



Essex Gliding Club

Committee Meeting Saturday 23rd September 2017

Those present;

Mike Harris, Dave Hertzberg, Allen Cherry, Will Burry, Vince Earl, Steve Jessop & Bernard Parry.

Apologies received from Chris Reed for his absence.

Welcome to Bernard from the committee on his appointment to the committee as secretary.

Fleet report - Vince Earl

Copies of report to committee also available upon request.

Additional comments:-

K13 EOE will go to Rattlesden for the winter period.

Allen agreed to fit G meters & radios where required in the fleet gliders.

Dave H requested a mechanical vario should be fitted if not already present – agreed.

Two e-varios required, buy one from Matt Jones at £150 – agreed.

Allen to provide second e-vario, price tba – agreed in principal.

The “Light weight” Astir to be sold, it is understood that members Jake & Nick are interested in purchasing, Mike H to seek confirmation about possible purchase from Jake & Nick. Offer price agreed at £3250 for the Astir + use of trailer when not required by club.

Dates – AGM, Flying courses/weeks, open day

AGM Saturday 7th April 2018

Open Day

Saturday 19th May 2018 (Sunday 20th as reserve)

Flying weeks 2018

19th – 28th May (28th Bank holiday)

21st – 29th July

18th – 27th Aug (27th Bank holiday)

Flying Courses, 5 day Mon/Fri 2018

1. 21st – 25th May (incorporated with flying week)
2. 18th – 22nd June
3. 9th – 13th July

Price of course to be increased to £550 (web site to be updated asap)
50% to secure booking, remainder MUST be paid minimum of 2 weeks prior to course.

Dave H agreed to speak with Chas regarding web updates .

CFI Report – Dave Hertzberg

Cathy continues with training for BI.
Vince to apply for full cat instructor status.
Dave H will step down as CFI from 7th April 2018.

Winch report – Will Burry

Problems with cable chutes being heavy and falling too fast, causing more damage from off airfield retrieving.

WB to enquire about new chutes from Wormingford.

Currently there are a total of 8 winch drivers, more members need to be encouraged to participate.

Recent incident with a dog walker and off lead dog, where the dog was seen by the winch driver heading towards a live cable, launch in progress, with dog owner in hot pursuit. Fortunately the dog did not get too close to the cable and the owner realised what was happening and stopped.

Committee agreed that better warning is required for dog walkers & others when winch launching is taking place.

Close off path entrances to field when winching, with barriers & suitable notices.

Will B to investigate suitable solutions and implement – ask for help as and when required.

Planning – Steve Jessop

Environmental report on proposed site available upon request.

Various options for the small pond near the concrete straw stack base were discussed regarding compliance with Crested Newt preservation regulations.

It was decided that a DNA Newt test should be carried out to determine if any Newts currently exist in the pond. To comply with DEFRA any tests have to be carried out by certified company that is compliant with all of DEFRA's requirements.

This could pose a considerable cost – SJ to investigate further.

Steve will get tree saplings to fill in gaps around the compound prior to applying for planning permission, cost in the order of £30 - £40 ; agreed.

Land Sale – Mike Harris

Sale going ahead albeit at a slow pace at the moment, no problems anticipated.

Accounts report – Allen Cherry

Copy of accounts report available upon request.

Comments:-

Mike H to chase Roger Faulkner for outstanding invoice amount of £3,500.00.
(Straw storage rental)

Changes to fees:-

Adult standard membership to remain at £350 / year.

Family membership definition to be revised as “Immediate family only”, i.e. Husband/wife and two children under 21 years old. New cost of £450 / year.

Under 21 at the rate of £75 / year only applies if applicant NOT in full employment.

The Under 25 option is cancelled and will no longer be available.

These price changes and definitions need to be updated on our web site asap.

Dave H please speak with Chas.

Cost savings:-

Outside toilet and kitchen water heaters to be swapped over, the kitchen heater has an “On demand” temperature control, SJ & AC

This will negate the toilet water heater being left on and wasting electricity, once fitted into the kitchen its control can be monitored easier.

CR & HM as only directors needs addressing, Allen has this in hand.

Allen to implement CASC ? Investigation to take place as to the feasibility of CASC at cost of £95.00 – agreed.

AOB

Dave H – Suggestion that Chas should have help available in the form of a backup when updating and amending the website.

Dave H – Trip to Long Mynd either 17-18th Mar or 24-25th Mar.

Allen C – Meeting to discuss membership, Sat 4th Nov 2017, 10am Mike’s house.

NOTE: Allen will be away January & February 2018.

Steve J – Anyone completing a membership form should fill in all the required information including deleting or selecting any options. The form needs to be correct, should there ever be an insurance claim. All members to be advised, BP to email.

Bernard P – Any visitors or Friends & Family arriving without prior booking will be last on the days visitor flying list.