

## Minutes of the Pilots meeting, Taupo, Club Class Nationals

Location :- Taupo Gliding Club

Date:- Wednesday, 20<sup>st</sup> February 2013

Chariman : Maurice Weaver

Minutes : Daivd Hirst

Present:- Roy Edwards, Maurice Weaver, David Hirst, David Austin, Steve Wallace, Tim Bromhead, Michael Strathern, Bob Gray, Mark Willson, Doug Henry, Karen Morgan, Patrick Driessen, Tony van Dyk, Lindsay Stevens, Ian Finlayson, Nigel Mcphee, Brett Hunter, Mark Tingey, Conal Edwards, Ross Gaddes, Terry Jones

Apologies:- nil

Meeting commenced 11:15am

### **Agenda items**

Airspace Violation

Deduction of your worst day

#### 1.0 Airspace Violation

1.1 Roy Edwards, the Contest Director introduced the issue of airspace violation and the fact you could win the day but be fined \$10,000 for an airspace violation

1.2 Maurice Weaver supported this view and outlined the Australian rule in regard this matter

1.2.1 Any violation of airspace results in a landout

1.2.2 If a second offence occurs, the pilot is asked to leave the competition

1.2.3 There is a buffer zone in Australia, however it is outside airspace and deducts 1 point for every metre you approach airspace from a 1,000 metres horizontally and deducts a point for every foot of vertical height from 500 ft below airspace

1.3 Tony van Dyke said we already had enough airspace we don't have to create our own

1.4 Karen Morgan said that she believed entering airspace was a form of cheating

**1.5 A motion was put to the meeting by Maurice Weaver that, "any violation of airspace should be scored as a landout"**

1.6 Ross Gaddes stated that this motion was more severe than CAA regulations

1.7 Iggy Wood was asked to comment as a career pilot. He stated that the only issue as far as he was concerned was the accuracy of height and that CAA allow for a margin of error of 200ft. Others asked for a 200ft buffer.

1.8 Someone stated that the airspace boundary could be clearly identified by way of the airspace file

**1.9 The motion was amended to state, "any violation of airspace will result in the point of violation being deemed a landout at that point. A 200ft vertical buffer into airspace shall be allowed with no deduction of points"**

1.10 The motion was passed by a clear majority of pilots

#### 2.0 Worst day delete

2.1 Mark Wilson stated that deducting your worse day was unfair on consistent performances

2.2 Maurice Weaver ask the meeting if that was the general feeling and there was obvious consensus against this proposal, there was no point continuing with the discussion

3.0 Meeting closed 11:40 am