

Minutes of the Annual Pilots' Meeting 6 June 2015

The meeting opened at 10:23 am

Present: Steve Wallace (Chairman), Steve Foreman (SRC), Maurice Weaver (SRC)

David Moody, Marion Moody, Tony Passmore, Grae Harrison, Trevor Terry, Graham White, Ralph Gore, Karen Morgan, Max Stevens, Dion Manktelow, Peter Thorpe, Warren Dickinson, David Jensen, Frank Saxton, Rod Ruddick, Hadleigh Bognuda, David Hirst, Martyn Cook, Tony Van Dyk, Glyn Jackson, Nick White, Ross Gaddes, Peter Miller, Tim Hardwick Smith, Bob Gray, Brian Sharpe, Jim Bicknell, Vaughan Ruddick, Alain Marcuse, Jill McCaw, Tim Austen

Apologies: Gavin Wills, Brett Hunter, Graham Player

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

The meeting moved that the Chairman's report as printed in the GNZ Annual Report be accepted.

Carried

Election of members: Nominations for new members for the SRC were called for from the floor.

Maurice Weaver was nominated and elected unopposed.

Member Doug Henry resigned during his term and members Steve Wallace and Steve Foreman were re-elected unopposed.

This left two positions vacant and a further appeal to the floor and in particular for a South Island representative yielded no further nominations.

Minutes of Previous AGM Meeting: The meeting moved that minutes of the last AGM meeting as published be approved.

Carried

Minutes of Previous Competition Pilots' meetings: The meeting moved that the minutes published on the GNZ website be approved.

Carried

Remits:

That the new competition rules as rewritten, emailed to all competition pilots and voted on via email poll be accepted.

It was noted that the rule rewrite was signaled at last years' AGM and then during the year via a consultative process a draft was written and circulated to all competition pilots via email requesting feedback. The draft was further circulated at pilots meetings around the country to encourage debate and engender further feedback as well as an article being written for Soaring NZ. All feedback was taken into account and the draft rules were modified to encompass as much of the feedback as possible. Prior to the AGM the final version of the rules for the 2015/16 season were circulated to all completion pilots via email requesting a vote either 'in

favour' or 'not in favour' be returned. The results showed 28 in favour and 10 against.

Before acceptance at the AGM a final debate was called for. Cases from those not in favour by Gavin Wills and Brett Hunter who were absent from the meeting were read out, debated and responded to by Steve Wallace as Chair of the meeting.

David Moody presented on behalf of Graham Player who was absent from the meeting. Graham's concerns were around where lower performance non ballastable gliders fitted into the new classes. Steve Wallace as Chair outlined the options that exist for these gliders to race in the Racing Class, the Club Class and in some cases at Vintage Kiwi rallies depending on the best fit for pilot and glider.

Graham White advised that while he had not voted in favour at the email vote stage, after listening to the arguments presented at the meeting, he had changed his mind to in favour commenting that the new rules need good task setters and a pilot rep on the task setting committee.

Grae Harrison advised that he was almost in favour and would be if the bottom handicap was 1.04 instead of 0.96. Grae requested that a motion be moved to affect this change. Steve Wallace advised that motions for rule changes were not being taken from the floor and that the process for rule changes was that they be raised as remits to the SRC at pilots meetings. The SRC would then put out an email vote that all competition pilots could vote on. The vote results would be presented at the AGM, debated further by those at the AGM meeting and then either accepted or rejected.

Grae Harrison also put forward a suggestion that for scoring purposes BGA handicaps be used in the North Island and Australian handicaps be used in the South Island.

Max Stevens suggested that we could parallel score a competition using the Australian Handicaps.

With no further debate the meeting moved and accepted that the new rules for the 2015/16 competition season be adopted.

Calendar of Events:

Contest	Location	Start	Finish
South Island Regionals 2015	Omarama	14/11/15	21/11/15
North Island Regionals 2015	Matamata	29/11/15	5/12/15
Club Class Nationals 2016	Omarama	3/1/16	13/1/16
Multiclass Nationals 2016	Taupo	23/1/16	6/2/16
Central Districts	Waipukurau	13/2/16	20/2/16

International Competitions – Pilot Selection Panel: As per the MOAP this year's selection panel was announced as:

Chair: Karen Morgan

Selectors: Steve Foreman, Maurice Weaver, Tony Van Dyk, Grae Harrison

General Business:

1. Warren Dickinson suggested that two weeks was too long for a competition and asked if the Omarama Club Class Nationals could change to a week later starting on the 10th. Warren to liaise directly with the organizing committee to present his case to affect this change.
2. David Jensen asked if different sites could be made available to hold the Club Class Nationals. This in effect was already happening with recent Club Class Nationals being held in Taupo, Nelson and Drury all of which were new sites for this competition.
3. Graham White voiced concern that the Multiclass Nationals were being held during a very stable time of year for Taupo. As dates are required to be set 18 months prior the debate could not affect any change on the upcoming event.
4. Steve Wallace suggested that Contest Directors would make good candidates for the Selectors Panel as they are familiar with pilot performance and usually not current competition pilots themselves. This to be considered in this year's review of the selection rules.
5. The subject of selection criteria was raised. Ross Gaddes said it should be performance based. The Australian ranking system was mentioned and David Jensen suggested we use the current system we already have. Maurice Weaver said he would look into it.

Meeting closed at 12:21