

Essex and Suffolk Gliding Club

Junior Sub Committee

Minutes of Meeting of Saturday 10th March, 2018 at 5.30pm at ESGC

Present: George Green, Loess Overbury-Tapper, Chris Brown, Toby Brown, Bradley Soanes, Jake Gazzard

1. Apologies

Kath and Adam Ayala, Kate and Kristoff Ahlner

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting (if not listed below)

None

3. DBS Checks

The Code of Conduct and Advice for Parents documents have been updated to reflect the club's position on DBS checks. Both documents are on the junior section of the website. George has e-mailed the BGA regarding training but hasn't had an answer. He will chase this up. It's likely that Steve Jones will also participate in any available training. George has included information on in the Junior Officer's Report for the AGM. George will also be emailing all instructors regarding updated BGA Policy, in particular the definition of regulated activity.

4. Membership Pack for New Joiners

George has completed the compilation of the new membership pack for juniors and there are now six packs in the office, ready for use by himself and the membership secretary for the enrolment of new junior members. There was also discussion on the Code of Conduct which requires signatures from juniors and parents which is enclosed in the pack. The current juniors and parents haven't signed this yet and it was thought that it would be best to send this out to all junior members at the same time as the membership renewal documents.

Action: George Green to talk to the membership secretary regarding distribution of Code of Conduct / advice for parents documents to all juniors

5. Junior Section on Website and Facebook

There will be a separate meeting to discuss this on 14th April at 5.30 at ESGC. Pete Hibbard has some content which could be used. The possibility of setting up a YouTube channel will also be discussed.

6. Competitions.

George has finalised a 79km task that the juniors can use in order to start to learn cross country skills. It's all within 5nm of the airfield and so can be used by everyone, even if they do not have the bronze cross country endorsement, so long as they remain in easy gliding range of the airfield. Copies of the task are in the holder on the junior noticeboard.

Action: George to send the task to Andreas for uploading on to the junior section of the website.

7. Junior Achievements

None to report

8. RT Course

Loess has spoken with Chula Rupasinha at The London Gliding Club (Dunstable) with a view to some juniors possibly travelling down to Dunstable to learn skills for RT. After some discussion, Chula has offered to come up to ESGC and run a bespoke RT course, open to the whole of ESGC. The course would last 8 hours and would fully prepare attendees for the RT licence. If attendees wish to take the test for the licence they could do so subsequently at Dunstable for about £50. He has offered to do this free of charge and has proposed to do this on Sunday 18th November. Ideally he would like a minimum of 10 people, his upper number will be

limited by the size of the room. After discussion it was felt that 30 be a maximum number that the club could accommodate. Loess hopes to briefly mention the course at the AGM with a view to gauging interest. She will then request Dave Wallis to send information to all members and she will then co-ordinate attendees and the course (offered on a first come first served basis, although juniors should have priority as they have requested and organised the course). Although Chula has kindly offered the course free of charge, it was felt that a £10 charge should be levied so that he could at least be recompensed for fuel costs. Depending on numbers refreshments may also be offered.

Action: Loess to co-ordinate this course

9. Instructors Photos

The main committee will be reviewing the photos currently on the instructors' board

10. AOB

Action: George to write the wording for an Equality and Diversity Policy to satisfy the requirements for the junior gliding status.

Action: George to adjust the ground training card in order to reflect the concerns raised by Mike Haynes regarding general glider handling and hanger packing. N.B Mikes concerns were directed to the membership as a whole.

There was some discussion as to whether it might be a good idea to have a separate trophy for the juniors. However it was thought too difficult to decide and then judge on relevant criteria for winning the trophy. There are some trophies already in existence that it was thought that the juniors could win.

Next Meeting Date: 14th April, 5.30pm, to discuss the junior section of the website.