

Sir George Cayley Sailwing Club

Minutes of Meeting

held 8.00pm Wednesday 16th March 2016, 8.00pm at the Carpenters Arms, Fangfoss

Present

Harry Postill, Richard Sewell, Sue Berzins, Andy Berzins, Ian Curren, Tony D (chairman).
Prospective new members Rick Chamberlain, who has much experience and currently works for Axis Paragliders, and Harold (H) Birks, who is learning to fly.

Matters Arising

The Club Constitution is ready, and the new Site Guide (see below) is almost ready, to be posted on the Club website. It is hoped the new website layout will also go live asap.

Winch

The winch has now been delivered to the North Yorks Sailwing Club and paid for. If you're interested in starting/continuing winching, contact Richard Sewell or the NYSC.

The NYSC has also purchased some spare bridles from Harry P, £100 into Club funds.

Site Guide

Thanks to Andy B for revising the Site Guide and bringing it up to date. Ken Machin has a few suggestions to add then Tony D will ask Rich Shirt to publish it on the club website asap.

It was agreed to put the Club radio frequency - 143.65 - in the Site Guide and on the Club website.

Reciprocal Rights and Members Only Sites

After a thorough discussion to which everybody contributed, it was decided to leave Reciprocal Rights arrangements with other Clubs as they are, but try to 'police' our sites more effectively. We currently have two Members Only sites - Horcum and Millington - and this designation should help to deter abuse. (If and when Speeton becomes an 'official' SGCS site, that will be Members Only too.)

The main problem is when a lot of visiting pilots show up at a site, often having been informed by social media, with no local knowledge. This ignorance may put the site at risk, as well as compromising the pilots safety.

It was agreed that we should stress the need for pilots, especially those new to a site, to contact a Club Coach and join the Club. Tony D will make this clearer in the new Site Guide, and will write a piece for the Attitude page in Skywings magazine.

Club Activities & AOB

Club Holiday - Ron Chipman is looking into this. Club Comps - Robin Scott

Any other ideas, please let me know.

Tandem flying - the Club has purchased a tandem reserve and a harness, sourced by Ian C, which Andy B has. Andy B and Ian C are therefore now able to take passengers for rides, weather etc permitting. These two (with Jez Smith on the way) are very experienced pilots and have the necessary qualifications and insurance. If you are interested in flying tandem, or know someone who is, please contact me by email, or the pilots.

RSPB - Tony D has looked into the suggestion that the Club join the RSPB. Although individuals can join, the RSPB does not have a category for Club Memberships.

Signs & Tabards - Sue B said the signs at Bridlington (kept at the Coastguard station) are getting very tatty. It was agreed that the Club should pay for new ones, and also new tabards. Sue B offered to organise this.

Sue B also offered to act as the Club's 'Chief Nudger' (full explanation on request!).

Safety - Ian C said that the Devon Air Ambulance Trust is a useful free resource in the event of an accident - they will give you your Grid Reference to pass on to Emergency Services.

Freebies - Rick C was thanked for offering to provide the Club with some new Axis wind socks, also some Axis T shirts, all free.

Tony D thanked all those attending. Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Next Meeting - Wednesday 20th April 2016. 8pm at the Carpenters Arms, Fangfoss.

Fly High and Land Safely,

Tony Dew, Chairman, SGCSC.