President.
 - Proposed Tim Brown
 - Seconded Chris Connolly
- Approved
- Kat Cerna resigns from the Committee but remains as a Banking signatory.
- All other committee members keep their position
- 2022 - 2023 committee
 - Nina Harrap President
 - Amelia McGeorge Secretary
 - Bradley Franks Paragliding Safety Officer
 - Pete Helliwell Hang gliding Safety Officer
 - Tim Brown Treasurer, Airspace
 - Vicky Zadrozny Events Coordinator
 - Daniel Diaz Rizo IT/Website

- Doug Patterson Wanaka representative
- Ben Kellett General committee member
- Louis Tapper General committee member
- Sam Lees General committee member
- Jesse Dhue General committee member

Approved by all present.

6. Other Business:

- First Aid kits. There is a need for good ‘trauma’ first aid kits at the landing sites (Flight Park and Treble Cone). Discussion with NZ Ski’s ‘Swanny’ was urged as he has experience with trauma first aid requirements. Quite a long discussion ensued. Mention was made of the need for a practical first aid kit to be stored at launch, or better, the landing fields.

Motion: The Committee is urged to purchase trauma first aid kits to the value of \$1000 as they see fit.

Proposed: Mark Hardman

Seconded: Vicki Zadrozny

Approved

(Note: Tim recently had the PCC first aid kit updated. St Johns does not do them. A chemist was used to upgrade)

- Sanae Noguchi stressed the importance of members to sign out of ZHF and the Gondola and to ensure that others also do. Please follow up. It costs the club financially everytime a text is made.
- Dan emphasized that it needn’t be the social committee member only that comes up with social ideas. Any member can do so and organize Club events (e.g. Swanny and the Pigeon Island fly-in (hugely successful this year) Thank you Swanny).
- Melanie Heather mentioned that, with the again arrival of many visiting pilots, the importance for local pilots to step forward and ensure that those VP’s are licenced in accordance with NZHGPA requirements.
- Chris Connolly asked if there needs to be a professionally gardener required to sow grass at the Terraces. Josh will investigate a gardener for use of hydro-seed.
- Abe suggested forming a 5 member sub-committee to oversee sites maintenance and management. The general concensus was ‘not really’ as that can be done from within the existing Committee and that members must be prepared to initiate efforts to maintain day to day upkeep of the sites by using the existing Club social media.

Meeting closed at 2115.

Minutes compiled by Amelia and Tim.

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