

**MINUTES OF A PILOT'S MEETING
HELD AT THE TAUPO CLUBROOMS, CENTENIAL PARK AIRFIELD
ON SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT 10:30 AM**

Present:

G. Jackson (Chairman), S. Wallace Acting Secretary), S. Foreman, T. Austin, H. DeLator, T. Van Dyk, D. Shipley, D. Kraak, L. Stephens, P. Driesen, B. Williams, D. Hamilton, J. Elder, J. Etches, T. Noble, C. Edwards, A. Lawrence, B. Hunter, B. Kendall, B. Gray, K. Essex, C. Derold, D. Deninson

Item 1 - Apologies:

T. Bromhead, P. Cook, T. Terry

Item 2 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

1. The minutes of the previous seasons pilots' meetings were published on the GNZ website and it was taken that anybody interested had read these.

Item 3 – Matters Arrising:

1. Nil

Item 4 – General Business / Discussion Items:

1. **Airspace Files** – D. Dennison talked to the changes he has made to tidy up the airspace files. The meeting requested that the table that advises how nz airspace types have been classified in the Open Air format be published prior to a contest along with the airspace and waypoint files and any notes. D. Hamilton made a note of what the legal requirements are, that being you need a current copy of the latest airspace in the glider at all times – this could be digital or paper.
2. **Weighing gliders** – B. Hunter brought up the fact that NZ is an unfair country to race gliders in because we do not weigh gliders and some pilots fly their gliders overweight. Request that the SRC look to secure some funding to purchase scales for the North and South Island and that weighing rules be introduced into contest rules.
3. **Open Class vs Racing Class** – K. Essex raised a discussion about how the Open and Racing classes differ between how they are flown in the North and South Islands. The system has been designed to be flexible enough to allow the North and South island to run the contests how they wish to. The SRC is to be tasked with coming up with new names for Open and Racing. Suggested from the floor, Masters and Sports. Good luck to the SRC.
4. **Foreign Nationals** – K. Essex suggested that foreign pilots be able to win an unhandicapped class in an SRC comp.
5. **North Island vs South Island** – D. Kraak talked about better coordination of dates between North and South Island to have enough timing space wise and combing contests to make it easier for pilots who wish to do so able to fly contests in both islands. A suggestion was made for a data base of gliders available for rent in both islands to make it easier for some pilots who would go if gliders were easily available.
6. **Raw vs Handicapped speeds in scoring system** – B. Hunter discussed the fact that we publish handicapped speeds instead of raw speeds onto Soaring Spot and we should be publishing raw speeds.

Item 5 - Closure:

1. There being no further remits for discussion the meeting was closed at 11.28pm.

S. Wallace
Acting Secretary

G. Jackson
Acting Chairman