

MINUTES OF THE PIAKO GLIDING CLUB HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.30PM

Present: Iggy Wood, Steve Care, Nigel Brinkworth, Joan Wine, Bob Gray, Julian Mason, Dave Dennison. Malcolm Piggott, Tony Davies, Tim Bromhead.

Minutes 19 October: The minutes of the meeting were read and were a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved Nigel Sec Dave

Carried

Matters Arising: Iggy to send club rules to Steve to action. Website and on the Incorporated website. **Action Iggy and Steve**

Iggy thanked everyone who helped with organising the hangar for John Shuttleworths funeral. Bob talked to Rob Shuttleworth about the bar tab which has been waived due to John's subscription being paid for the year.

Inward Correspondence:

- CAA – letter re safety occurrence reported by CAA. **Iggy to respond.**
- Mavis Oates – associate membership cheque attached.

Outward Correspondence:

- Letter to Jeff Randrup re resignation.

Financial Report: Bob Gray: Attached.

Accounts were presented for payment.

Payments of accounts were approved.

Signatories for the accounts need to be ascertained and the new officers notified to the bank. Once this is done, Bob will open an investment account for the money from PK to be put until the purchase of a glider is made.

Moved Bob Sec Nigel.

Carried

CFI Report- Julian Mason: Attached.

Discussion around the use of 04/22 was discussed. The grass on the runway was a problem and always has been for a good long time now. The council needs to understand this is a runway, not a grass harvesting option and will be bought up at the Users meeting next week.

Moved Julian Sec Steve

Carried

Chief Tow Pilot Report: Iggy Wood: Report attached. The flarm is yet to be fitted but we need a mobile model which is around 630 euros, NZ\$1000. The committee approved the purchase and Iggy will contact Alan Belworthy to purchase. **Action Iggy.**

Moved Iggy Sec Tim

Carried

Maintenance Officers Report- Neil Raymond – Attached.

Committee agreed to the winch repairs to be done. Nigel to convey to Neil.

Nigel also advised that the jockey wheel on SN's trailer needs to be replaced.

Committee gave the go ahead. **Action Nigel.**

NI – cracks in the canopy need attention. Some filler might need to be purchased to assist with this. Moved Joan Sec Nigel

Carried

Club Captains Report – Dave Dennison: HBHS would like a winch and aero tow day on Tuesday 6th December. There will be 9 students and 1 teacher. Helpers to assist are 2 instructors and a winch driver and a pilot. Tony offered to tow, thanks Tony.

Once again Rodney ATC was discussed and agreed yet again that the calendar was too full to accommodate them until next year. Dave to advise.

Action Dave.

Moved Dave, sec Tony

Carried

Bar Managers Report – Bill Mace: No report.

Users Committee Report: Dave Dennison: No report.

New Members: Robert Lee, Derek Shipley. Approved. Vaughan McCann also approved pending membership form being received.

General Business

1. **XP request Nationals** – Maurice Weaver has been approved. Julian to contact. Requests for PC for upcoming course and competition. Julian has approved 2 pilots.
2. **PK – offers from Sailplane Services** – S/S offered the following. \$2000 everything removed. \$3000 with the radio, transponder, PLB, first aid kit and Steve's stopwatch ;-) etc. removed. \$5000 with everything retained. The committee agreed on the \$3000 option. Julian moved, sec Nigel. The extra tail plane and canopy will be offered to them as well.
3. **Cross Country Course** – Need an instructor from Piako, Julian will put out a request to the Instructors. Charges for the course for PC are 90cents per minute up to \$162 per day.
4. **New glider options:** Dave gave an overview of what is available here and overseas. New or used? Basic, aerobatic, advanced. Options: ASK 21, DG101 club, Perkoz (new Puchacz). One of the greatest challenges to achieving this is finance. Bob to contact Karen Morgan from GNZ re a loan. Action Bob.

Questions and Some Answers

What type of glider does the club need?

Do we need two 2 seater gliders – Answer: Yes

Should we mothball PC due to limitations in weight? Probably

Should we buy 1 or 2 of Tauranga Gliding Clubs twins in the meantime? Possibly.

Should we rationalise the fleet with the sale of SN?

The tow plane will need to have a new engine fitted or replaced in the near future. This is another big financial burden for the club.

Where to from here?

5. **Trello Board** – Tony has been working on the clubs finances for the last 5 years and he has come to the conclusion that we are not making any money to cover purchases of new equipment. Although this is incomplete, the picture is still the same.

Meeting Closed 9.50pm

NEXT MEETING: 21 December 7.00pm (Please note earlier time)