

Bristol and Gloucestershire Gliding Club
Committee Minutes May 23rd 2018

1. Apologies:

CFI: Greg O'Hagan,

Operations: Dougie Vance

2. In Attendance

Chairman: Dan Welch (in part),

Vice Chairman: Andy Ward,

Secretary: Alan Montague,

Treasurer: Nalin Parmar,

Estates: Neil Spicer

3. New Members:

List not available

4. Correspondence Received:

The Chairman had received a personal email from Martin Talbot: It included a comment on inadequacy of log sheets. Chairman reminded us that it is the responsibility of the P1 when instructing to enter the log. Chairman suggests a training evening for all instructors, to be run by himself and CFI. **ACTION Chairman**

5. Confirmation of Agenda.

The written agenda had been placed on-line but the club internet had failed. The agenda was then retrieved from the secretary's memory. It was likewise not possible to access any written reports.

6. Matters arising from April minutes

Incident bus v. car: Pete Bagnall has kindly agreed to cover the £250 excess.

Pick-up truck clutch: not yet fully assessed.

Buggies: White buggy unhealthy, clutch housing cracked, one wheel stud sheared.

AGREED replace for £1400 ACTION Estates.

Dougie's bid to host the Junior Nationals here has been accepted. Congratulations.

7. Reports

a. Chairman: Proposes a list of volunteer work that must be done and work we would like done. **ACTION Chairman** to write. Other items minuted below.

b. Vice-Chairman: K21 trailer tyres replaced. Need for tyre covers at £4 each (**AGREED**). Thursday group beginning survey of all club trailers. When K8 work complete whole fleet is serviceable.

c. Secretary: nil

d. Treasurer: Consideration of Saturday office staff **AGREED not at present.**

Freeflight software and associated changes: Chris Edwards has begun heading the team with assistance by AJ and supervisory input by Treasurer.

Financial forecast is a moderate loss at year end.

e. Estates: Buggy status; as above, green buggy operational next week.

Concern that avgas tank is 38 years old, predict need for a replacement fund.

Strops falling on the field and not picked up are destroyed by the mower. Cost £80 each. REQUEST CFI to disseminate via instructors.

f. Operations: report submitted only on-line therefore inaccessible.

8. Winch Driver and Airfield Manager

Requested an increase in hourly rate. Jordan has agreed to operate the winch when required. **DECISION Remuneration to remain as agreed.** Chairman to communicate.

9. Request to hire LS4 at reduced rate.

A request received from a member to take a glider off site to represent BGGC at the Rockpolishers, paying reservation and soaring charges only. Change in hiring rule rates a matter for general meeting, **no rule change at this meeting.** Cannot justify making exception to club rule.

10. Request to store a paraglider trailer on site.

Chairman had received a request from a Mr Rob Hood to keep his trailer on site but not otherwise to access club facilities. **DECISION: request agreed subject to associate membership and full trailer rental.**

11. Proposal for Commercial Letting of the Tug Hangar Workshop

The Chairman had been in discussion with an aircraft repairer who was willing to pay to occupy the workshop behind the tug hangar. This would inevitably require division of the workshop into two parts. Office space to be provided in the room beyond the parachute loft. The north hangar club workshop would require improvement to a standard acceptable to the BGA.

Comments: Treasurer: if this happens it must be as a direct tenant of PTY to avoid loss of CASC status. It may also cause considerable increase in our rates, based on its potential rental value rather than actual rent.

Vice Chairman: the Thursday night crew are very unhappy with this proposal, both workshops are fully used by them and consider the amount offered small.

ACTION: an informal meeting with interested members before decision. Thursday May 31st 6pm, club bar or by email to secretary. **Secretary to organise** and report.

12. Airfield Safety

An instructor had written expressing concern at recent airfield and hangar incursions including those by children.

Discussion:

Club members receive safety briefings and training. Trial lesson temporary members must always be briefed and supervised. **ACTION CFI.**

Members of the public are invited onto BGGC land by the café operator. It is our duty to make them safe. **AGREED** Alan Price to be asked to contact Health and Safety Executive for advice **ACTION Chairman.**

Comment Treasurer: safety measures have to be economically feasible.

AJ is investigating signage

ACTION Estates to contact BGA for advice.

Immediate action: it is **AGREED more prominent signs to be placed.**

13. Tug Subcommittee

Steve Eyles reporting, all types of aircraft being considered, including light aircraft, and very light aircraft. Specific proposal to hold practical trial of 120 hp Fox. Vice-Chairman asked **Steve to convey thanks** to his committee for its extensive work.

14. Other Business

Discussion of committee role.

Meeting terminated

15. Next meeting

To be decided

Alan Montague

Secretary