

## Essex Gliding Club.

### Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Ridgewell June 24<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Present: John Whitwell, Allen Cherry, Steve Jessup, Tony Brook, Will Bury, Dave Hertzberg, Callum Hitchings, Vince Earl. Paul and Anne Rigeli

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Tony Brook Tony would decide at end of meeting whether or not to join the committee, As a result, he would have no vote in this meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed Proposed by Allen Cherry, seconded by Paul Regeli.

#### 1/ Chairman's comments.

The last committee meeting was held six months ago. The committee is required to have four face to face meetings per annum but more may be held if the members so wish.

In general, things are going well with the exception of the tug repair which has encountered some problems. The club has welcomed several new members and instruction is going well. People have re-soloed quickly with the help of the CFI.

#### 2/ Treasurer's report.

All have had copies of accounts. No queries.

TB: The club accounts are looking good. £41k left in current account re final costs of Tug repairs and ARC and possible voucher refunds due to lack of tug availability..

#### 3/ Tug Update.

JW: Wing damage repaired by EES. Good job, done in time and budget.

When further work needed it was agreed to re-use EES. That was 8months ago. The firm was told that EGC did not need the aircraft back until the beginning of the gliding season. The firm was also to do the ARC and return it – original ARC one year remaining.

When asked when the tug would be ready EES was very vague. MH visited and tug was still in bits. Would be 3-4 weeks. This deadline was not met and this keeps happening. EES manager won't talk to JW and MH has had no response to phone calls or emails. If there is no reply by Tuesday MH and JW will pay visit.

#### 5/ Renting of compound. John.

Roger who has been renting the compound is ill and has been working with Murphy Will who wants to carry on with the tenancy when Roger gives up in August. Will is local, well known needs earth space around property to clear it as he wont burn on concrete. Wants security looked into and possibly new gate which he wants EGC to pay for before he moves in. Roger pays £3850. Allen wants to increase this from Aug 2022 to £4000.

What should we charge bearing in mind Will knows what Roger pays?

JW: We pay £1500 for gates and charge £500 more rent.

SJ: Is he only renting slab?

JW: Yes. We can still use what we need for winter glider storage,

SJ: Must be careful re agricultural tenancy as they easily become secure tenancies. After 11 months, not 12.

JW: Can we have agreement re £4500 plus gates? Show of hands: Yes..

SJ: Must have proper drawn up agreement, not one we have drawn up.

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### **6/ Parachutes: Tony**

4 parachutes have been bought recently. John has found a company in Beccles who will repack up to 30 years old,

TB Idea: Could a number of club chutes that old be rented to members for £100 plus packing fee?

Proposal: {Tony) To sell 1 or 2 club chutes plus Rob to rent club chute for £100. Seconded DH.

TB: Tim will only pack chutes up to 25 Years old.

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### **7/ Tea and Coffee: Dave**

Tea, coffee and tuck is running at a loss,

Members must pay for what they use or the facility will need to be seriously curtailed.

### **8/ Admin and communication: Dave**

Not everyone getting emails so does it need to be backed up by Whatsapp notice?

CH: Good idea, but not for chitchat.

JW: More for Dave to do .But Dave was prepared to do it so will set up a no reply WhatsApp with limited senders. Email still to be used as overriding communication.

VE: It would be good if Ian would train others so we can do the work and he can sign it off. Record it if he is OK with that members' area so anyone can see it.

### **10/ Private member storage – Callum.**

CH: Make area for private owners to keep chutes/radios tec. Could we clear out container nearest clubhouse and rack it out? This will stop stuff being left in the clubhouse. Callum agreed to set this up

### **11/ Directors and shareholdings. John.**

JW: All committee members are directors and shareholders. At present, Chris Reed holds 7 shares and Hugh Madams holds 6 (£1 Per share). One cannot make any profit from these

DH: What liability does a shareholder/Director have?

JW: £1per share held

*Directors ins(Discussion about insurance – D.H. to clarify and correct accordingly).*

JW: Said that he was now Company Secretary. He would rationalise the shareholding position by giving each Director one share so that all Committee members had one share and thus one vote each. The remaining shares would be held by the Chairman but as **non – voting shares**, those thus held would then be available to issue/ take back if numbers of Directors/ Committee Members changed so preserving equal voting rights for all Committee Members for the future.

This made a reality of the terms of the Clubs Constitution and Rules.

Appropriate forms issued and signed; witnessed by A.R.(Anne Regeli)

### **13/ Junior rates – Callum.**

CH: Had heard that junior members struggled to pay fees when winch launch fees increased. They have now left. Has looked at other clubs and a possible option is every 4<sup>th</sup> winch launch free on the same day. First 10 minutes free.

As a junior member himself, CH said he would opt out as those who can afford to own their own aircraft should be exempt.

All agreed the need to increase Junior membership.

Various proposals made but all administrative nightmares except for straight £5 winch launch for juniors which was agreed.

### **AOB**

#### **Launch point chairs.**

SJ: Need new chairs for launch point.

Agreed by all.

#### **Appointment to Committee.**

JW/TB: Tony will join committee.

Agreed by all.