

Lasham Gliding Society Committee of Management

Meeting held at Lasham Airfield on
24th July 2009 at 6 pm.

Minutes

Present: Chris Lewis CL LGS Chairman
Chris Sterritt CS Vice Chairman
David Bowtell DB LGS
Steve Jones SJ LGS
Colin Watt CW LGS CFI
Richard Moyse RM LGS Exec Manager /Secretary

1. Apologies for Absence

John McCullagh JM LGS
Colin Jackson CJ LGS
Ray Partridge RP LGS Honorary Treasurer

2. Approval of Minutes (last meeting)

These were approved.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Manager's Report

a) Grounds and Winching

Grounds Winch staff working very hard to keep going on 2.5 staff. DB has recommended a possible temporary summer staff member until September, 18 year old student
Retrieve winch gone to Germany on demo tour with Skylaunch asking 15K minimum price

b)

Office

Gayl has visa and returns 27th June, will alleviate office cover at weekends.
Student girl, Nicola will also help Cecil Ricardo, data entry in the office during implementation of Aerolog 4 software

c)

Telephones

RM investigating why we have so many lines and why we are paying so much.

d) Competition

We now have gained the Std Class Nationals from the cancelled Nympsfield event. All plans going well. Over 80 Gliders expected. Marion working well on administration of above. Infrastructure plans are all now in place.

e) Aircraft Repairs

All the fleet is working except K13 L which has nearly finished annual inspection and ARC renewal.

f) Fuel Tanks

Tank 2 in and pipes being connected next week ready for the comps.

g) Caravan North

Trees down and stumps out as requested for plot 26. Some members complained about this loss of trees and density of caravans after the event. They were referred to the Caravan committee.

h) Touring Caravan Site

2 to be taken by scrap man.

1 Ex member has left a good caravan on site without paying. RM has issued notice that it will be impounded and sold to recover the debt.

j) Cleaners

Out to tender for a higher standard. Daytime room change will cost more but free the bunk rooms for every night as well as prevent noise for sleepers at night.

k) Club House Reception Area

Painting wood work and walls before comps. This is being done by Tessa Jarvis with our own paint from stock. New panels fitted to the front of counter as a quick fix to improve appearance of 40year old plywood.

l) Member in Financial Arrears

Paid £200. Another £200 due on 1st August

m) Airliner Breaking

RM has been in discussions with Steve Gerrish ATC about breaking again.

n) Safeguarding/Planning

Another wind farm proposal in the area being fought both by LGS and ATC

6. Financial

Management accounts were circulated 5 days in advance of the meeting.

June showed a good month and overall numbers are ahead of budget.

Trial lessons are still down for the year to date but up for the month.

Strict cost controls on staffing levels has helped.

Maintenance costs are lower than last year due to the newer equipment and competitive tendering for any work required.

Staff also doing a lot of work in house on bad weather days.

7. CFI's Report

CW reported that the 2 seater cross country flying was more active this year. All the second seats are booked for the comps.

Task week in August is generating a lot of interest including with the Vintage group.

There was a meeting with the Rod Dean who is the new Director of Farnborough international airshow.

Their intention is that the 2010 airspace will be the same as 2008 but there is concern about the B1 bomber which strays out of airspace.

RM and CW are sceptical about how this will be dealt with.

CW is discussing Lasham Airfield radio procedures with Mark Davenport. There is concern about too much information being given by members over the radio to visiting aircraft.

We are not a licensed airfield and as such cannot give information.

Aerotow retrieve procedures from fields and farm strips has been reinforced up with a strict short list of authorised pilots.

CW says he will be busy with instructor 12 refreshers and 6 acceptance checks to do this Autumn.

CW reported on two field landing accidents. He will be discussing the issues arising from these with the pilots concerned.

8. New Members

15 New members approved by the committee.

7 where from short courses and trial lessons

5 where from other clubs

3 where from new to gliding.

9. Sub- Committees

a) IT

i) Website

CL & RM invited 3 tenders

1 has responded with no visit and no discussion with a £50k price!

2 companies have made presentations and discussions with CL and RM and will submit quotes by mid August.

ii) Aerolog 4 Gliding Office software

The implementation of this is behind schedule. Phil Dillnut (project manager for LGS), RM, Cecil Ricardo (Datamodus) and Joan Cary (LGS book keeper met on 24th July to resolve several issues.

The new and old systems are now being run in parallel with the flight logs being entered into both systems. It is planned to do a reconciliation test next week now a sufficient sample of operations is being taken.

iii) Electronic Logging

The implementation of this is dependent on the above being satisfactorily implemented.

iv) Support

RM to seek tenders for the next year's support including from Rock IT (the existing providers)

This should include all aspects not just the office net work.

b) Marketing

i) RM reported that there was only £1k left of this years budget of £29k. This would be expected as the next big spend for Christmas will come in the next financial year.

ii) There has been a request from the marketing group for a trailer to contain marketing equipment for shows. It was agreed that Mike Wilde would be asked to give a clear specification and price. This would fit into next years budget if it where to be approved.

c) Social.

4th July party was well enjoyed by those who attended but numbers where a little low.

Sandy Hawkyard and Tessa Jarvis have stepped down from the social committee

The CoM recognises their efforts over the last few years.

d) Airfield Development

Engineers are now working on the Omaramar hangar design.

RM to looking at SWwAPS tenancy.

SJ concerned that the proposed remaining concrete strips after runway lifting will be too narrow.

CL

- e) **Caravans**
No report

10. Any Other Business

a) **. Rules**

CS suggested that we should propose a rule change at the SGM to allow members who accumulate big debts to be refused renewal of their membership until the debt is cleared. RM to investigate wording with legal experts.

- b) SJ asked that the grass level be improved opposite the new fuel pump and private hangars. RM reported it was planned for the Autumn sowing season.
Patching of holes is a continuing process due to the unstable nature of our soil.,

11. Date of Next Meetings

Friday 28th August 6pm

Saturday 26th September 6pm

Sunday 25th October 6pm