



SOUTHERN HANGGLIDING PARAGLIDING CLUB

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Annual General Meeting 2024

Minutes

Location: Cardrona Hall, Cardrona
Date: 15/11/24
Time: 1850 - 2115 (BBQ from 1800)
Apologies: Sam Lees, Nathan Hyslop
Attendees: Jesse Dhue (chairperson via Online video), Tim Brown, Chris Connolly, Mark Hardman, Vicky Zadrozny, Kat Cerna, Bradley Franks plus about 25 other members.

The meeting was well attended and popular with a BBQ prior. Jesse opened the meeting (via Online video) with the Presidents Report.

- 2023 AGM minutes:** read and agreed correct
Accepted: Bradley Franks
Seconded: Mal Haskins
Approved
- Presidents Report:** Presented by Jesse Dhue. Welcome. Acknowledgement of members that assist and contribute to management of the Club to safeguard our flying. Review of 2023 events: Coupe d'Coronet, NZ PG Nationals in Rotorua (where Louis Taper and Sanae Noguchi excelled), Acrofest, MagicLand, Wanaka Hike & Fly, WoF nights and Para-clinics. Sites: Zach Morris has stepped up to administer and manage sites. The Terraces and Coronet RG require ongoing maintenance. Please assist. Richard does a great job of ensuring TC gets maintained. The Gondola MOU is due for renewal in May 2025 and the Coronet Summit weather station is up for a major upgrade in the near future. Our Holfuys may become severely restricted as they are old and 2G is being phased out. Ongoing issues with attaining sites at the old CP forestry block. Mt Iron has been re-established. Let's try and keep it that way. Ongoing issues with Whitechapel Road, QLDC and Wanaka Airport. The Societies Registry requires that all Registered Societies re-do their Constitutions according to guidelines. This is a big job and best if members can step up to assist. Currently awaiting guidance from NZHGPA. Needs to be ratified by AGM and is due Apr26. It takes a lot of work to administer the Club and to maintain our continuing ability to fly. The Club needs members to step up to assist. Many hands make light work! Gratefully.

Accepted: Vicki Zadrozny
Seconded: Helen Jeffrey
Approved

3. **Financial Investments:** Once again Craig Smith stepped forward to request that the Club purchase 4000 shares in the "Skyline" so as to better appreciate our financial assets and to perhaps secure a say in what developments occur with the Skyline. There is a minimum of a 4000 share purchase and at current valuations that would amount to about \$64000 of the club's money. (About 65% of current finances). A long discussion ensued with concerns made about investing in one share that may be difficult to offload and Skyline has issues with the Courts at the moment due to water damage. It was suggested that a more diversified portfolio under professional management be a better option if the Club was to invest. Questions were raised as to whether our current Constitution allows for such a large investment of Club financial assets. A long-term approach was deemed a good option.

A motion was put forward;

- That the Committee appoints a financial advisory group to invest the Clubs financial assets which is in accordance with the Clubs Constitution and that the Club executive put out an email seeking expressions of interest for members willing to be included in such an advisory group.

Proposed: Mark Hardman
Seconded: Shane Galloway

4. **Financial report 2024:** Jesse presented the Clubs financial report for the 2023-24 year. This year the Club used the services of a local accounting firm to review our finances for a report to be submitted to the Societies Registry. That report was simplified into an 'excel' format for presentation to the members. The Club currently has about \$96000 in available cash and made a profit of about \$6850 for the year due to NZHGPA subs/bank interest and Club events. Total income for the year was \$24200 and expenditure \$17400. The budget for next year was discussed. Bradley Franks (Safety Officer) requested that monies be budgeted for Safety related issues.

Accepted: Vicky Zadrozny
Seconded: Doug Patterson
Approved

5. **Safety Report:** Bradley Franks (Safety PG) presented a Safety Report for 2024. He was generally happy with Safety concerns remarking that we are now below the five year average for accidents and incidents. Most of the incidents occur for pilots with 100-250 hours experience and there is often a misconception of what exactly happened! Radio communication is important and particularly with other airspace users (airband). All in all a good season. It was remarked by Shai that the Flight Park is now allowing frisbee golfers to use that property. Be aware. Chris Connolly remarked that his students try and fly to his 'containers' but be mindful of student pilots.

Pete Helliwell (Safety HG) was not in attendance to submit a HG report.

6. **Committee for 2025:** Several members have stepped forward to fill vacant positions. Notably Zac Morris, Anthony Saupin and Chris Adams.

The Committee for 2024-25 is:

- President Jesse Dhue
- Secretary **Chris Adams**
- Treasurer **Anthony Saupin**
- Safety (PG) Bradley Franks
- Safety (HG) Pete Helliwell
- Airspace Ben Kellett
- Sites **Zac. Morris**
- Events Vicky Zadrozny
- IT/Website Daniel Diaz Rlzo
- General Tim Brown
 Craig Smith
 Sam Lees
 Nathan Hyslop
 Louis Tapper
 Doug Patterson (Wanaka)

Accepted: Tim Brown
Seconded: Derek Divers

Approved

7. **Bank Signatories 2024-2025:** As a result of newly filled positions for Treasurer and Secretary a revision to the current signatories for the Club accounts at Kiwi Bank is required. As Kylie Parkes is no longer on the Committee she is to be removed as a signatory. Two new signatories are: Chris Adams and Anthony Saupin. Jesse Dhue and Tim Brown will assist in getting amendments made to the Kiwi Bank signatories.

Accepted: Jesse Dhue
Seconded: Shane Galloway

Approved

8. **General Business:**

Daniel Pugsley presented a report on MagicLand both past and future. He wants to make it a feature of the Southern PG calendar and this year also include a NZHGPA 50th anniversary year display. Looking for members to facilitate this event. Grateful to local tandem and helicopter operators that assisted with MagicLand 24. Appreciated the integration of MagicLand24 with Acrofest. Asked that the Club fund TC shuttles for a day and to sponsor a BBQ for Magicland25.

Shane Galloway reported and spoke about the new weather station for the top of Greengates at Coronet Peak. Mention was made of the cooperation with 'G Force ' and 'NZ Ski'. This is a very punishing environment and the new station will be more robust than existing.

Shai Lanuel commented on a renewed agreement between DoC and NZ Ski. The Rocky Gully road is particularly sensitive. NZ Ski spends tens of thousands of dollars each year to maintain it and they are now responsible for it. They require that public traffic drive very carefully and respectfully on that road (less than 20 kph) or they will shut it to public vehicular

traffic. Cameras have now been installed to monitor traffic. Perhaps the Club could compensate a little financially.

SkyTrek has installed new 'grass' at CP4. There is a conversation with DoC to upgrade CP4. There will possibly be changes to the launch at CP4 if/when the new Gondola from Coronet Peak Station Road is installed. This may benefit PG/HG operations.

Chris Connolly promoted up-coming SIV courses in Dec and Jan for 14 people per course. This is a very popular event run by visiting pilots. Chris will also be running a Vol-Biv course and a Competition Flying course in the near future. Please be mindful of Student pilots when approaching to land at the Flight Park.

Tim Brown and Louis Tapper spoke of ongoing conversations with QLDC regarding gaining access and for establishing takeoffs (particularly half way up) the 'Forestry Block' ridge. They are hoping to meet with Council again in the near future.

Louis remarked that he'd like to run a Southern Fun competition along the lines of last year's event. He is looking for a member to fulfill the Directors role whilst pilots compete. Concerns were expressed for changes to Wanaka airspace as Wanaka airport further develops. Louis is investigating weather stations and weather links for backcountry flying.

Shane Galloway requests that standard tasks be documented on the website. A reminder that Holfuy 2G will be winding up shortly.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 2115

Minutes compiled by Tim Brown. Reviewed by Chris Adams. Approved by Jesse Dhue