

South Wales Gliding Club

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Executive Committee Meeting 25th June 2019

Present:

Enzo Casagrande (Chairman)	Derek Bennett (Treasurer)	Pete Burgess (Secretary)
Maureen Weaver	Richard Slater	Geoff Williams
Simon France	Adam Deacon	Martin Capps
Ian Kennedy		

Minutes:

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies: None.

2. To approve minutes of meeting of 23rd May 2019.

Acceptance of the previous minutes was proposed by Simon France and seconded by Maureen Weaver.

3. Review action items from previous minutes.

Ian Kennedy attended the meeting to provide further details with regard to becoming a BGA Declared Training Organisation for the issue of the TMG extension to a GPL. The committee gave approval unanimously. M.W to make BGA application.

Maintenance of DKE is ongoing.

The dispersal of the stone chips, outside the clubhouse, is ongoing.

G.W has not received any contact from ITV, to ascertain when they are able to visit our site.

D.B advised that there were now four contenders for a flight logging system although Glidex remains the least expensive and that he would provide the committee with further details.

Martin Capps to meet with the youngsters at the course, being held at the end of July, to ascertain how we can better cater for their training needs.

G.W advised that he had not been able to progress any leads regarding a possible grant for the new hangar.

Regarding the possible distribution of information to people having had a trial lesson, GW suggested that it would be handed out manually until we get a software package up & running.

It was noted that Natalie had resumed her role as our clubhouse cleaner.

A.D had sent a draft Data Protection Policy & the Privacy notice to committee members who will recheck, with the aim of approval at the next committee meeting.

E.C will further discuss with both Dave Jeffries and Dave Ephraim further ideas concerning the creation of a central computer data storage facility.

R.S has circulated a list of current frequencies on the clubhouse noticeboard. A reminder to all to keep radio communications concise & brief.

R.S to investigate options for an improvement in the speed of clubhouse computer. Ongoing.

E.C had sent out a new version of the Rules & Regs document to committee members which was unanimously approved. E.C will send it to Dave Jeffries for inclusion on the website. M.W will change the ops Manual. Martin Capps to reformat the Ops Manual.

4. Receive CFI's report.

The CFI reported that very little has been achieved since the last meeting because of the poor weather. Only one good day, with several cross-countries completed.

Training has progressed, and Will Gould has gone solo.

5. Receive Club Safety Officer's report.

Report not available.

6. Receive the Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer produced the following:-

Recent Income and Expenditure

	Receipts	Payments
January 2018	4400	5936 Tug £3460
Feb	2785	14,628 Tug, 609 and K8
March	7792	21,000 Tug (£18k)
April	8557	5073
May	7849 poor weather	7947
June	15,207	20,046 (Avgas £10k)
July	7061	2899
August	7035	2387
September	5799	1581 of which £1k Tug starter
October	16,532 (£10.3k was Paypal)	1375
November	7296	2378
December	2244	1003
January 2019	3857	16,613
February	2604	5000
March	10,271	11,426 (£8.5k on repairs and upgrades)
April	12,560	1290
May	9100	4076 (2800 refurb 609)

Bank Holdings – Current Account

Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
21,527	22,768	9,566	7,170	6015	14,486	19,509

Reserve Bank Acc £60k

Big spends in May:

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|---------------|------|
| 1. Diesel | 633 |
| 2. 609 refurb | 2800 |

Ongoing Issues : -

Budget cost required for : -

1. New hangar approx £100k
2. New tug £100k
3. New two seater training glider(s)
4. Hangar finance plan to be prepared - £40k loan from BGA available

Committee decisions and points discussed made at the meeting.

D.B advised that the Bank Holdings – Current Account now was £20.5K.

A.D suggested that the club consider taking out a finance loan together with the £40k loan from BGA, as necessary, to cover future budget costs.

7. Receive the Fleet Manager's report.

The Fleet Manager reported that DKE – refurbishment and recovering ongoing.

All other club gliders are now airworthy.

Committee decisions and points discussed made at the meeting.

The committee wished to express their thanks to both R.S and S.F for all their extensive work on club gliders including 609 & WW.

8. Receive the Tug Master's report

The Tug Master reported that the new aileron had been fitted and signed off. Tug ARC renewal due in July. It will go for a day to Pure for inspection plus fitting of new CHT, gascolator and touch up of the Oratex.

Eurofox

Latest from Somerset GC is that they were to test fly the Eurofox w/c 17th June with the permit to be reissued soon after. Asking price £65,000.

Proposed plan

Go to Somerset to carefully check out the aircraft. Offer them ~£60K if all looks ok. If agreement reached, bring it to Usk and start using it with 100hp engine. Meanwhile go out and purchase good condition used 100hp UL engine and get this sent to Edge for upgrading to 120hp. (Edge essentially totally rebuild the engine and zero hour it). Swap engines over when it returns then offer the current engine for sale.

Cost estimates

£60k for fox

<£10k for used UL 100 engine

£10-13k for Edge upgrade

-£15k from sale of SI 100 engine

Net total cost hopefully £70-75K.

9. Receive the Trial Lessons Secretary's report.

The Trial Lessons Secretary reported that so far this year there have been sold:

22 Trial lessons, 4 Mile-High and 2 Mini-Courses.

Also a good number of evening winch groups booked through members and previous visits

Trial lessons sales are holding up well, better than average.

Mile-High and Mini Courses are recovering after slow sales in 1st half 2019.

10. Receive the Winch Master's report

The Winch Master reported that there are no issues associated directly with the winch itself. However, he has visited Sky launch in the first week of June and discussed predominately swivel joints and parachutes. The outcome of these discussions has resulted in acquiring a stock of new swivel joints (rated at 4 tonnes) and ordering one of their new parachutes on SOR for testing (which should arrive imminently). In the event that this parachute performs appropriately then the plan is to order additional ones.

11. Receive the CPO's report

The CPO had nothing to report.

12. Grob 103 Twin 11 for sale.

S.F had seen a Grob 103 Twin 11 for sale on Glider Pilot for 26,500 Euros and will ascertain further information.

13. Any other business.

- 13.1** S.F pointed out that we should be more proactive in recycling waste. The council have issued a wheelie bin for glass, which is collected fortnightly and now no longer accept the purple bags. R.S pointed out that no glass has been collected since the end of March and that he will put a notice in the clubhouse specifying which coloured bags to be used for recycling.

D.B will contact Liz, at the council, regarding our stockpile of glass and whether we can obtain any refund for our bought unused purple bags.

- 13.2** S.F raised an issue regarding unpleasant aromas from microwaved meals cooked in the clubhouse and requested that club members be sympathetic to others and consider eating their meals outside.

- 13.3** S.F pointed out that Talgarth use 118.685 and that calls are required.

- 13.4** P.B to contact Steve Evans regarding the new signs to be made at the sites entrance.

- 13.5** G.W pointed out that there had been various issues circulated amongst committee members by email, although no positive outcome/decision had materialised and that a deadline of 'by the end of the week' should be set.

A.D suggested that an appendix should be included in the minutes which lists issues raised and action taken / or conclusion reached.

E.C pointed out that issues can be agreed by email except that if a single member objects then the issue would be raised at the next committee meeting. A committee member can drive the issue but where there is no ownership then the Chairman would drive it.

14. Set date for next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th September 2019 at 6pm in the clubhouse.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:35 hrs.

Action required following Minutes:

Action	Who
Send DTO application.	M.W
DKE maintenance.	S.F
Contact ITV to ascertain when they are able to visit our site.	G.W
Provide further information to the committee regarding flight logging software.	D.B
Meet with the youngsters on the July course to ascertain how we can better cater for their training needs.	A.D/ M.C
Continue with enquiries regarding a possible grant for the new hangar.	G.W
Distribute information to people having had a trial lesson.	G.W
Recheck Data Protection Policy & the Privacy notice.	All
Discuss central computer storage ideas with Dave Jeffries and Dave Ephraim.	E.C
Investigate options for an improvement in the speed of clubhouse computer.	R.S
Send Rules & Regs to Dave Jeffries for inclusion on the website.	E.C
Make changes to Ops manual regarding Rules & Regs.	M.W
Reformat Ops manual.	M.C
A visit to evaluate the Eurofox.	E.C
Ascertain further information regarding Grob 103 for sale.	S.F
Contact the council, regarding our stockpile of glass & possible refund.	D.B
Contact Steve Evans regarding the new signs.	P.B

P Burgess
28th June 2019