

Essex and Suffolk Gliding Club

Junior Sub Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of 25th November 2017, 5pm at Nicholas Anthony

Present:

George Green, Adam Ayala, Xav Overbury-Tapper, Toby Brown, Tyler McGregor, Chris Brown, Kath Ayala, Staffan Ahlner, Kristoff Ahlner, Kate Ahlner, Loess Overbury-Tapper

1. Apologies

None received.

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

None.

3. Representation of Junior Sub Committee on Main Committee

Bob Godden is aware of the small constitutional change needed to admit George onto the main committee and is dealing with this.

4. DBS Checks

There was again much discussion regarding DBS checks. George advised that he had been to the Juniors' conference where it had also been discussed. He said that whilst there was no definitive answer from the BGA because gliding was not felt to be 'a regulated activity'. Other clubs there were conducting DBS checks on their junior representatives and also on any paid instructors. George has had a CRB check done for ESGC and it was felt that this would be sufficient as ESGC doesn't have any paid instructors. It was agreed that the fact that other instructors would not be DBS checked should appear on club policy documents and also in the junior starter packs. This item will stay on the junior sub committee agenda until the club clearly states its policy on this.

Action – Loess, DBS to be on agenda for next meeting.

Action- Some documents to be updated saying there are no DBS checks undertaken, including Advice for Parents

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

a. Review BGA Club Requirements for Junior Gliding Centres

The emergency procedure does exist and is being updated by the Safety Officer. George's CRB check should fulfil the requirements for Junior Gliding Centres.

6. Kitchen Responsibility

George had phoned Bookers who had initially said they could deliver to ESGC, providing they could do a risk assessment. However after further discussion it became clear that ESGC could only have weekday deliveries and those deliveries had to be every week and each one over £100. Kath advised that she would be happy to help with the kitchen as long as her own personal account would not be debited. As the club did not appear able to set up a

debit card for the kitchen purchases the committee suggested that ESGC could purchase a pre-paid card which could be used in order to do the shopping, backed up by receipts. If this is not possible it was felt that the opportunity to run the kitchen should be passed back to someone else in the club.

7. Junior Training

a. Juniors' Ground Training Card

George advised that he would put a copy up in the launch vehicle and that he has now taken possession of the holder in order to have these and the blue cards on the wall in the club house.

b. Post Solo Training, Bronze and beyond

George has found a syllabus for this and advised that the course would be open to all (not just juniors) and would consist of 10 lectures. He is currently emailing various instructors at both ESGC and other clubs in order to cover the presentations. These will start on Saturday 6th January at 4.30.

8. Junior Social Activities and Clothing

Chris advised that the fireworks night had gone well and had made a small profit.

He also showed a jacket and a hoody that could be personalised with junior ESGC. The committee felt that the hoodies would be more widely used. George reminded members that hoodies can obscure visibility when flying and launching aircraft and when driving the buggies and so the hoods should not be worn at these times.

Action – Chris to send out an email to junior members giving them the opportunity to purchase a hoody.

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

A list of suggested included documents was discussed and finalised.

Action – Loess to produce draft covering letter.

10. Junior Section on Website and Facebook

Chris is talking to Mike Haynes and Andreas regarding the junior section of the website. Chris, George and Loess have all received login info from Mike Haynes but neither George nor Loess have had time to look at what looks like quite a complicated process. Chris advised that it's reasonably straightforward. The committee requested a button on the site that said Junior Gliding.

Action – Chris to talk to Mike H and Andreas

11. The Winter Series

Toby advised that the next Winter Series will be at Sutton Bank.

Fiona and Tyler said that Tyler had had a good ridge flight at Denbigh. They also said that they felt that the Winter Series was more targeted at over 18s. The committee noted that an event for younger juniors would be good.

12. Parachute Training.

George has spoken with Trevor Smith, Safety Officer, to request parachute training for all when he next comes to service the club parachutes.

13. Competitions.

Junior Nationals competition will be w/c 18th June. Toby, Kristoff and Jake will all be silver by then and so may take part. 2 seater coaching will be available. George may also be on site if he gets an entry in the Lasham Regionals which will run along side the Junior Nationals.

Action – George to advise on local competition tasks at next meeting.

14. Items Under Discussion From Meeting of 4th November

Items all covered in other parts of the meeting.

15. Junior Achievements

Congratulations to Toby who has gained his cross country endorsement and to George Lee who has gone solo.

16. AOB

- a) There was discussion about leaving juniors under the supervision of other parents. Parents were reminded that juniors should only be left under supervision of other parents when the other parents had been advised and had agreed to the supervision **before** the junior's own parent left the club. It was also felt that any child under 13 should only be supervised by their own parent and that that parent should be present with the child at all times in the club house and out at the launch point. Certain documents may need to be amended and reapproved to reflect this new recommendation. Parents and juniors were also reminded that juniors should only be performing tasks that were permitted for their age on the Juniors' Ground Training Card.
Action: Loess to send to Chris Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference in order for them to be amended and re-approved in light of new under 13 recommendation and club DBS policy.
- b) Toby had made a contact through Motorglide who could potentially offer an RT licence course. George suggested that the Fred Olsen bursary could be applied for and if successful be used to cover costs.
Action: Toby to investigate how much this will cost, how many members needed and how long the course would last.
- c) The committee requested that the photos of the instructors in the clubhouse be updated where necessary.
Action: George to talk to main committee
- d) Kristoff and Kate advised that Kristoff would like to progress to become a Basic Instructor which would also really help ESGC. In order to do this he needs to practice taking up passengers. There was discussion as to how Kristoff should pay for these flights and also whether he should be allowed additional flights in order to train for this.
Action: Kristoff and Kate to talk to Paul Rice and Steve Jones and report back to the junior sub-committee.
- e) There was another reminder that phones should not be used inside the launch vehicle unless they are being used for gliding information purposes of immediate necessity.
Action – all juniors to keep passing this message to all juniors.

Next meeting: Saturday 20th January, 5.30pm at ESGC