

SAILPALNE RACING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE PILOT'S MEETING
HELD AT THE GNZ CONFERENCE
ON SUNDAY 10TH JUNE 2018 AT 10.30AM

Present:

Committee Member: G. Wills

Appointed Meeting Secretary: S. Wallace

Pilots: E. Devenoges, N. Davy, T. Jones, D. Moody, G. White, I. Woods, J. Mason, W. Dickinson, B. Sharpe, M. Cook, A. Ruuge, S. Barton, T. Van Dyk, P. Plane, M. O Donnel, R. Gaddes, B. Hunter, K. Morgan, D. Jensen, M. Tingey, J. Wilkinson, P. Ellison, R. Thorne, T. Austin, H. de Latour, D. Hamilton, G. Erikson, M. Wilson, A. Marcuse, W. Bethwaite, M. Stevens, P. Miller

Item 1 - Apologies:

Committee Member Apologies: M. Weaver (retiring Chairman), R. Lyons, M. Kmetovics

Pilots: C. Derold, M. Oakley, T. Terry, T. Hardwick-Smith

Item 2 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

1. The minutes of the previous AGM meeting held 11th June 2017 as printed in the GNZ Annual Report 2018 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: K. Morgan **Seconded:** G. White CARRIED

Item 3 – Chairmans Report:

2. The meeting moved that the Chairman's report as printed in the GNZ Annual Report be accepted with the following errors for correction noted by T. VanDyk
 - i. Page 47 – NZ Contests: The various National and Regional contests should be referred to by their correct names as set out in Rule 2 of the Competition Rules.
 - ii. Page 47 – the Central Districts Gliding Championships was incorrectly referred to as a non-sanctioned event and the winners were not recorded. These were; Open Class: Pat Driessen (JS1); Racing Class: James Foremam (LS3a)

Moved: G. Wills **Seconded:** T. VanDyk CARRIED

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 – Committee Members:

1. The SRC Committee normally consists of six members, ideally two from each region (Northern, Central, Southern). Each member is elected for a 3 year term (see AC 2-10).

2. Current members:

M. Weaver	(term expired – retiring Chairman)
G. Wills	(1 year remaining)
R. Lyon	(1 year remaining)
M. Kmetovics	(2 years remaining)

3. Prior to the meeting nominations for the 3 vacant committee positions were called for and 3 nominations were received as follows:

M. Tingey
C. Derold
G. Jackson

As the number of nominations did not exceed the number of vacancies a vote was not required and the acting chairman moved that these nominations be accepted.

Moved: G. Wills **Seconded:** D. Jensen CARRIED

4. As per AC 2-10 (2.2) the new committee are to elect a convener (Chairperson) and forward to the GNZ Executive for approval.

Item 6 – Remits and Rules:

For remits for rule changes were received and voted on as follows.

1. **Remit 1**

That the current penalty for airspace intrusion reverts to being scored as an outlanding at the point of infringement.

Proposed: Ross Gaddes **Seconded:** Brett Hunter

An email vote by eligible pilots resulted in 22 in favour and 15 against. However, discussion at the meeting saw the proposer of the remit and all others present agree that the intention of the remit was not to go back to the outlanding penalty with all its faults but too have a penalty that was “less harsh” and proportionally “fairer” on “low scoring” pilots. The meeting agreed not to reopen the debate on ‘horizontal distance from the line’ as this had been robustly debated in the past and it was agreed that due to modern technology, the line is the line and crossing it requires application of a simple “fair” penalty. A suggestion from the floor was that instead of the penalty being 50% of the winners points it should be 50% of the points of the infringing pilot, thus resulting in a proportionally ‘fair’ penalty. The meeting agreed to leave the final decision with the new SRC to come up with an appropriate penalty.

Note: The new penalty needs to take into account Rules 64. (a.), (c.).

2. **Remit 2**

That two current violations be completely dropped concerning information sharing between competitors under “cheating”.

Proposed: Ross Gaddes **Seconded:** Brett Hunter

An email vote by eligible pilots resulted in 27 in favour and 11 against. Minor discussion was held but as the email vote was clear the meeting agreed that the SRC amend the rules with appropriate wording taking into account safety, especially with respect to the need for a common frequency during competitions.

3. **Remit 3**

That the SRC adopt IGC accreditation for 1 or more events on the NZ SRC calendar to enable NZ competition pilots to gain points on the IGC ranking list during NZ sanctioned competitions.

Proposed: Ross Gaddes **Seconded:** Brett Hunter

An email vote by eligible pilots resulted in 30 in favour and 4 against. As the email vote was conclusive no discussion was required and the SRC to now work out the details of which contest/s, how to apply cost and go about it and who's job it will be.

4. **Remit 4**

That the National Gliding Champion of New Zealand be awarded every second year and be based on combining the scores from the "Nationals", of both the North and South Island.

Proposed: Maurice Weaver **Seconded:** Brett Hunter

An email vote by eligible pilots resulted in 13 in favour and 24 against. As the email vote was conclusive no discussion was required and the remit was not adopted.

From the minutes of the contest pilot's meetings held at the various competitions last season the following items for the SRC to consider were tabled.

Rule Changes

1. Rule 5 – drop the wording "whichever is less" in the part of the Racing Class definition so that it reads "Sailplanes may be ballasted up to 525Kg or their MAUW." The case in point was to allow Duo Discus to carry water.
2. NZ Scoring System – remove the calculation that artificially raises the speeds of gliders racing in NZ and bring it back in-line with the FAI system.
3. Random weighing of gliders – A discussion was held and it was determined that nothing needs to change as this is allowed for in contests by the contest director and organisers if they deem that random weighing needs to occur.
4. One set of turn points for all of the North Island. Was discussed and determined that it is something on T. Bromhead's agenda to implement at some point. Until then nobody else seems to have the will or skill to do much about it.
5. Tasman Trophy – as this was not contested in Australia last year as it should have been, so as not to get out of sync with the cycle of South Island (2015), North Island (2016), Australia (2016), Australia (should have been 2017) it was suggested that the SRC aim for pilots that can do Narromine (26 Nov – 7 Dec, 2018) then Omarama (2 Jan – 12 Jan, 2019). M. Wilson was a suggested name for the NZ rep.

From the floor.

1. A discussion was held on what constituted an SRC sanctioned contest. It was noted that this is described in AC 2-10, Para 14.3 in particular. It was also noted that AC 2-10 had not been updated to stay in-line with current competition rules and that this should be rectified.

Item 7 – Selection Panel:

1. As per the MOAP 1-7 (2.1) for the FAI Class 1 international 2018/19 competition season the panel for selecting NZ reps and team captains was appointed as:
 - T. Van Dyk
 - W. Dickenson
 - M. Wilson

Item 8 – SRC/GNZ Sanctioned Competition Venues and Dates:

Competition Venues and Dates 2018 -2019 and 2019 -2020 Seasons			
Contest	Location	Start	Finish
South Island Regionals 2018	Omarama	10/11/18	17/11/18
Northern Regionals 2018	Matamata	25/11/18	01/12/18
Multiclass Nationals 2019	Omarama	02/01/19	12/01/19
Club Class Nationals 2019	Taupo	27/01/19	09/02/19
Central Districts Regionals 2019	Masterton	23/02/19	02/03/19
South Island Regionals 2019	Omarama	09/11/19	16/11/19
North Island Regionals 2019	Matamata	24/11/19	30/11/19
Multiclass Nationals 2020	Taupo	04/01/20	18/01/20
Club Class Nationals 2020	TBA	TBA	TBA
Central Districts Regionals 2020	Waipuk	09/02/20	15/02/20

Item 9 - Closure:

The meeting was closed at 12.07pm.

G. Wills
Chairman