

**MINUTES OF THE PILOTS' MEETING
HELD AT THE MSC CLUBROOMS, WAHAROA AIRFIELD
ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2012 AT 9:30 AM**

Present:

R. Gaddes (Chairman), S. Wallace (Acting Secretary), E. Devonoges (SRC Rep), B. Hunter (SRC rep) plus 14 pilots

Item 1 - Apologies:

Nil

Item 2 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were held February 2011 was read out by S. Wallace.

Item 3 – Matters Arising:

1. Nil.

Item 4 – General Business / Discussion Items:

1. **cancelling of the day after the start gate opens** – This occurred on Day 2 of the contest and B. Mace raised it as a topic for discussion. J. Griffin (Contest Director) read out rule 4.2.5 that allowed him to cancel the day and covered the factors that lead him to make the decision to cancel and how these related to the rules. The general feeling was that J. Griffin applied the rules appropriately and that the rule itself is appropriate and does not need changing.
2. **Handicap ranages** – A. Belworthy raised the topic of applying a lower handicap limit to classes to stop gliders with very low handicaps entering classes with no lower limits (e.g. a PW5 entering the open class). It was decided that a recommendation be put forward to establish a lower handicap limit for each class. This does not stop any glider entering any class but the glider has to accept the lower limit for that class for scoring purposes if there handicap is less than the lower limit.
3. **Dates for competitions** – B. Mace raised the topic of what day a competition should start and what day a competition should finish. Agreement was that Sunday was the preferred day for the start. The length of the competition then determines the finish day. For the Regionals it was also decided to take into account the dates for the North and South Island competitions to give a gap between competitions to allow time for the who want to fly both to get from one island to the other.
4. **Early notification of competition dates** – R. Thorne raised the topic of early notification as due to his work he has to arrange his time off a year in advance. T. Bromhead suggested that the competition dates be set two years in advance to fix this issue.
5. **National Coach position** – D. Jensen advised no progress until Trusts to fund the coach have been sorted.
6. **Infringements and airspace** – J. Griffin read out the airspace offences rule where penalties are applied for being more than 3km horizontal into airspace and 500m vertical. J. Griffin suggested it should read and / or.

Item 6 - Closure:

1. There being no further remits for discussion the meeting was closed at 10.40am.

S. Wallace
Acting Secretary

R. Gaddes
Chairman