

Sir George Cayley Sailing Club

Minutes 2016 AGM

held 8.00pm Wednesday 17th February 2016, 8.00pm at the Carpenters Arms, Fangfoss

Present

Richard Shirt, Harry Postill, Richard Sewell, Dominic Curran, Geoff Moses, Dave Mc D, Ron Chipman, Tony H, Dave Todd, Sue B, Tony D (chairman).

Matters Arising (from the 2015 AGM)

Tony D has typed up the Club Constitution (revised at last year's AGM) - it is now available for inspection and will be posted soon on the Club website.

Chairman, Treasurer & Secretary's Report on Cayley Club 2015

Quite a good year for the Club. Members have enjoyed some good flying experiences with no major accidents or mishaps, and we've had a summer BBQ and Christmas Dinner. Attendance at regular meetings is much improved and there are a number of initiatives underway that should improve the organisation of the Club and its activities.

Geoff M said that subs were coming in OK although there are a number of members who have not renewed (yet?) without necessarily explaining why.

The Club's finances are healthy and will be even better when we get paid for the winch.

Election / Re-election of Club Officers

Chairman, Tony Dew;	Membership Secretary, Geoff Moses;
Safety Officer & Senior Coach, Andy Berzins;	Webmaster, Richard Shirt;
Sites Officers, Andy Berzins and Jez Smith;	Competitions Manager, Robin Scott.

The Treasurer's role was discussed and Geoff M agreed to take on the bulk of that job, since it goes hand in hand with his role as Membership Secretary. Tony D handed over the cash book etc. Since it took ages to get the HSBC to update the Club accounts last time, Tony D and Harry P will carry on as co-signatories for the cheque account.

Tony D suggested it would be good to have a Vice Chairman / Secretary - always lots of jobs and more help would be welcome. Sue Berzins, Harry Postill and Richard Sewell agreed to take on and share these roles.

It was proposed by Geoff M, seconded by Dom C to elect / re-elect all of the above. Passed unanimously.

Website Manager

Richard Shirt has set up Twitter and youtube accounts in the Club's name. He presented (on his lap-top) his updates to the Club website and the new proposed layout, which all agreed looked good and should go live as soon as he can do it.

Tony D said he will be sending some info to Rich Shirt - minutes of this meeting, site updates, news etc - for the website. It is vital for the website to always contain current info. This will lead to better communication and encourage Members to visit the website more.

Ron Chipman is already working on social media, esp. Facebook, and Rich Shirt said he'd like to work with him to enhance the Club's social media presence.

Ron C's videos were discussed. It was agreed that although these may be a valuable information resource for fliers and are widely seen and liked, they are Ron's individual productions and do not necessarily reflect the Club's 'official' position with regard to use of particular sites, or represent it.

Winch

We have accepted an offer from North Yorks Sailing Club to buy the winch and arrangements are underway to deliver it and get paid. We've had it serviced and fitted a new tyre and they are keen to start using it. This is a good outcome - we no longer have responsibility for this valuable machine which was sitting idle, and because NYSC is not far away, any Cayley Club Members who'd like to start or continue winching, can. If you're interested, contact Richard Sewell or the NYSC.

Competitions

We are hoping to go ahead with the 40th Anniversary Club Comp at Horcum, as soon as a good weather weekend is forecasted. It will be a social event and involve tasks suitable for pilots of all abilities. Details will be sent out via the website, emails and Twitter etc.

It is hoped that other Club Comps will be held in due course.

Site Guide

Andy Berzins has done a lot of work revising the Site Guide and bringing it up to date. A bit more tidying up is needed and the text will soon be ready to publish on the website. Any urgent changes or updates to site info will then be posted on the website.

We also intend to put together a printed version of the Site Guide which will include maps (perhaps laminated like we did before) which will be given out to all members, especially new ones in their 'welcome pack'.

Club Events 2016

Club Holiday - It was proposed that the Club rent a bunkhouse or other reasonably priced self-catering accommodation for a week or ten days, in either the Lake District or Derbyshire (or both), in either early July or September (or both). Individual members to be able to book and go for as long as they like, and pay a nominal charge towards the accommodation (say £5 per night). Ron Chipman volunteered to organise - offer accepted!

We also plan to have our usual summer BBQ and Christmas Dinner.

The Club has money to spend! Several BHPA Officers are willing to come to give talks - would that be of interest? Any other ideas for consideration, please let me know.

Tandem flying with Passengers

Ian Currer (unable to attend due to illness) has found both a tandem reserve and a tandem harness at very reasonable prices which the Club is buying (pilots have their own wings).

The intention is to be able to take passengers for rides. For example it would be great to get some of our RSPB critics up to observe the birds from their own view. If you know anyone who'd like a 'Taste of Tandem' paragliding, let me know and we'll start a list.

At the moment Andy B and Ian C are both suitably qualified and insured tandem pilots and have said they are willing to take passengers, and Jez Smith is part way through his training. If any other members would like use of the Club tandem gear, please let me know.

Any Other Business

Sue B raised the issue of 'Reciprocal Rights' . This is where another club's members get to fly our sites without having to join our Club, and vice versa. Some members feel that it only encourages pilots to not bother to join our Club, and our membership is going down.

There was a motion to do away with Reciprocal Rights altogether, but a vote proposed by Harry P, seconded by Ron C, decided to postpone to the next meeting, and decide then.

Tony D thanked all those attending and all members who have helped with the Club during this last year - and next! Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Next Meeting - Wednesday 16th March 2016. 8pm at the Carpenters Arms, Fangfoss.

Fly High and Land Safely,

Tony Dew, Chairman, SGCS.