

Minutes of the Annual Pilots' Meeting 7 June 2014

The meeting opened at 10:27 am

Present: Ross Gaddes (Chairman), Roy Edwards and 32 others (See appendix)

Apologies: Nigel Davies, Dane Dickenson, Mike Strathern, Doug Henry

Chairman's Report: The Chairman asked if the meeting wished his report to be read.

Moved: Trev Terry Seconded: Tony Van Dyk

THAT the Chairman's report as printed in the GNZ Annual Report be accepted.

Carried

Election of new members: The results of an email poll for new committee members for the Sailplane Racing Committee produced the following results:

Steve Wallace 39 (elected)

Steve Foreman 33 (elected)

Doug Henry 23 (elected)

Alan Belworthy 17

Steve Foreman introduced himself as an early competition pilot with some 300 hours and one Nationals and some regional competition experience. Steve is keen to help grow the competition Scene. Steve owns his own glider and has approximately 300 hours gliding since he started flying 3 years ago.

Outgoing Members Ross Gaddes, Ben Flewett and Edouard Devenoges were thanked for their service and good work on the committee by Tony Van Dyk and that was recognised by acclamation from the meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: David Moody Seconded: David Jensen

THAT the minutes of the previous meeting as published be approved.

Carried

Minutes of Previous Competition Pilots' meetings:

Moved: Karen Morgan Seconded: Tony Van Dyk

THAT the minutes published on the GNZ website be approved. No discussion.

Carried

Remits:

1. Proposed: Hadleigh Bognuda Seconded: Ross Gaddes

THAT a new rule be implemented to demand that dates for Major SRC sanctioned event be determined no less than eighteen months in advance. The rule should be as suggested below – Rule 1.1.5

Notwithstanding events out of control of the organisers, the GNZ and the SRC all dates for National and Regional Gliding Championships should be set no less than eighteen months in advance. Reasoning – is to allow those planning to attend a long

lead time in which to organise appropriate time off other duties.

After some discussion the meeting agreed to amend AC 2-10 Competitions to include Para 3.3 Notwithstanding events out of control of the organisers, the GNZ and the SRC all dates for National and Regional Gliding Championships should be set no less than eighteen months in advance.

2. Proposed: Grae Harrison Seconded: Brett Hunter

THAT "Eligible sailplanes for the 18m Class to have a wingspan greater than 15m and existing handicaps notwithstanding, there be a minimum handicap imposed of 1.06. Maximum handicap is that of the highest eligible sailplane under FAI rules"

After some discussion the remit was put and failed by a vote of 4 to 9 against with 23 abstentions.

Lost

Rule Changes: SRC committee advised the meeting that from the 1st of October 2014 that the Club Class would have no lower limit for handicap.

Calendar of Events: Meeting advised by Hawkes Bay/Waipukarau club of a change of dates to 15- 22nd. Some discussion was had regarding the application by both Taupo Club and Matamata Soaring Centre to hold the Nationals. An email survey of competition pilots showed a preference for Taupo by 29 votes to 17.

Moved: Ross Gaddes Seconded: Roy Edwards

THAT the 2015 Multiclass Nationals be held at Taupo.

Carried.

Contest	Location	Start	Finish
South Island Regionals 2014	Omarama	15/11/14	22/11/14
Northern Regionals 2014	Matamata	29/11/14	6/12/14
Multiclass Nationals 2015	Omarama	4/1/15	16/1/15
Club Class Nationals 2015	Drury	20/1/15	31/1/15
Central Districts 2015	Waipukarau	15/2/15	22/2/15
South Island Regionals 2015	Omarama	14/11/15	21/11/15
Club Class Nationals	Omarama	3/1/16	15/1/16
Multiclass Nationals 2016	Taupo	23/1/16	6/2/16
Non GNZ Sanctioned contests – dates for advice only			
Central Plateau 2014	Taupo	1/11/14	8/11/14
Drury Comps 2015	Drury	24/1/15	31/1/15
Enterprise Omarama 2015	Omarama	7/2/15	14/2/15

General Business: The meeting was advised that the new SRC committee had organised to hold a complete review of SRC and the competition scene in New Zealand and work towards growing competition participation while maintaining a very competitive environment for our top level pilots. This meeting will be done over the weekend 28/29th of June. The objective would be to draft the strategy and its operation and send that by email to pilots before the coming competition season. Articles would also be submitted on the topic to the Soaring Magazine. This would enable all competition pilot meetings to discuss the proposal and put forward any amendments or suggestions.

This strategy would allow for the proposals to be refined and presented to the 2015 AGM Pilots meeting for approval and implementation for the 1st of October 2015.

Meeting finished at 11:25

Appendix - Attendees

Steve Wallace, Maurice Weaver, David Moody, Steve Foreman, Tony Passmore, Grae Harrison, Brett Hunter, Trevor Terry, Philip Dunlop, Graham White, Ron Sanders, Ralph Gore, Karen Morgan, Max Stevens, Dion Manktelow, Peter Thorpe, George Rogers, Warren Dickinson, David Jensen, Frank Saxton, Roger Read, Rod Ruddick, Tim Hardwick-Smith, Terry Jones, Marion Moody, Paul Marshall, Vaughan Ruddick, Stephen Davies-Howard, Hadleigh Bognuda, David Hurst, Martyn Cook, Tony Van Dyk, Edouard Devenoges, Peter Miller.