

Meeting Open – 9:09 am

- (1) **Attendees** approx. 17 pilots – (Nick Oakley and Ross Gaddes were the only SRC members present).
 Nick Oakley – Ross Gaddes – Glyn Jackson – Karen Morgan – David Moody – Murray Wardell – Alain Marcuse – Nigel Davy – Bob Henderson – Brain Sharpe – Neill Allison – Warren Dickinson – Derek Kraak – Michael Cooper – Tony VanDyk – Colin McGrath – Hugh DeLatour
- (2) **Apologies** – Grae Harrison, Anton Lawrence, Tim Bromhead, Rob Lyon, Graham White.
- (3) **The Chairmans Report** – this was approved and accepted as published and no questions were asked.
- (4) **Incoming Committee** - the incoming committee have no changes as all are still serving their terms.

Rob Lyon 1 year remaining
 Nick Oakley 1 year remaining
 Keiran Cassidy 1 year remaining
 John Robertson 2 years remaining
 Mark Wilson 2 years remaining
 Ross Gaddes 2 years remaining

- (5) **Minutes from 2023 AGM** - These were approved and accepted as published and no questions were asked. Voted as moved by David Moody and seconded by Bob Henderson.
- (6) **Minutes from pilot meetings** – These were discussed. Issues with minuting and the loss of files meant some were not able to be produced. This was accepted with embarrassment by the SRC, but no discussion was made following.
- (7) **Matters Arising** - There were no matters arising from the above.
- (8) **Remit (as published)** – parts (a) to (d) were published and circulated in the agenda. This remit was concerns including the launch option of winching and how that system can be integrated into competitions. Rule changes had been prepared which give the CD some discretion and some discussion and questions were placed to the SRC but in general the changes were considered positive, and the changes accepted. A motion of acceptance was put and a unanimous vote of 15-0 was in favour.
- (9) there were no rule changes made at this meeting.
- (10) – the 24-25 season was discussed and aside from including the Auckland Soaring Competition (4th – 11th January 2025) and the Central Plateau Competition (2nd – 9th November 2024) no further discussion was had.

Competition Venues and Dates 2024-2025 Season

Central Plateau – Taupo - 2/11/24 to 9/11/24
 South Island Regionals - Omarama - 16/11/2024 to 23/11/2024
 Northern Regionals - Matamata - 23/11/2024 to 30/11/2024
 Auckland Soaring Competition – Drury - 4/01/25 to 11/01/25.
 Multiclass Nationals- Omarama - 2/01/2025 to 11/01/2025
 Club Class nationals - Taumarunui - 18/01/2025 to 26/01/2025.
 Central Districts Regionals - Waipukurau 15/02/2025 to 22/02/2025
 NZ Grand Prix - Matamata - 1/03/2025 to 09/03/2025

- (11) **2025-26 Competition Dates** - These were discussed, and most dates accepted as published with some discussion surrounding the Club Class Nationals which has yet to be determined as to the host or the desired times. Nelson seemed to be a possibility as discussed by the NGC rep. and Drury was also suggested which would take place at the same time as the Auckland Soaring Comp which is normally Early January. The ideas were to be put to the two committees by the representatives for further discussion and/or approval.
- (12) **Canopy Flashers** - A topic of discussion was concerning canopy flashers and if NZ should follow the IGC lead by mandating the use of this tool. Comments about the best colour to use and how current installs could be included in any future rule (should one be accepted), were made. Nothing conclusive was decided upon however this was accepted by SRC that there is some work to do to gauge the effectiveness of the devices and whether mandating the use thereof is appropriate. Also, comment was made whether this is really within the mandate of the SRC which is mainly to do with fair rulemaking and not safety. In general, the units were deemed as a useful tool by the attending pilots.
- (13) **General Business** – A late remit had been sent by Keith Essex and Grae Harrison concerning the lower handicap cutoff for Open Class which is currently 100. It proposed a minimum handicap of 106 is appropriate with an allowance for gliders with lower handicaps to enter but compete using the 106 minimum. The remit as written by Keith and Grae was challenged, as was the math that it had quoted. The idea was not to exclude lower handicaps but invite them to compete at the higher level. It was also stated that the motivation was to do with avoiding short tasks in a class that was meant to be a longer distance class. Bob Henderson said adding another class may be a good idea others suggested This had a mixed reception with many views and comments. Some felt it was a South Island issue some commented on whether we should run an Open unhandicapped class and offer a trophy and other comments about Racing class and negative affects. Comments suggesting the Open tasks had weakened generally conflicted with past meetings where the opposite had been suggested. The discussions ended with SRC promising to present a document that explained the “pros & cons” of changing the entry for Open class and other considerations and then suggesting an email vote on a rule change. It was seen as achievable before November 2024 and that the rule could be implemented before the 2024-2025 competition season.

Bob added also extra comment on the earlier strobe light discussion. It stated IGC use Red or White as acceptable and that it can be on 100% operating or with Flarm activation.

Extra Item (14) - Selection Panel. Warren Dickinson, Tony VanDyk had indicated that they would stay on the panel, but Murray Wardell wished to stand down. Sarel Venter was nominated and accepted. There was some further discussion surrounding the need for a South Island member, so Warren Dickinson chose to stand down allowing Karen Morgan to be the (Southern) panel member. There was some discussion surrounding her being appropriate because of a conflict as she also is on the Umbrella trust. That trust may or may not offer financial support to NZ representative competitors overseas. However, it was generally accepted that Karen be accepted to the position as selector on the panel.

Meeting ended 11:26 am 9th June 2024