

SAILPLANE RACING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD AT THE GNZ AGM
ON SUNDAY 12TH JUNE 2016 AT 11.30AM

Present:

Committee Members: S. Wallace, S. Foreman (Absent: M. Weaver)

D. Moody, A. Marcuse, M. Wilson, N. White, F. Saxton, M. Stevens, W. Dickenson, T. Jones, K. Morgan, M. Wright, T. Van Dyk, D. Jensen, T. Bromhead, E. Devenoges, R. Gaddes, R. Lyons, S. Care, G. Robertson, B. Kendall, G. Harrison, G. White, J. O'Neill, I. Wood, K. Bethwaite

Item 1 - Apologies:

N. Oakley, M. Oakley, A. McCaw, H. deLautour, G. Wills

Item 2 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

1. The minutes of the previous AGM meeting held 6th June 2015 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Item 3 – Chairman's Report:

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

Item 4 – Pilots' Meetings:

The minutes from the Pilots' Meetings held at the Regional and National contest during the year were accepted as read as published on the GNZ website.

Item 5 – Incoming Committee Members:

1. Nominations were called for to fill the two vacant committee positions. R. Lyons and G. Wills were nominated and elected to the committee unopposed.

Item 6 – Remits and Rules:

1. **Class Size**
 - G. Harrison suggested 1 big class. G. White said 1 class works well. Noted that this is possible under the current rules – if numbers not sufficient to make two classes gliders could enter the main class Hors Concours.
 - T. Bromhead asked "Is it worthwhile awarding trophies for small numbers?"
 - K. Bethwaite pointed out costs and viability of contest with small numbers. Suggested 5 as a minimum class number.

A vote was taken and the majority agreed to reduce the minimum class size from 8 down to 5.

2. **Airspace Violations** – this was raised on the basis that the current penalty system contravenes Rule 64a in that sufficient violations scored as land-outs on a particular day will affect the score of other pilots and also the penalty applied for the same offence varies depending on distance achieved and is not applied on an equitable or relative basis from day to day.
 - M. Stevens said score as normal then deduct from pilot, T. Van Dyk agreed.
 - R. Gaddes suggested 50% of score
 - T. Bromhead suggested a fixed point penalty – noted Australia uses a 500m buffer inside the actual airspace line and penalize 1 point per metre. Cross the line and penalty is 1,000 points (-ve's apply). 2nd offence is disqualification from the competition (pilot sent home).
 - G. Harrison said just penalize pilot.
 - M. Wilson said must be careful that a pilot couldn't chose to take a points hit.

The meeting agreed to let the SRC work through the options and come up with a solution.

3. **AAT / Racing task ratio** – all were in favour that any one task type didn't have to make up no more than 2/3rds of the task types for a contest. It was agreed that this should change from a rule to a recommendation.
4. **Flarm** – pilots from the Taupo contest meeting voted to make Flarm mandatory. S. Wallace pointed out that the way the rules were written allowed for a CD to make any technology mandatory for a contest they were in charge of. This way as technologies changed the rules could be applied as needed. A vote was held and the majority decided to leave the rules as they are and apply them as intended.
5. **Competition Entry Qualifications** – S. Care asked to have the wording around competition entries tidied up because as it reads at present pilots with a Silver C but no QGP could enter.
6. **Club Class** – CC Nationals in the South Island was cancelled due to lack of entries. K. Bethwaite said not many gliders suitable for Club Class in the SI. Higher overhead costs running events in the South.
 - G. Harrison said handicaps may need to change upwards to get entries. R. Gaddes agreed.
 - M. Wilson said keep Club Class cheap.
 - Suggested organisers decide the handicap range for a competition.
 - Asked if Club Class not viable in the SI does it need to be year about between the north and the South and should the islands whose turn it is have first right of refusal.

The overall feeling from the meeting was to leave things as they are for now.

Item 7 – Selection Panel:

1. For the international 2017/18 competition season the selection panel for appointing NZ reps was appointed as:
 - T. Van Dyk
 - W. Dickenson
 - M. Wilson

Item 8 - Closure:

The meeting was closed at 12.30pm.

S. Wallace

Chairman