

# SIR GEORGE CAYLEY SAILWING CLUB

## Club AGM Minutes 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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**Present:** Dave Todd, Ian Curren, Tony Dew (Chair), Suzie Berzins (Membership Sec.), Ken Machin (with Pauline observing), Dominic Curran, Jez Smith & Darren Stevens.

**Apologies for absence:** Richard Swell (skiing), Andy Berzons (In Australia), Harry Postill (cultural exchange), Tony Holdsworth and Tim Rood.

### Committee Reports

**Chairman** – Tony said that this has been a good but relatively quiet year for the Club: no major incidents, upsets or injuries. We have had some thoroughly enjoyable flying at our sites, one excellent competition at Horcum, organised by Andy and Sue B, a successful Summer BBQ and a jolly Christmas dinner. All our sites appear to have operated smoothly. Speeton is an ongoing, unresolved issue but we can continue to fly there (see separate notice). We have distributed gifts to various landowners as usual, paid the annual fee for our flying licence at Horcum, and signed to renew the annual legal agreement we have with the landowner at Millington, and paid him.

NB\*\*\*Members who fly Millington must supply a photo of their current wing (send to the membership sec. Suzie Berzins), and always close the fence behind you, even if you find it open.

**Treasurer** - With no club Treasurer, Tony D has been doing the job. The Club's finances are in good heart, with healthy balances in both our accounts as well as a cash float (full details on request). Discussion will be needed of possible uses of this money in the future - club holiday? donation to site fund? etc.

**Membership Secretary** - Sue Berzins warmly thanked by Chairman and all present for taking on this job and doing it so effectively. From a low of only 22 Members a couple of months ago, we now have 50 paid-up Members and 2 more pending. The Club has purchased some suitable software and Sue is now better equipped to handle members details and make the necessary returns to BHPA etc.

At this point the Club Chairman and Committee resigned.

### Committee Updates 2017

-  Chairman – Anthony Dew.
-  Vice-Chairman – Richard Sewell
-  Treasurer – Suzie Berzins.
-  Mem. Sec. – Suzie Berzins.
-  Safety Office – Andy Berzins
-  Senior Coach - Andy Berzins
-  Sites Officer – Andy Berzins
-  Webmaster – Richard Shirt
-  Comp. Manager – Richard Shirt

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## ELECTION / RE-ELECTION CLUB OFFICERS for 2017:

- Chairman, Tony D - nominated by DC, seconded by IC - voted in unanimously.
- Vice-chairman, Richard Sewell - nominated by TD, seconded by SB - voted in unanimously (though not present\*).
- Membership Secretary, Sue B - nominated by DC, seconded by IC - voted in unanimously.
- Treasurer, Sue B - nominated by DC, seconded by IC - voted in unanimously (for one year only, she says).
- Safety Officer, Senior Coach, Andy B - nominated by DC, seconded by JS - voted in unanimously.
- Sites Officers, Andy B (Millington, Beadlam & Sutton Bank), Jez Smith (coastal foreshore including Mappleton), Tony D (Speeton) - nominated by DS, seconded by KM - voted in unanimously. (Any other Site issues to be handled by one of the above.)
- Webmaster, Richard Shirt - nominated by SB, seconded by KM - voted in unanimously (though not present\*).
- Competitions Manager, Richard Shirt - nominated by DC, seconded by SB - voted in unanimously (though not present\*).

\*Those not present having previously indicated their willingness to stand, the new Club Committee for 2017 is duly elected.

## ITEMS for DISCUSSION:

Club Coaches: the list of Club Coaches was updated as follows:

Ed. Cunliffe	07976 151482
Richard Sewell	07974 384221
Robin Scott	07712 129658
Tim Rood	07969 026632
Alex Colbeck	07717 707632
Ed. Cunliffe	07976 151482
Dominic Curran	07462 018362
Ian Curren	07970 062772
Andy Berzins	07812 695926
Richard Shirt	07786 707424

If there are errors, let Tony D know asap - Club details are now being updated.

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It was suggested, and agreed, that the club should host a Coaching Course.

Dominic C offered to organise a venue for this, and dates, hopefully in October. More to come on this.

## Sites Guide

The March 2016 updated sites guide is working well. Should the club provide a printed copy? In view of the complications, the decision was NO.

## Club website

Richard Shirt was thanked for his work as Website Manage, and for agreeing to continue. Since he was unable to attend, Tony read out his ideas.

- Generic email accounts for all committee members.
- Setup a Club Facebook page for the members to chat about experiences and post pictures. This will help with club communication about events and any site restrictions. This facebook page will not replace the club website.

## Competitions

Richard Shirt was thanks for taking on the role of Competitions Manager. Since her was unable to attend, Tony read out his ideas:

- Longest XC from a Cayley Official Site
- Longest cliff run from a Cayley Official Site.
- Most points in the XC league by a Cayley Club Pilot
- Horcum glide competition
- A grid system for inland sites.

## Club Meetings for 2017

Date	Description
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	AirWhere, Kobo, XCSoar and LK8000 presentation with Phil Colbert
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Social meeting
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation to the BHPA with Ian Curren (TBC). Looking at 'what do they

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	do? how do they spend our money? all the info!
June & July	No meetings
August	Club annual BBQ
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
December TBC	Club Christmas Dinner and award ceremony
Competitions	TBC
Coaching course	TBC
Holidays & Outings	TBC

## **AOB - IMPORTANT!**

A Club Member has been seen flying at the coast in a potentially dangerous manner. As a Club we have very good relations with the manager of the local authority Foreshore Committee who oversees all activities there. Let's keep it that way.

We all know that it would only take one paraglider incident, especially involving a child or baby, and there would be immediate calls to ban us.

If you see anyone flying potentially dangerously (too low, too near people or buildings etc) please try to point out to them the error of their ways.

It is in all our interests to fly as responsibly and safely as possible, particularly when the public are in the vicinity. Do not give them ammunition to use against us!

Meeting ended at 21:30.

If you would like clarification of anything in these minutes, please contact Tony Dew.

Fly High and Land Safely!

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