

Avon HGPG Club Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: Zoom

Date: 9th November 2021

Start Time: 8pm

Present: Robert Kingston - Chairman
Graham Richards - Treasurer
Rich Harding - Secretary / Webmaster
James Allen - Social Secretary
William Clive - Safety Officer
Nick Beck - PG Competitions
Sean Simmons - PG Low Airtime
Rod Taylor - Librarian
Tim Carr - PG Chief Coach
Gareth Evans - HG Rep

Apologies: Wez Murch - Sites Officer

Review of AGM minutes

Approved.

SIV trips status

The committee had previously agreed (via Telegram) that we would support the facilitation of either one or two club SIV trips with Flyeo, but that we would not subsidise them. William reported that all but 3 spaces have been filled - the first course is full, the second has 5 people signed up.

Proposals for funding/subsidies:

Club funds have increased from 8K to 18K over 15 years, but the balance has been relatively constant in most years, as we have subsidised the Bash etc. We have received a variety of proposals for funding different activities, and all of these were discussed. There was a general consensus that significant subsidy of individual pilots is problematic, when annual membership is only 20/25 pounds per year. Concrete decisions were made about:

Westbury Weather station

It was unanimously agreed that we would purchase and install a Holfuy weather station at Edington airfield, at an equal height to Westbury take-offs, the owner and sole user of Edington airfield

being very supportive of this. It will cost 728 pounds to install, with 20 pounds a year ongoing costs.

Reserve repack

There was unanimous agreement that a reserve repack should be organised in January/February, that pilots would only be allowed to have one reserve repacked, for a donation of 20 pounds, and that any packer and venue costs (which should be kept to a maximum of 250 pounds) would be taken from the donations and the rest given to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Club Coaches

We already have 50 Club Coaches and the main challenge is to actually get as many as possible actively coaching. Tim is in the process of talking to all Club Coaches and asking where they coach. If northern or southern sites stated, this will be added to their Coach listing. Those not actively coaching will no longer be listed on the website.

Sites:

Tandem Air Experience Instruction (AEI) at Westbury/Selsley

The committee has no issue with this but would appreciate it if those wishing to undertake these activities notified the committee first.

W-S-M Dunes

We now have a site code for Weston Dunes but at the moment we would appreciate pilots not flying there as we are still negotiating with the council.

Barbed wire fence at Mere

There is now an electric fence as well as the main fence, so it may be possible to come up with either a permanent or temporary alternative to the barbed wire
Sean and Wez are going to go to Mere to discuss with the farmer

Cow Down Bowl

James will be investigating further the possibility of adding Cow Down as a site, liaising with Wez

Club Meetings Etc.

Club meeting this Thursday (11th) at The Compass, also on Zoom
December meeting will also be at The Compass; free flying-related
speaker to be arranged by James.

James will be asking the membership whether they would support moving
the monthly meetings to Bristol or Bath.

The Annual Awards dinner will be organised by James, probably in
February.

James will be organising a Curry night in December, unless the Covid
situation makes this difficult.

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Salisbury Plain (Watchkeeper Drone) Danger Area (SPDA)

James had attended a recent meeting of the SPDA working group to
discuss.

Rob was delegated to construct the Club's formal response to a
request for comments from interested parties.

The Chairman closed the meeting at a little after 10:30pm.

Rich Harding
Secretary