

**Lasham Gliding Society
Committee of Management**

Meeting held at Lasham Airfield on
25th October 2009 at 5 pm.

Minutes

Present:

Chris Lewis	CL	Chairman
Chris Sterritt	SC	Vice Chairman
Steve Jones	SJ	LGS
John McCullagh	JM	LGS
Colin Jackson	CJ	LGS
David Bowtell	DB	LGS
Colin Watt	CW	CFI
Richard Moyse	RM	Exec Manager/Secretary

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Ray Partridge RP Hon Treasurer

2. **Approval of Minutes (last meeting)**

These were approved.

3. **Matters Arising (Actions)**

RM has signed his contract and is now permanently employed

4 **Recent Decisions**

Lasham trust 6 wheel Gater Part exchanged for a new 4 wheel version to make all the Gaters the same and simplify maintenance.

5. **Financial Reports**

- a) September was a little disappointing on flying but the figures are looking to be well ahead of budget. New members up on last year. October flying income looks to be holding up above the previous year.
- b) Trial flight sales have also picked up.

6. **Manager's Report**

- a) Staff
Rose Mayho is a Sage-trained book-keeper who is Joan Carey's holiday cover. She has started work 2 days a week to learn about the Lasham accounts and is fitting in well
- b) Corridor ceiling repairs and insulation will start in November with volunteers doing preparation and professionals doing the plastering and decorating.
- c) Aircraft maintenance.
Grob 102 is being repaired after its landing incident.
Pawnee now being painted after covering.
Stuart is doing a good job of re-assembling the finished components.
Falke annual to be done next.
- d) Flops
Clear out is underway and members have been very helpful.
- e) RM and CL met with Nick Cooke of ATC.
He discussed their future plans at Lasham and discussions are under way to

lease them more space on unused parts of the airfield.

f)

SWWAPS

They have now gone and the aircraft are being removed by various museums. They were unable to afford their public liability insurance.

g)

Black Hangar

To be used to store trailers over winter allowing all 30 applicants space without the need for a ballot. This also frees up some main hangar space for 2 member aircraft in winter

h)

Private Hangars

The first Private hangar lease renewal is currently being negotiated. RM has had discussions with the tenants and a figure has been proposed. RM is looking for a little more but overall the proposed figures are close to the desired rent.

There has been a request from member to build another private hangar. RM suggested the site adjacent to the existing private hangars but SJ and JM felt this area was becoming too congested. The CoM discussed locations and agreed to offer a plot 15m wide x 30m deep near the weather station on the south side. This would be on the same basis as the existing private hangar leases.

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CFI Report

Incidents

Grob 102 SH7 was damaged in a heavy landing after running out of height. CW worried about BGA plans for phasing instructor renewals over the year creating a lot of extra work for him.

Expeditions

There are plans to go to Jaca, Sisteron and Aboyne again in 2010

Staff next year

We plan to make Garry Pullen next year's course instructor. He has been very effective this year with getting people flying. This year's staff instructor will not return. Gordon McDonald is being trained as a BGA coach to do instructor courses.

8.

Draft budget

RM presented a draft budget proposal, and the CoM discussed at length the issues surrounding the depreciation policy on LGS assets. This has a large influence on the profitability of the gliding operation and continuing purchases of equipment from the rental income will add to the depreciation burden. RM expressed concern about the effect of the economy on renewals and the need to keep spending in line with a possible reduction in income. SJ asked what the effect on fees would be to absorb the depreciation. RM to investigate. It was agreed that RM would look again to see where savings could be made. CJ is particularly keen to see reductions in the office and admin costs.

RM

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Sub- Committees

a) IT

i) Website

CL has had discussions with a member and they are now appointed to build the web site at a discounted price to the Pixelscene specification.

CL

b) Marketing

Mike Wilde has resigned from Marketing and RM is now dealing with advertising.

RM

c) Social.
The Band is booked for the hangar party. Plans are in place for the farmers evening

d) Airfield Development
No report

CL/SJ

e) Caravans
Phase 1 of the Southside is now fully developed with three new log cabins now being erected. Mike Philpot and Jill Atkinson are looking at the possibility of starting the next phase

f) Magazine
The first successful on-line issue was well received by the members

10. Date of Next Meetings
Friday 27th November 6pm