

Date : 6th Feb 2019

Meeting opened 5:30 pm

Chair : Rob Lyon

Present : Bob Gray, Tim Bromhead, John Etches, Steve Foreman, Tony Van Dyk, Neil Harker, David Hirst, Patrick Driessen, Mark Wilson, Mike Strathearn, Steve Wallace

Apologies : None

1. Contest Backup Dates.

In case of postponement of a contest, can all contests request a backup date for airspace access from CAA.

2. National Coaching

Discussion of current position of National Coaching Scheme. Steve Wallace gave some answers as to current state of coaching scheme. Recognised there is a need to re-invigorate the scheme.

3. Encouraging New Competitors

- Whenuapai and Wellington GC's using TaskPilot to encourage cross country flying at club level.
- Central Districts contest trying to encourage Juniors to enter.
- Requires more focus at club level to encourage Cross Country flying as a lead in to contest flying.
- Encourage clubs to enter twin seaters to contests
- Need to emphasis the "fun and learning" aspects of contest flying rather than a "scary challenge for experts only"
- **All pilots felt that live tracking is extremely important.** Many pilots unable to compete on a given day are closely watching from home. GN
- For the NZ environment, safety and spectator benefits of live tracking are much more important than non-existent gaggle issues
- Recognised that Live Tracking is a serious problem in international competition. Delayed tracking should be strongly encouraged by GNZ.
- Cost of contests and especially Cook Strait Ferry is an issue. Discount for glider trailer is not very good.

4. Contest Dates

- Non Sanctioned Contests need to co-ordinate better with the existing contest calendar.
- Tony Van Dyk offered to be contest date co-ordinator.

- Need to try to combine contests -= eg combining MSC and Club class worked well. Better use of tow planes, volunteers etc and larger contest field.
- Cut down 2 Week Contest to 9 days only. Contest Start on Saturday finish following Sunday. No practice day. Requires only 1 week off work plus travel days for some contestants rather than two full weeks for everyone.

5. Youth Participation

- Would like to see a Youthglide event run in parallel with an existing event. Eg Club Class Nats.
- Coaching of Juniors at this event
- Needs to be during School / University Holidays. Ie January
- YGC would need GNS and Club support to organize gliders, venue etc.

6. Dates for 2020

- January looking empty.
- Central Districts dates may move into this gap

Meeting Closed 6:45 pm