



# Essex Gliding Club

## Committee Meeting Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 16.30hrs at Club House

Those present:

John Whitwell, Allen Cherry, Bernard Parry, Will Burry, Steve Jessup, Alex Harris, Vince Earl.

Apologies from: Chris Read

### **Allen** finance report.

As per handout, additional copies available upon request.

Main concern being the very high cost of maintaining and running the Pawnee.

Aero tows are being heavily subsidized by the club.

To offset a little of this loss the committee have decided to increase the A/T charges by £5.00 to: £25 for 2000ft & £35 for 3000ft.

Contact with Sport England for clarification of their terms for monitoring the effect of the grant award to EGC – John W.

Sale of “Heavy” Astir – No decision as yet ??

Natwest bank cheque signatories now amended to any two out of three committee members:

Allen Cherry, John Whitwell or Bernard Parry. Currently only required for cheques above £500 value.

Agreed that the any two signatures should be used for all cheques. This would not present a problem since so few cheques are used, most club payments are made via bank transfer.

### **Steve J**

Need to add a clause to our club rules re conflicts of interest affecting committee decisions (This arises from Sport England’s grant conditions). Just requires a cross reference in EGC rules to the EGCL articles of Association (Article 14) and approval at the AGM

### **Noted – for AGM**

Type of fence to be used for the repair of the damaged area at the road end of runway.

Committee decided that any repair should be:

Low cost with materials used to be aircraft/pilot safety orientated i.e. no wire strands and any support posts to be planted shallow. The effect required in the event of a future incident that the fence should act as an arresting barrier and not be a threat to the pilot but at the same time be a visible barrier that general public would not see as, “easy access” to our field. Steve to pursue with Allen re cost/material.

### **Safety of visitors arriving at airfield and entrance arrangements.**

Lack of enclosure to our car park and the lack of directions to the clubhouse from it.

Also need signage for Keep Out of danger areas.

Agreed that this issue needs attention – needs suitable signage made up.

Glider for Ridgewell fete, PW6. It was agreed that one be provided.

### **Alex**

Alex keen to have another open day, date to decided – agreed in principle.

Cadet scheme – Alex believes this would be a good recruitment tool. Alex to prepare a Cadet Scheme, and to assign a person to supervise and ensure that all cadets follow the scheme.

Proposal to sell the Pawnee tug and replace it with a Cub or similar along with a motor glider.

Agreed that this was a worthwhile proposition but would need careful consideration and co-ordination, especially with regard to finance. Agreed that Alex would look around for suitable aircraft and check out the market.



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## **Pricing**

Discounted winch launch before 12:00 to be abolished with immediate effect.

Full membership to remain at £350 / yr.

Pricing for use of simulator when operational discussed but no firm structure agreed as yet.

As of immediate effect only Bronze W/L vouchers should be sold. This change will require suitable explanation to all members since we had planned all visitor flights to be aero tow.

Date of AGM. This would take place later in the Season, circa October.

Allen Cherry would become Acting Chairman in the absences of John Whitwell

In future there would be written agreements between EGC and Members or Syndicates concerning any special arrangement involving gliders or equipment.

Structure of the Committee. It was agreed that the structure and make up of the Committee needed to be strengthened and Committee members should consider options and discuss at the next meeting in readiness for the AGM.

Land Rent Opportunity. Interest had been shown in re renting part of the land off Orchard Lane as an agricultural equipment scrap yard. It was agreed that the Treasurer should negotiate and go ahead if possible and a realistic price be obtained.

It was agreed that certain committee business could be conducted entirely by email. This would be when the matter was relatively urgent, no Committee Meeting was imminent and the costs and consequences were realistic. In accordance with this agreement the following matters were discussed electronically and agreed by the Committee.

*30/04/19 Sale of Astir by Dave H*

*22/05/19 Constitutional Changes made necessary by Sport England involvement (See attached)*

*04/06/19 Flying Fridays would be trialed*

*06/06/19 Astir trailer repairs agreed*

*27/06/19 Club House kitchen modifications agreed*

*20/08/19 AVGAS Shed repairs agreed.*

There was also a proposal that Anne Farr should be asked to research other Grant-Awarding bodies.