

Minutes of the Annual Pilots' Meeting 14 June 2008

The meeting commenced at 10:50 am.

Present:

SRC Representatives: R Gaddes (acting chair), T Terry, V Ruddick.

Members: D Cook, I Finlayson, K Morgan, T Jones, G White, T Van Dyk, P Schofield, M Weaver, S Care, S Tollestrup, T Passmore, S Barton, G Harrison, D Davidson, C McGrath, N Faulknor, P Miller, P Thorpe, H Turner, M Stevens.

Apologies:

S Cameron, D Dickinson, B Flewett, B Hunter.

Chairman's Report:

Ben Flewett's annual report was distributed and summarised by Ross Gaddes.

Incoming Committee:

Three new representatives were sought due to Trevor Terry retiring, Ben Flewett's term expiring and Trevor Atkins deceased. Ben wished to serve another term and there being only two nominations the new committee was confirmed as:

Ben Flewett, Ross Gaddes, Dane Dickinson, Vaughan Ruddick, Dennis Cook and Edouard Devenoges.

Prior Minutes:

Minutes of the previous AGM competition pilots' meeting held 23 June 2007 were read and accepted as a true and accurate record – T Terry / K Morgan.

Minutes from the pilots meeting held at Matamata 14 February 2008 were summarised by Ross Gaddes and accepted as a true and accurate record – T Van Dyk / P Schofield.

Matters Arising from the Prior Minutes:

None.

Remits:

No remits were presented from the regional pilots' meetings.

Selection Process for International Representatives:

The GNZ Executive had asked the SRC to recommend a new selection process, which had been done. There was some discussion around funding, the prioritisation of funding, pilots who are not based in NZ, the desirability of a planned campaign and the ability or likelihood of representatives giving something back to the sport in New Zealand as a result of their participation in international competitions.

It was agreed that the SRC recommendations as proposed be circulated for comment to be received by 30 August 2008. The final version then to be

distributed to competition pilots for a vote by return email before 30 September 2008. It would then be up to the Executive to consider the recommendations and to amend the MOAP as required.

Selection of Pilot Representatives:

One pilot representative was sought for the selection panel for international competition. There was some discussion around whether the candidates needed to be a previous GNZ representative in international competition or whether the candidate anticipated putting themselves up for selection to represent GNZ. Subsequently Tony Van Dyk was proposed by Paul Schofield seconded Ross Gaddes but Tony withdrew. Max Stevens was proposed by Karen Morgan and seconded by Grae Harrison, carried.

Contest Dates:

The following were confirmed:

2008 South Island Regionals - Omarama 16 November to 22 November.
Practice 15 November.

2008 Northern Regionals - Matamata 30 November to 6 December.
Practice 29 November.

2009 Nationals excluding Sports Class - Omarama 5 to 16 January. Practice 4 January.

2009 Matamata Soaring Centre – 22 February to 1 March. Practice 21 February.

2009 Sports Class Nationals – Matamata, 16 February to 27 February.
Practice 15 February.

The following to be confirmed by the committee as soon as possible:

2009 Central Districts - location TBC by SRC, 1 February to 7 February.
Practice 31 January.

2010 Central Districts location to be confirmed at the next GNZ AGM, I Finlayson / P Schofield Carried.

2010 Nationals – location TBC by SRC after an email vote.

Grae Harrison raised the possibility of holding a Nationals at Taupo, possibly in 2010. Paul Schofield also raised the possibility of holding a Sports Class Nationals at Taupo and others asked if a Regionals could be held there.

The general consensus was that the SRC should investigate the possibility of holding the 2010 Nationals excluding Sports Class at Taupo with the condition that the Sports Class or some other event would be held at Matamata to preserve the legacy of holding competitive events around February. The SRC will consult with the Matamata Soaring Centre and the Taupo Gliding Club plus hold an email vote to determine the preference between Matamata and Taupo.

General Business:

Funding

A discussion led by Ross Gaddes was held suggesting that a document be prepared that gives strategic direction to assist trustees in allocating funds and to clearly outline the objectives and expected returns to Gliding in New

Zealand from the recipients of any funding. The document would also provide guidance to those seeking funding as to the availability of funds and the processes required to access them.

Airspace

The possibility of establishing "Glider Flying Areas" to be opened during the period of competitions was raised. A memorandum of understanding related to competition flying to be initiated at the first airspace meeting which will be held 9 August 2008.

Safety

Roy Edwards presented a GPS device that routinely (every 5 minutes) sends an email via satellite to a pre programmed address giving the current location of the device. The initial cost was low (3 or 4 hundred dollars) but satellite account costs were high. Roy was going to look at sponsorship to reduce the costs. This device would obviate the need for ops normal calls and provide an indication that someone had either landed or crashed at a particular location.

The meeting closed at 12:35 pm.