

## MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING

Date Saturday 27th August 2022 commencing 6.40 pm  
Venue Ashen Village Hal

### Those Present

John Whitwell (Chairman), Tony Brook (Treasurer), Dave Hertzberg (CFI) Will Burry, Callum Hitchings  
Steve Jessup

### Apologies

Paul Regeli (Secretary) Vince Earl

Minutes taken by Steve Jessup in Paul's absence

### 1. Treasurers report

TB said that, in round figures, the club's financial assets amounted to about 120K. There were a number of large bills to pay including Pawnee ARC £2K, Insurance 10K, estimated 5K if flying vouchers have to be repaid. So nett finance is about 100K of which £70K is a contingency to cover uninsurable assets.

### 2. Junior Membership

There was general agreement that we would like to have more junior members and how to encourage this particularly in the current financial climate.

#### **Decision**

It was unanimously agreed that we would extend the junior age range to 25. This is to be immediately implemented for both current and future members. Current members who as a result of this now fall into the junior age range but who have paid full subscription to be refunded the difference in the form of flying fee credits.

### 3. Instructor Training

DH was concerned that the previous half price launch/flying fee concession for instructor training had been discontinued in the last year or two. This had applied to Cathy Dellar's BI training. None present could remember this being agreed at committee. General discussion on the need to encourage people to train as instructors.

#### **Decision**

It was unanimously agreed that the concession would be reinstated with immediate effect. It would not be extended to IFP training as this was not an instructor category. Cathy to be credited £100 to offset additional charges made by her.

### 4. Purchase of Another K13

A K13 has become available for purchase at Dover. Price is 10K including a trailer. It has a glue check covering the next 5 years. It is reported to be in very good condition as is the trailer. Discussion centered around avoiding a potential deficit in two seat aircraft due to the uncertain future of EOE and also the longer term availability of Marianne.

## **Decision**

It was unanimously agreed that we would purchase the K13 subject to DH and CH flying the aircraft and being satisfied with its flying characteristics and a good recommendation by Andy Bennet (BGA inspector)

## **5. Variometers**

There is concern particularly with regard to trial lessons that the electronic variometers in both PW6 aircraft cannot be heard from the back and so this detracts from lookout as the manual ones have to be used when soaring. There was discussion around how to improve the situation on an interim and permanent basis. Generally agreed that the latter was for a future meeting when Vince could be included.

## **Decision**

It was unanimously agreed that as an interim solution we will purchase two hang glider variometers at approximately £60 each. DH will do this.

## **Action**

A permanent solution to this issue to be discussed at a future meeting when Vince could be present and that this would also cover discussing a policy on updating and improving aircraft perhaps when put in for ARC (JW to include in agenda)

## **6. Resignation of Treasurer**

Allen Cherry has resigned as treasurer and Tony Brook has stepped in to take on that role Allen will assist in the transition up to the end of September 2022.

TB can however undertake only the pure treasurer role, not the myriad of other aspects of club management that AC had assimilated over the years.

JW suggested that the committee brainstorm the issue of what exactly those other roles were. There was much discussion on this and JW listed the items that arose. SJ noted that some of the items could be usefully grouped together in areas such as logistics, contracts etc that might potentially be capable of being taken on in bite sized chunks by various club member (not necessarily on the committee)

## **Decision**

It was unanimously agreed that JW would circulate the list that had been generated to the committee an all would consider and suggest any additions potential groupings etc. Agreement and assignment of tasks to be considered at our next meeting.

## **7. Logging System**

We have a bespoke logging system which has advantages over other systems but lacks some useful aspects of other systems in use by other clubs. SJ said that he found the online flight log/ payment feature of Rattlesden's system to be convenient, as an example.

Allen Cherry had researched the systems available and would give a presentation on this to the committee.

CH emphasized the need to quickly make a decision on this as the lead in time for implementing a new system could be protracted.

## **Action**

JW to arrange for AC to give presentation. Committee will then address the issue at the next meeting

## **8. Winch Drivers**

The pressure on winch drivers (due to the relatively small number of them) was discussed. It was generally agreed that, in principle, all members should train as winch drivers and all should take turns driving the winch. Exceptions would need to be made for instructors, for those not physically capable and for those where it becomes clear during winch training that their skills lie in other areas. New members would be given time to become established before winch training. Certain of the existing winch drivers will be designated as winch instructors.

## **Decision**

It was unanimously agreed that, as a general policy,, all members, other than instructors, be required, where at all possible, to train as winch drivers. JW to advise membership. WB to designate winch driver trainers.

9. The meeting closed at 8.15 pm