

Essex and Suffolk Gliding Club

Junior Sub Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of 15th July 2017, 5.30pm

Present:

George Green, Loess Overbury-Tapper, Xav Overbury-Tapper, Chris Brown, Toby Brown, Fiona McGregor, Tyler McGregor, Bradley Soanes, Kate Ahlner, Kristoff Ahlner

1. Apologies

Kath Ayala, Adama Ayala

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting (where not covered in agenda items below)

None

3. Junior Social Activities

Toby and Chris proposed that the Duxford Air Show on 23rd and 24th September be considered for a junior trip. They advised that it would not be practical to go as a group with a group discount and using a bus and so the best plan would be for all to make their own way there. Kate recommended taking a packed lunch as she said food provision was expensive and also there were normally long queues.

Action: Toby to email the juniors to see which date they prefer.

4. Membership Pack for New Joiners – log book, who's who, ground handling.

No further progress on this.

Action, George Green to progress.

5. Representation of Junior Sub Committee on Main Committee

George advised that he had now been invited to sit in on the main committee meetings as the chair of the junior sub-committee.

6. DBS Checks

No update received.

Action, Kath Ayala to progress

7. Policies and Documents Relating to Conduct and Safeguarding of Juniors

a. Review BGA Club Requirements for Junior Gliding Centres

Chris advised that we are still missing information on our approach to DBS checks. He also advised that he didn't have any information on emergency procedures in the event of an accident or injury.

Action, George to request emergency procedure information at the next main committee meeting.

b. Advice for Parents Concerning Young People at ESGC

A new amended version has been approved.

Action, George or Chris to forward the final version to Loess

c. BGA Blue Card

Dave Wallis has made the club aware of this and Steve Jones has referred to this on the club membership form. George suggested it would be a good idea to have plastic card holders for these so they are more permanently displayed.

8. Junior Training

a. Juniors' Ground Training Card

George has printed these and distributed some to those present. He advised that he would sign off any completed training on old cards onto the new card.

b. Post Solo Training, Bronze and beyond

George advised that Alex from Rattlesden, and Pete from Wattisham would be happy to work with ESGC on some joint talks / lectures. Kate suggested that we compile a list of areas where training was needed. Radio usage was also discussed and it was suggested that more training on radio usage was needed. George requested that all juniors be careful about what they said on public radio channels. He also advised that extra radio channels could be purchased at relatively low cost. *Action, all juniors please advise either George or Loess of any training requirements they may have which are not currently on the bronze confuser.*

9. Junior Section on Website and Facebook

Dennis is still working on the junior section of the website. Bradley advised that he had spoken with Den and they both felt that there should not be a separate Facebook page for the juniors as it would not have a strong presence. Bradley is talking with Paul Robinson as to what is and isn't appropriate for the FB pages in terms of images and comments. Bradley advised that he and Dennis already monitor the content being posted.

Action, all juniors please like and follow the ESGC Facebook page.

Action, Brad to set up a Facebook group for the juniors

10. Junior Membership Scheme Payments

Action, George to email all junior members regarding this.

11. AOB

a) Kitchen Responsibility – George has been asked by the main committee if the juniors and parents would like to take on the responsibility for the kitchen food and for the juniors to use the profit for junior activities / equipment. The possibility of cooking food (eg breakfasts) to raise money for the juniors was also discussed. Kate offered to do a Costco run to replenish the current stock. It was agreed that a local discount card would be needed. Chris suggested we had a self serving till. It was agreed that the committee would need further information (probably from Cathy Haynes) as to the practicalities of how this would work. The junior committee would like to see further suggestions from juniors and/or parents on this.

Action, any suggestions / ideas from juniors and/or parents please send through to George or Loess.

b) The Winter Series – the first Winter Series event for juniors will take place from 6-8th October in Denbigh. A number of juniors said they would be interested in going. *Action Brad to see if he can attend and if so talk to the necessary people ref requesting taking the Grob*

- c) End of the Day Pack Up – it was noted that there had been fewer people around at the end of the day for the pack up. It was felt that, in the case of the juniors, as most arrive early to help unpack the hangar, the new requirement for parents to also be present at the airfield has resulted in fewer juniors staying to pack the hangar at the end of the day. As numbers had been short, one junior had been requested to undertake ground activities for which he had not been signed off. George stated that junior's must not be pressured into undertaking tasks for which they have not been signed off even if it means stopping flying.
- d) Juniors Helping at Events – Kaz had emailed all committee members regarding helping at events. Kaz has also offered to find or nominate a responsible adult for any junior members under 16 who are able to volunteer to help, but whose parent / guardian isn't available to be their responsible adult. These events generally take place during the week when parents are at work. Kaz would very much like assistance at the events on 1st August and 11th August.
- e) Congratulations to George Green – George was given congratulations and a round of applause after his coming in at first place at the recent Shennington Regionals.

NEXT MEETING, SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER 5.30PM