



# Essex Gliding Club

Committee Meeting  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
18.30hrs at Club Caravan

## **Committee present:**

John Whitwell, Allen Cherry, Bernard Parry, Simon Barns, Alex Harris, quest Tony Brook.

Apologies from: Will Burry, Chris Reed, Steve Jessup, Vince E, Callum.  
Meeting commenced at 18.15.

Chairman John Whitwell  
Welcome to all – outline of meeting.

## **Voucher Sales report Tony B**

Much concern over the low sales of voucher flights which have virtually come to a stop. From a general discussion, all those present agreed that the club home web page does not help those visitors wishing to see a clear and easy set of information for purchasing flying vouchers.

Other clubs are geared up to selling vouchers/courses etc... with a web site that is very sales orientated. It was agreed that our web site has to be changed to reflect what visitors expect and make the whole process of purchasing vouchers as easy as possible.

The home page has to reflect this, intro videos, news items etc... all fine in their place but not on the home page as the first item seen by visitors.

We know other clubs are being very successful in selling vouchers and we must catch up as quickly as possible.

Discussion took place regarding charges made by other clubs for their visitor flights. In several areas we were found to be out of step with other club charges. The following changes were proposed:

1. Fly Wednesday evenings in the summer, 4pm between 1<sup>st</sup> May & 30<sup>th</sup> August.
2. Set Aerobatic voucher at £225.00
3. Introduce a low rate winch launch, £39.00 with 1 month membership, refund £30.00 if visitor were to join EGC.

## **Outstanding Items from previous meeting. (APs from Oct 2019)**

4/19 Parachute replacement – still in hand

6/19 Security lighting – more to do

7/19 Tug pilot flight logging – Simon to follow up

8/19 Field improvement – report due end of January 2020

10/19 Finalise security plan – Some items still to be addressed

12/19 Members to remove/dispose of unused parts from site – To be followed up

## **Treasurer's report – Allen**

Overall the financial condition of the club appears quite good however with a number of known outstanding bills, low voucher sales and the winter period providing very little income there could be difficulties ahead.

The accounts stand much as before and shown on members web area AGM Minutes 2019.



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## **Simulator use (process, instruction and operation manuals) Allen / Alex**

Simulator progressing well but will not be ready for launch until the New Year.

A set structure for the operation of the simulator must be in place. A document customised for EGC use, taking the Cambridge GC operating manual as a starting point.

Launch set for whole days of Friday & Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Anne for nibbles, tea/coffee etc.

Sim room safety – it was discussed by all present along with a visit by everyone to inspect the sim room. Unanimous agreement that the sim room should have its own quick escape door regardless of the regulations that do not require it.

Allen will try to get the sim room alarm working.

## **Security**

Gates found off track and the possibility of lifting off from the hinges. These gates to have welded caps fitted to stop easy removal of the gates.

## **AVGAS shed repair**

Work has been designed/planned and now needs to be actioned.

## **Dates for courses, flying weeks and open day(s)**

Courses

1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020 Dave H ?

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> June Alex should be available – to be advertised.

## **Flying weeks**

8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (Alex 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>)

13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (Alex 15<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>)

17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 (Alex 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>)

## **Airfield levelling update – Bernard**

The situation with regard to levelling the identified airfield gullies and pot holes is as follows:

Various discussions have taken place between BP, SJ & RH for a solution.

It is generally agreed that the following equipment would be necessary,

A turf cutter – most likely secondhand £600 /£700.

A compactor – not so expensive, new around £350.

A suitable small trailer for transporting in-fill material + the above equipment.

There may be a suitable trailer available within EGC.

This equipment and a suitable supply of in-fill material would provide a permanent repair system that could be quickly and easily used as required.

In the first instance the most seriously damaged areas of the field should be repaired followed by a planned approach for the remainder of the field.

Whilst there is the matter of the initial cost, providing the equipment is not damaged or stolen ! then we (BP,SJ,RH) consider it would be money well spent.



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**A.O.B.**

No further points raised – meeting closed 21.30.

Minutes by Bernard Parry