

Meeting Open – 9:01 am

Attendees approx. 20 pilots - Apologies – Stu Barton, Anton Lawrence, Tim Bromhead, Derek Kraak, Rob Lyon, Nick Oakley

The Annual Report was considered as published and no questions were asked.

The incoming committee and available retiring members were considered, and nominations equalled the available spaces and as such no vote was required and the nominees accepted.

Incoming members were –

- John Robinson - 3-year term
- Mark Wilson - 3-year term
- Ross Gaddes – 1-year term (to re-balance rotation).

The minutes of the last pilots meeting at the AGM were discussed and motion to accept (K Morgan and Tony VanDyk)

More discussion from other pilots meeting questioned D Moody about correlation of data but he conceded that he had not progressed with this idea.

REMITTS

Remit (a) - (that the Sailplane Grand Prix be a “sanctioned event”) was discussed – a spelling mistake (metre/meter) was noted for change next draft. It was noted that the SRC will work on some draft rules for consideration by the pilots if accepted. It was also noted that we would need new trophies, although someone noted we have one already. Bob Gray stated that we would require the event to be a handicapped event for the NZ situation.

The remit was voted in unanimously.

Remit (b) – (that GNZ formalise a Sailplane Racing Fund for specific Sailplane Racing purposes) was discussed. Karen Morgan commented that the terms and reference and spending “wants” are too general. Glyn commented that nothing is organised to assist funding things such as the ranking list and scales. KM noted that she does not value the Ranking List and suspects few others care either. Nigel Davy suggested that the SRC should just approach GNZ when appropriate funding requirements are decided upon.

The remit was withdrawn at Bob Henderson’s suggestion.

Item 9 – there were no rule changes made at this meeting.

Item 10 – the 23-24 season was discussed and aside from the competition at Springfield being cancelled no further discussion was had.

Item 11 – the 24-25 Season had conflicting bids for the “Club Class Nationals” around Feb 2025. A poll had been held and Glyn Jackson presented and discussed those results which narrowly favoured using Tauramanui. There was much discussion between pilots some who felt that the site to be dangerous in terms of out landing opportunities and lack of guides to strips etc. Some felt also that it was unproven and should host a lower scale event first. These arguments were countered by positive comments on weather and the fact that Taupo was also similar and is now an accepted venue. Facilities were questioned but supporters countered that saying ample facilities are available in the town which is nearby. The upshot was that the event is a tentative addition to the calendar for Club Class but that some more risk analysis is required and more detail to quell concerns around safety such as landing opportunities etc. A Motion was put (Bob Henderson/David Moody) to support the above requirements (i.e., ensure safety and landing issues are deemed acceptable by the SRC) and this was passed.

The overlapping of Regionals between Omarama Gliding Club and Matamata Soaring Centre for 2024/5 season was discussed and the reasons put by the two representative members. Bob Gray (MSC) stated the weather is preferable later in November and that the conflict will affect a minimal number of people – maybe only one. Tony commented that this precedent leads to a slippery slope. Nigel Davy (OGC) stated that the dates requested are very suitable to fit with Youth-Glide usage and Mountain Flying Week dates as well. A Motion was put (??/??) to accept the overlapping dates in this instance. The Motion was passed 18 for and 1 against.

Item 12 – Duration of Events. Glyn explained the history behind the moving to shorter periods of one week. This is always not popular with organisers and pilots as it is too restrictive for planning purposes. Glyn asked for feedback on this subject. Nigel D agreed wanting to ensure National events take priority. Dave Moody questioned what the specific issues were. Steve Wallace stated that we should not box ourselves in and let organisers have more freedom of choice. The general feeling was that a minimum of 9 days should be set and that gained unanimous support.

Item 13 - Selection Panel. Warren Dickinson, Murray Wardell, and Tony Van Dyk were ok to stay on the panel. After some discussion of bids to compete in the worlds in Australia and the application process the SRC were asked to look at a form that would make it better for applicants and the panel. The panel members were accepted by a Motion (Dave Moody / Colin McGrath), and it was support unanimously.

Murray Wardell gave a short talk on the gradual implementation and goals of a National Turn-point database and the way these can be used to replace parochial ones without overlapping etc. This was accepted as a good way forward and supported for the most part.

Alain Macuse would like the SRC to standardise colours for strobe systems and canopy (Flarm) flashing systems.

Meeting ended 11:04am