

## ESSEX AND SUFFOLK GLIDING CLUB LTD

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd August 2016  
In the Clubhouse commencing at 19.00 hrs.

Present

Dave Wallis (DW) Secretary  
Steve Jones (SJ) Membership Secretary  
Paul Robinson (PR) Publicity Officer  
Robert Godden (RG) Chairman  
Ken Ward (KW) Treasurer  
Mike Haynes (MH) Technical Officer  
Alan Bilby (AB) Site Officer  
Jonathan Abbess (JA) Chief Flying Instructor  
Martin Lawson (ML) Winch Master

### **Apologies for Absence.**

Trevor Smith (TS) Safety officer

### **Approval of Previously approved Minutes for meeting held on 6th July 2016**

Those present agreed the minutes unanimously.

### **Matters arising from those minutes**

#### Club Bank Accounts

In order to protect the club funds by the FSC limit should the bank go bust, we found it necessary to split the club funds between two banks. Ken found it impossible to open an account without charges so the committee have decided to use the kitchen account which we already have to house our reserve funds.

This means the kitchen account will now go through sage in line with all our other expenditure and have the same signatories as already on that account.

### **Membership Secretary's Report SJ**

Welcome to new members Andrew Winton (Full), Brandon Jones (Junior) and Paul Curry (Full).

James Frostick has resigned.

Member numbers currently stand at 137.

I have now completed labelling trailers and all trailers should have a current label. If members have a trailer without a label can they please contact me.

### **Secretary's Report DW**

I have booked the 8 Bells at Bures for the 5 year planning meeting for the 26th November at 10 AM

Following a comment from a day course customer saying that he did not consider that one flight of 1.5 hrs was a day course, Angus suggested that we should consider renaming it to more

accurately describe the course. However the committee decided that as this is an isolated comment we should leave things as they are for the time being.

## **Technical Officers Report MH**

### Launch Point Windows

Action ongoing.

### Log System

Nothing to report this month,

Changes to the launch point program carried forward:-

- i. Add active field on members, gliders so that we can reduce what is displayed to the information which is relevant.
- ii. Fix Voucher number always visible. Voucher number should only show on the first day a member flies.
- iii. Remove the ability to create/edit members in anything other than temporary/temporary reciprocal classes.
- iiii. Fix the bug in the Control Panel program which prevents the creation of flights in the Office (should a flight not get recorded on the laptop).
- v. Add categories for Remote take-offs by TMG
- vi. Additions of the new membership classes
- vii. Fix Bug which deletes P1 when you add a new member as A TL etc.n

### Computers and IT

As last month the SeeYou installation on the Briefing Room Computer has been upgraded to the latest version and then we ran into the problem with the TopMeteo link. This then became a deeper problem as TopMeteo detected the club had been sharing the account name and password. The password has been reset which preventing all of the members who previously accessed TopMeteo from their personal computers from doing so.

TopMeteo is active on the Briefing Room computer using the Microsoft Edge browser only. Edge enables us to save the username "chairman" and the password in a secure manner preventing the password leaking back in to club public use.

At the same time we resolved the TopMeteo login the association with SeeYou has also been fixed. Personally I'm not convinced having a weather overlay in SeeYou adds much to task setting – give it a try and see what you think!

### IP Webcams

I did a review of the webcam firmware and the current version is significantly newer than that installed on our cameras. This presumably effect the need to migrate the camera configuration away from IE 8 as this is no longer available on most Microsoft PCs. When/if I need to do a config change will be the time to do the firmware update.

#### Club Website

Not exactly website but work on the Trial Lesson Booking Calendar is now moving towards using Google Calendar,

I have a provisional agreement from John B to get together and discuss how he/lynn would work with Google.

#### Glider Trailer Refurbishment

##### K21

Rust damage to the front frame no progress

##### Grob:-

Nothing to report this month

##### Sf27:-

Nothing to report this month.

##### Astirs:-

Over the last couple of weeks I have been in contact with the Yorkshire GC who were offering a PIK trailer already fitted to take an Astir CS. After reviewing photos this looked like it would be a suitable replacement for our trailer damaged on the A12. Having agreed to meet on Saturday 5/8/16 to see if we could close a deal on Friday 4/8/16 I received an apologetic email from Steve Thompson saying he had to withdraw the offer to sell their trailer as the Astir would not fit into the lift top they had purchased to replace it.

Having this deal fall through is a bit of a shame as had it worked out we would have had a better Astir Trailer for the upcoming Competition and Task week. For now we are forced to continue using the small Astir Trailer

##### K6

In K13 trailer no progress.

##### Carried forward:-

Conduct a training session for members on how to use the old/small Astir Trailer.  
Organise with the volunteers for trailer maintenance.

#### Glider Instrumentation

Testing of the ageing pneumatic instruments has not progressed this month  
Investigation Ongoing.

#### Gliders

##### K21

Nothing new to report

##### Carried forward:-

Harnesses need to be serviced/webbing replaced..

Rear screen on "S-Nav" is not working.

Grob Acro  
Nothing to report

SF27  
Nothing to Report

ASTIR HKM  
Nothing to report.  
The missing Batteries reported last month turned up!

ASTIR KEE  
Insurance claim for the road accident is now all settled

DOA  
Insurers have agreed to cover the cost of the repair to the starboard airbrake. I have the claim form and the technical input is complete, awaiting information from P1 before this can be submitted.

DVB  
Nothing to report

Carried Forward:-  
Volume control on Vario is faulty

K6 DRD  
The K6 has been fitted with a FLARM / IGC logger (Red Box).  
Paperwork is in progress to transfer the registration back into the clubs name. This is delayed at present as we have not received the new insurance documents following the 2016-2017 renewal on the 7th July

Carried Forward:-  
The 360 channel radio needs to be replaced.

### **Chairmans Report RG**

Nothing to report which is not covered elsewhere other than I have accepted an invitation to be present at the Warmingford fun day

### **Site Officers Report AB**

.Order now placed for the MT Extension so work will start shortly and it will be complete by the Autumn. Grass on runway has been growing fast so we need more volunteers to undertake cutting which is quite relaxing so please contact me for tuition or any member who currently undertakes this task.

Work will continue on the gas plant up until December but we seem to be working around them and there is a possibility that we may benefit from the CHP plant on site which produces electricity.

## **Winch Master's Report ML**

The Starboard cable on the English winch will be replaced in the near future.

The Value of the winches is to be reassessed as recommended by Skylaunch after RG has consulted with the insurers.

## **Safety Officers Report TS**

Tim will be on site 17th & 18th August to repack parachutes. Should anyone need a chute repacked please leave it in the clubhouse in the usual way on or before 17th along with payment of £30. (cheques made payable to T.P.F. Parachute Services).

## **CFI's Report JA**

Well done to Clive Stacey for his determination and perseverance to re-solo.

Congratulations to Martin Lawson on obtaining an IFP rating.

## **Treasurer's Report KW**

Despite the difficult conditions earlier in the year the club funds remain stable. The substantial capital outlays such as the MT extension, tractor, and purchase of an aircraft do mean however that we will not enjoy the surplus experienced last financial year.

John Bone had asked for clarification on a number of points with regard to our commercial flying:

1. John asked when Lyn should stop taking further bookings for this year. It was decided that no further bookings should be made beyond 30th September due to the unreliable weather beyond that point. (John has since advised that a number of flights have already been booked - these will, of course, be honoured).
2. Paul Robinson and Andy Sanderson have assisted with commercial flying, Paul and Andy Booth will continue in September, subject to available bookings.
3. John asked that we stop taking 3rd party bookings as we no longer have capacity. KW advised that Virgin had already been put on hold and that he would, once again, contact BuyAGift.
4. John asked for clarification on expired E&SGC vouchers. KW expressed the view that despite the conditions stated on the voucher we should fly the customer. This gained little support from the Committee and therefore the current administration will continue.

No expired vouchers to be flown unless the customer also produces a letter from the Treasurer extending the voucher expiry date.

## **Publicity Officers Report PR**

Our hosting of the Interclub League will take place during the weekend of 13/14th. of August, club flying will take place as normal.

Our task week will begin on the 22nd. of August during which I will be setting tasks appropriate to members experience.

Opportunities will be available for dual cross country flights in club 2 seaters. Committee members will attend the Fordham Car Show with a view to combining it with our open weekend in 2017.

## **Any Other Business**

1) Top Meteo. MH is able to arrange a discount for members who wish to have their own licence for use at home. Over 10 members less 40% over 20 members less 50% More information and application is available on the burble room.

2) Expired TL, DC & GE vouchers was discussed again at some length and will be decided by a small sub committee

3) A note to members regarding two seater instruction priority and revised flying format is in hand with SJ

4) Our Child protection policy document needs bringing up to date. SJ is to take a look at this with George Green

5) we are short of one parachute now the K6 is back on the club fleet. I have spoken to TS since the meeting and he said that one other parachute is also in bad shape and he is getting quotes for replacement.

6) RG is to send an invitation to NGC to join our Task week.

7) Doug Johnson suggested we review our signage at the cross runway as any ramblers crossing will find it difficult to see the winch operation with the tall crop now being grown. - AB and ML will look into it.

8) Angus has vented his concerns regarding the number of instructors the club will have when the new regulations come in at the end of next year. JA has mentioned this before and it is of some concern. We need more young blood coming through to be trained as instructors.

9) Lack of winch Drivers.

This is an ongoing problem. The club only has 21 winch drivers from the whole membership who are on the rota. Doug Johnson is finding it very difficult to fill the rota and consequently we are finding many volunteer slots.

We must have some more Pilots prepared to drive the winch. Please read the separate note sent out to the membership regarding the committees special concerns.

There being no other business to discuss the meeting closed at 21.25 Hrs

The next meeting is on Wednesday 21st Sept. 2016 COMMENCING AT 19.00 hrs. in the clubhouse.