



Essex Gliding Club

Committee Meeting Sunday 4th September 2019, 17.30hrs
at Club House

Those present:

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

Guest Rebecca Bryan, Apologies from: Chris Read

Meeting commenced at 5.45pm

Chairman's Welcome - John Whitwell

Welcome to everyone and our guest Rebecca Bryan.

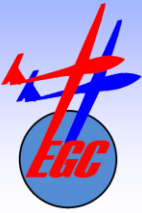
Good progress this year with more members/trainees with the potential of several more solo pilots before the end of this year, more details/comments from Alex later. However should the membership continue to grow then the management of trainees may need to be monitored and adjusted as necessary.

Treasurer's Finance Report – Allen Cherry.

1. As per handout, additional copies available upon request.
2. There has been an overall improvement in finances and launch activities. With more members and more flying time income than last year our present balance is quite healthy, even taking in to account current estimated liabilities.
3. It was therefore proposed by Allen that we 'Ring Fence' £40,000 of the deposit account for eventualities and major repairs, and not include it in our available 'cash'. This is also because we cannot obtain any insurance for the club's equipment and infrastructure, and so we are effectively being 'self-insured'. Agreed unanimously by the committee with the provision that the £40,000 be itemized – **Allen to advise**
4. Rebecca confirmed that future glider insurance premiums would rise considerably, mainly due to a number of large claims in the last twelve months.
5. At this point it was advised by Steve J that his name does not appear on the club Directors list. Noted & to be corrected. **John to contact Chris**

Technical report – Vince Earl

1. Vince had prepared a flying day shutdown list to assist the last person/s leaving the site.
2. Some disagreement amongst the committee about some points – **Steve J agreed to revise the shutdown list** before the AGM meeting later this year.
3. Self-Declared Maintenance Program – It should be noted by all members, in particular those private owners.



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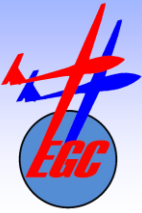
4. All private owners to be aware of the new rules which basically means that the owner/s are responsible for ensuring the correct maintenance is carried out as & when required including complete records of manufacturers modifications, updates, ARC and equipment . **Vince will send email information to everyone. Traceability of parts is a must. Any a/c control mechanisms or parts thereof should only be adjusted / touched by a fully qualified inspector.**
5. Vince will look after the club aircraft, K13 EOE, Astir, PW6's KRU & KRX in respect of EASA paperwork and records, **Vince to be signatory as agreed with the committee.**
6. New parts to be identifiable and to be stored and recorded i.e. Bonded Store.
7. Items along with aircraft documents and manuals to be stored in the container.
8. **Steve J will source container**
9. Tost hooks for K13 EOE / PW6 refurbishment – **Vince to check.**
10. Astir needs straps replacing, other club a/c to be checked.
11. Parachutes to be checked with provision to be made for a gradual replacement program to be formulated – **John W to follow up.** Possible new ARC supplier, **Alex check with Ryan** and report back

Sport England - Steve Jessup

1. Steve's main concern with Sport England is with regard to our grant. That all points contained within the grant paperwork, i.e. terms & conditions, should be complied with in a satisfactory manner. Thus enabling EGC to apply for other grants in the future.

Security – John Whitwell

1. Allen has available some high output LED flood lights which would need positioning/installing.
2. Agreed that **Allen, Steve J and Will B** would form a subcommittee to arrange the work involved, additional volunteers would be necessary once a plan of action has been formulated & agreed. Dave Jones to be invited in a consultancy role. Rebecca suggested the possible installation of GPS modules on to high value items which might provide a way of easy recovery if stolen. Included under security – a fly over complaint from a local resident, **Alex to follow up. Alex will take on the position of Tug Master** with Andy Daines as tug maintainer.
3. Correct logging procedures to be ensured for all tug operations, **Alex will discuss** with all tug pilots.



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4. The field surface is becoming very bumpy in places. **A subcommittee approved to help Ralph Hawtree implement a program of improvements with Steve J & Bernard P.**
5. Tasks will have to be prioritised with the filling in of holes and ruts being the first consideration, with seeding & rolling if required.
6. A work plan and costings to be formulated and presented to the main committee.

Simulator Update

1. Allen, still much work to do and extra help would be required, to be requested as/when necessary. Whilst the simulator is progressing it is very much a case of, 'work in progress', the nature of the work involved being difficult at this stage to accurately predict a completion date.
2. Suggested additional security measures for the simulator caravan might include steel covered doors and mesh steel grid windows.
3. Alex Harris to supply details of runway directions for the fields he requested to be included in the flight plans.

CFI Report – Alex Harris

1. Alex was very pleased with trainee progress with several new solo pilots before the end of this season.
2. Alex outlined the subjects for discussion during his next Instructor meeting. These include: Use of radio, Senior Club Pilot role, Log Book detail.
3. Motor glider update – **Alex to provide data** re running costs and the possibility of a low cost Venture aircraft. Evening training for RT & Bronze exams to be arranged. Club outings:- February Long Mynd & March Sutton Bank.
4. To Rattlesden for this winter – take one of the PW6's.
5. Restructure FPTS as follows: 1 year & 100 Launches, inc 2 aero tows – **agreed by committee.**

AGM – Arranged for Saturday 2nd November Ashen Village Hall 6pm

No other business – meeting closed at 10pm.

Bernard Parry, Secretary