

Sir George Cayley Sailing Club

Minutes of AGM

Held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 in Fang Foss

Present: Nikki Baxter, Andy Berzins, Suzanne Berzins, Don Bodill, Nikki Bodill, Chad Bradley, Dominic Curran, Ian Curren, Tony Dew, Jonathan Hutton, Ken Machen, Tracey Nicholls, Richard Penny, David Perryman, Harry Postill, Richard Sewell, Richard Shirt, Jez Smith, David Todd and Lukasz Zawol

Excused: Shane Nutter and Tim Rood

Meeting started at 8 PM. Tony Dew presided, Tracey Nicholls took the minutes.

Membership Secretary Report (Suzanne Berzins)

We currently have 64 members. 10 are not renewing their membership from last year.

Sue welcomed the new members, some of who were present at the AGM.

Treasurer's reports (David Perryman)

Bank interest £1

Club coaching £588

Launch access £320

Club events £117

Office supplies £113

Miscellaneous £106

Income £600

Opening Balance at Bank £3,398

Closing at December 31, 2018 £2,756

Competitions Manager Report (David Perryman)

Competition winners (for those who entered). Steve Charlesworth has the most XC points, he also has longest XC flight. David Perryman was in the lead for the coastal race.

Andy Berzins was the winner of the glide and accuracy competition as well as the photography competition for most like photo taken at one of the Club's sites.

Richard Shirt will update website accordingly. He also has trophies will get them back to who has earned them.

David added that he would brief those who wanted on the competitions in place for this year.

Webmaster Report – Richard Shirt

1'353 views / hits on the website. Mainly from the UK. Richard gave out some random figures, i.e the most popular viewing time is between 8 and 9 PM on Friday evenings. FB seems to be growing monthly, number of likes, comments, etc. Telegram group works well.

Chairman's Report (Tony Dew)

I'm pleased to report that the Cayley Club has enjoyed a very good 2018. The Spring was exceptionally wet, but Summer gave us long periods of fine weather with good flying conditions. At our local sites many club members enjoyed excellent flying, including several personal bests and some outstanding cross country flights. In addition there have been successful excursions, by individual club members and groups, to UK and foreign flying destinations including Italy, Bulgaria, France, Spain and elsewhere. We have had no significant accidents to any of our members. The club is financially sound and in good shape, with 64 paid-up members (+ 10 to come!) and a small 'hard core' of members who actively and consistently support the club. Special thanks are due to Suzie Berzins, Tracey Nicholls, Andy Berzins, David Perryman, Richard Shirt, and Dominic Curran. Also Harry Postill for organising the club walk and lunch, Ken Machin and Pauline for the Xmas raffle, and Richard Sewell.

Although in 2018 we had no incidents involving serious injury or worse to any club member, there were two things I'd like to mention. First Irvin Hunt died in December, of cancer. Irvin had left paragliding for sailplaning some years ago but long-standing members will remember him as a friendly face, always helpful, and a strong supporter of the Cayley Club for many years, sadly missed. Second, an incident involving an ex club member earlier in the year resulted in him being air-lifted by helicopter to hospital but his injuries were relatively minor. I consider this to be a good result for the Cayley Club, and for paragliding.

Flying a paraglider or hang glider safely often involves serious consideration of other pilots as well as of the general public. It also depends on an array of factors including diligent preparation and planning, the right equipment for your ability and purpose, practice to keep current, and good decision-making with regard to weather and site conditions. This is why the Spring, when we may have had a long winter lay-off, can be such a difficult time. Also, a dangerous period for free fliers is often said to be when they are fresh out of flying school, full of enthusiasm and theoretical knowledge, but with precious little real experience of how to cope when things go wrong. But however experienced we are, we free flying pilots should all know that we are on an unending learning trajectory. We should never stop learning and listening. The role of coaches is

an important part of this, and as a club we now have many good coaches, easily contactable and willing to give advice and share their valuable experience.

Following the Coaching Course we hosted in 2017 our Cayley Club held a Club Coach Development course in November 2018. Organised by Dominic Curran and Andy Berzins this was a great success and Dom has been invited to conduct similar events for other clubs. Cayley Club events this year have included the barbecue and site clear-up in August, held at the coast, the Christmas Dinner in December and the club walk in the Wolds in January. These were well attended and thoroughly enjoyable and thanks go to all who supported these events by contributing and attending.

Since Christmas we have, as usual, distributed gifts to various landowners, paid the annual fee for our flying licence at Horcum, and renewed our annual legal agreement with the landowner at Millington. Special thanks to Jez Smith for liaising with the national park Authority over Horcum, and Andy and Sue Berzins for their work with several landowners including at Sutton Bank (which still remains closed). Thanks to Richard Shirt for the work he's put in with the club website and social media, as well as planning flying competitions and the photo comp. These competitions have now been taken over by David Parreyman, many thanks to him also. He has a series of comps planned for 2019 including a Coupe de Brid, which I hope will be well supported. Thanks to Sue Berzins for all her work as membership Secretary, and to Richard Sewell who's acted as Vice Chairman and is always supportive of the club. Finally, many thanks to Tracey Nicholls who has volunteered to take minutes as well as look after the club's accounts.

What does 2019 may hold in store for the Cayley Club? The year got off to an exceptionally fine start with at least half a dozen pilots flying on New Year's Day, 1st January, and not in snow! A number of club activities and events are already pencilled in for later in the year and, as always, the club will welcome suggestions, especially from members willing to step forward and help. I have been proud to be Chairman of the Sir George Cayley Sailwing Club but this is my final report. Having been Chairman for five years now I've decided it's time to hand over to someone younger and fresher. I'm delighted that we have a nomination for Chairman from a person who will, I am sure, take the club on effectively and safely to new and better achievements.

Tony Dew, Chairman, Sir George Cayley Sailwing Club, February 2019

P.S. Two of our members, Andy Berzins and David Perryman, are nominated for the Executive Committee of the BHPA. Please give one or both of them your support by voting. Votes need to be in by the end of February. Voting slips are in the latest Skywings magazine, or can be scanned from the BHPA website.

AD

Tony Dew passed over to Harry Postill with respect of new elections to Committee:

Harry Postill thanked all current officials and proceeded with the nominations.

POSITION

● Chairman:

● Vice Chairman:

NOMINEE

Suzanne Berzins

Tony Dew

- Membership Secretary/Treasurer: Tracey Nicholls.
- Webmaster: Richard Shirt
- Safety Office: Andy Berzins
- Chief Coach: Andy Berzins
- Senior Coach: Dominic Curran
- Competitions Manager: David Perryman

All the above motions were passed with majority vote.

Site Officers (no vote needed) stand as follows :

Andy Berzins: Millington, Atwick, Mappleton and Sutton Bank

Jez Smith: Horcum and Coastal Foreshore

Tony Dew: Speeton

Any other potential future sites to be handled by one of the above mentioned.

Club Coaches:

Andy Berzins, Alex Colbeck, Ed. Cunliffe, Dominic Curran, Ian Curren, Tony Johnston, Rob Lund, Geoff Moses, Steve Pickering, Harry Postill, Tim Rood, Robin Scott, Richard Sewell and Richard Shirt.

Tony Dew added that there was another motion which had to be voted on at the present meeting: re changing some of the wording in the Constitution. An amendment which was suggested by David Perryman to clarify the purpose of the Club re changes in tax laws. Motion is to add under Clause 17 (addendum) that "The Club is run exclusively for the benefit of it's own members." This is to make it clear that we won't be making money out of it. Motion passed with majority vote.

Harry Postill thanked the new Committee members.

Suzanne Berzins as the new Chairman thanked Tony Dew for all that he has covered. She added that it was important that all club members try to participated in the activities and work of the Club to keep the club going.

Any Other Business

Suzanne would like photos of pilots wings who fly Millington for Larry the Landowner.

Constitution states the Club is a member of the BHPA. Current BHPA CP level or above. None of the Club's sites are training sites. Millington is members only and Pilot rated only site.

SB said that BHPA membership is going up by 20 pounds per year. Ian Currer said BHPA had huge claim. Insurance sell off risk to others... the increase is to cover the risk. SB said is this because we include paramotors? No said IC. Flying with each other have someone to claim against. AB said is in your interest to fly with BHPA members.

Dominic Curran stated that the BHPA did big drive on training and progressing, half of the pilots flying today are at CP level and drive is to get the CP to Pilot level. DC say need to encourage all to do continuous training. (Ian and Andy have been doing Tandem) . Recent CP pilots could do pilot tasks. Pilots could do advanced pilot tasks. Sue asked if we can we do a FB page for newly CP pilots and "red ribbon club" for low airtime pilots. We will be running Ground handling sessions again this year.

We had a great turnout for the AGM thank you to all that came. It was really good new members were present.

Andy said we were looking for volunteers to do 20-30 minutes at each meeting to review air law, weather, etc... Andy, Ian Currer, Jez and David P. said they would volunteer. Have sessions before monthly meetings. Clear up session at Reighton in the Summer and also at Mappelton. Another little site opening at Atwick, camping good showers. David P. said they camped there and took off next to the tent and it was really nice. Site guide needs updating accordingly.

Upcoming event: there will be a session on flight instruments during our meeting in March 2019. How better to use instruments enter weigh points. Richard Bungay will be doing this. Date possibly 22nd or 23rd March

David P. said will cover competitions in April.

Jez will cover coastal flying in May.

Discussed what had been spoken about at last meeting. Need to know postcode when reporting accident to emergency services. Ian Currer said they will accept grid references just need to speak to right person as the ones answering the phones don't always know that they can accept grid references. There is an app for smartphones called OS Locate.

AB says Sutton Bank saga continues.

No further matters. End of meeting at 9h20 PM.

The next Club Meeting will be held in Fang Foss on

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 20h00.