

# Sir George Cayley Sailing Club

## Minutes of Meeting

held 8.00pm Wednesday 18th May 2016, 8.00pm at the Carpenters Arms, Fangfoss

## Present

Ian Curren, Dom Curran, Harry Postill, Richard Sewell, Tony D (chairman), Sue B, Andy B, Ken Machin + Pauline.

## Matters Arising

No minutes for the 20th April meeting since the bloke who writes them went flying instead. The following therefore includes April and May's meetings.

## Website

The new revitalised Club website is now live and running and looks good. A vote of thanks made to Richard Shirt.

The new Site Guide is now available to read online and there is currently a good report, with photos, of our recent 40th Anniversary Club Comp at Horcum.

A couple of people said they'd had difficulty accessing the Members part of the website - perhaps Richard S can clarify? Also, can the Club radio frequency - 143.65 - be put on the Club website?

## Speeton

Following our (Ian C and Tony D) meeting with the RSPB and Nat. England on 18th April, Ian C has written up the draft proposals which have been sent out to all Members. Ian has also offered a the Manager at Bempton a tandem ride - declined die to broken leg.

It was pointed out that these are only proposals - the RSPB needs to consult further. So until such time as real progress is made on the 'Code of Conduct', it was agreed that pilots who fly at Speeton should follow the recommendations set out in the Site Guide, i.e.

- 1. No paragliding (including hang gliding) in front of the cliffs and no 'acrobatics' anywhere near cliffs where birds are nesting, throughout the nesting season (March - September).**
- 2. No paramotors.**
- 3. Pilots to maintain sufficient height, throughout the nesting season (March - September) along any part of the cliff where birds are nesting, that they remain well above the height these seabirds normally attain, and well beyond any possible risk of disturbance to them.**
- 4. No flying at all at less than than 1000 feet asl South of the trig point near Rain Cliff and over the bird sanctuary at Bempton throughout the nesting season.**

Ian C had recently placed a marker on the cliff top to mark the new proposed limit of flying, but it has disappeared. Rick C has promised some new free Axis wind socks which could be used there. When and if the proposals are finally agreed we expect the marker to be made permanent.

## Also...

Tony D has written a piece about crowds at sites, for the Attitude page in Skywings magazine - it's in the May Issue. There have been several supportive comments. Also in May Skywings is a letter from the Berzins about our Comp at Horcum. Good coverage for the club!

## BHPA...

The BHPA needs club info urgently to reregister us — Geoff M to be asked to forward this.

## Club Funds

Healthy, at £3345.35. Tony D to see about transferring some of this to our interest bearing account.

## Club Holiday

No news. But Andy B is circularising info about a ParaHol to Brixen in the Dolomites in September. Cost around £600 pp + flights. Anyone interested please contact him.

**Summer Meeting** - There will be a **Club BBQ** sometime in August - details TBA.

Apart from the BBQ there are no regular meetings planned for June, July or August.

**Next Meeting** - Wednesday 21st Sept 2016. 8pm at the Carpenters Arms, Fangfoss.

Tony D thanked all those attending. Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Fly High and Land Safely,

Tony Dew, Chairman, SGCSC.