

Sir George Cayley Sailing Club
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
Held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 in Fang Foss

Present: Suzanne Berzins, Tony Dew, Tracey Nicholls, David Perryman, Harry Postill and Richard Shirt

Excused: Andy Berzins, Dominic Curran, Tim Rood and Richard Sewell

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

Recent Club Events

Tony D. mentioned the Club's Christmas dinner which was held in Fang Foss on December 7, 2018 which was a big success. Money wise, the Club had agreed to pay for mince pies and coffee. TD paid for them by cash and used the rest of raffle money which means we don't have any cash on hand which is a good thing.

Harry P. organized Annual Walk was held on January 19 followed by Sunday lunch at the pub in Millington. It was a big success, great ambiance. Thanks to Harry for this. HP suggested informing members of the walk just a couple of weeks beforehand as if informed too far ahead, people tended to forget about it.

Nominations for BHPA National Executives

Tony D. said that two of our members, Andy Berzins and David Perryman, are on the list to be nominated and wishes them both the best of luck. Election has to be in before end of February 2019. Forms may be emailed in (BHPA put a post on FB re this).

Finances

David P. said finances have not fluctuated much this year. The 2'000 GBP was transferred from current to savings beginning of December. TD said the direct debit paid to the RAC every year should now be cancelled as he has taken this up with HSBC. He hopes this has been cancelled, but says we won't see anything till end March 2019. It was for 64 GBP. No historical documentation on this DD exists.

DP said he would prepare the simple finance slide in time for the AGM.

Suzanne Berzins mentioned that a payment out will be for Millington, Larry the farmer sends out a full copy of the license out at this time of the year.

Competitions

David P. said in terms of the competitions, 2018 competitions coming to an end. Not many entries. Steve Charlesworth leading by number of points. 8 entries for the photographic competition ending 31st of January 2019 have been received. DP said would be sending out a few reminders between now and the end of the month re this competition.

DP said that as there was only one entry for the coastal run competitions and that it was himself, suggested that there not be a winner declared this year.

DP also said that we had a mention in the latest SKYWINGS re the IBrid July/August competition.

Communication between Club Members

Tony D. thought useful to do an overview of the methods of communication. He said himself (being a dinosaur) would really prefer email. The place where all information which is official for the club should be on the website.

There are a number of sub groups which are FB, WhatsApp groups, Messenger and, more recently, Telegram. There is quite a bit of media. It seems if you are not on one of those media, you miss the big picture which is why he would like main system to be via email.

TD continued by saying that a number of people would NOT use FB, but accepts that it is universal. For our Club, TD would prefer main information to be on the website. Both SB and DP agreed. For this to work, the website must be kept up-to-date.

Harry P. said we should look and see what we have – we have the coastal group and the inland group. TD said yes, but all the subgroups are part of the same Club.

Richard Shirt said most popular page was the site guides. People spend on average between 30 – 50 seconds on it. Most visitors are from UK. Popular day is Friday. Link to RASP and other weather site exist on website too which is very useful. RS said that would present statistics at AGM. A separate page exists for competitions.

Accounts and Memberships

Suzanne B. said we now stand at 63 members.

Discussions ahead of Club AGM and make-up of Committee for 2019

Followed discussions on the draft agenda which Tony Dew had prepared.

Amendments discussed and made. TD said he would amend and send out prior to the AGM. HP said need to give members plenty of time to think about issues.

OTHER ISSUES

Site Reports

Suzanne Berzins said that Sutton Bank has now been sold. They have given the new owner's contacts to Andy Berzins and SB so this is still under discussion. Mappelton should be moved to AB's site management. TD said he put himself down as site manager for Speeton as he has the matter and documents under hand. SB said Atwick is an ongoing site discussion and the owner wants us to put his campsite on our website.

Club Coaches

Steve Pickering needs to be added to the list.

Future Meeting Dates

Items to be treated ... weather? Flight Instrument workshop? Detailing and explanation of competitions? Safety precautions on site? Tony Dew said that the Cumbria Club have First Aid meetings. Need to know the postcodes for the different sites as the ambulances don't accept GPS coordinates.

Motion to add to Clause 17 (proposed by DP).

Other matters

The family of Irvin did not want flowers, the Club sent 40 GBP donation towards Cancer Research. Several members went to the funeral. The Club received a very nice thank you letter from Irvin's brother.

The next Club meeting will be the AGM to be held on

Wednesday, February 20, 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9PM.