



## **AHGPC Committee Meeting Minutes – January 2017**

Meeting held on 18 January 2017

Venue: The Commerce Club, 27-33 Ohinerau St, Remuera

Present:

Chairperson – Stefan Sebregts

Treasurer – Malcolm Dawson

Secretary – Graham Surrey

Paul Henriques

Tony Seaman

John Burton

Meeting opened at 7:47pm

Stefan welcomed everyone to the committee for 2017.

### **1. Weather stations**

The Moirs weather station is currently out of action. Graham, Tony Seaman and Stefan replaced the jammed Davis anemometer with a new Peet Bros instrument the other weekend but it was later discovered that the station is an early model that is not compatible with the new anemometer.

Graham has been in touch with Holfuy in order to find a solution to this issue and was offered a refurbished 2G motherboard to replace the defunct one for €50 (\$NZ75) incl. shipping.

Complicating matters is the fact that the 2G cellular network will be shut down at some point in the near future which will make our current weather stations, all of which are 2G-only, obsolete. The Australian 2G network shut down in December but NZ telcos have not stated when the network here will be decommissioned, although it is likely that this announcement will be made with at least 12 months warning before the shutdown occurs.

It was also discovered that the Dills Hill station is returning error messages for the battery status, which Holfuy advises is likely to mean that it will require replacing in the near future. The station is currently sending data fine however.

A discussion was had regarding whether to buy a single 3G motherboard for €180 to replace only the Moirs station or to buy two for €340 to replace Moirs and have a spare to replace Dills when required.

It was unanimously decided to go for the €340 option to buy two 3G motherboards in order to spread the cost for upgrading all of the stations over a longer time period. The batteries from the Moirs and defunct Maori Bay motherboards are able to be reused, which will reduce the cost.

*Action: Graham to order 2 x 3G motherboards from Holfuy.*

## **2. Kario 'high site' owner**

Graham has been in touch with Robert Lowe, the landowner for the high site at Kario (thanks to Stefan for finding out his contact details). Robert wasn't actually aware that paragliders used his land to take off from, as he thought that we use his neighbour's property!

He asked if he had any liability if someone injured themselves, but was reassured that this wasn't the case and that all licensed pilots are covered by the NZHGPA's public liability insurance policy for damage to property.

Robert was happy for the status quo to continue and for one of the site information signs designed by Stefan to be erected on his property.

## **3. PG/HG First Aid Course**

Paul raised the issue of a PG/HG First Aid Course, which had been mooted last year. Graham had organised for Sam Bartholomew to run the course but he unfortunately had a serious accident that resulted in a spinal injury and was therefore unable to do it.

A discussion was had regarding the pros and cons of having Sam run the course. The main advantages were the low cost and PG/HG specific training. The cons are the small class size (max 6 people) and lack of NZQA accreditation for those who need it.

It was decided that another approach would be made to Sam to see whether he is still interested/recovered enough to consider running a course this year. If he is then consideration would be made towards potentially running a number of courses to accommodate as many Club members as possible.

*Action: Graham to contact Sam to enquire about First Aid Courses.*

#### **4. Getting a Gilmours card for the Club**

Lisa Tobler had contacted Graham asking if the Club had a Gilmours card, as she is looking to buy food and condiments in bulk for the PG Open BBQ (this will all be funded through the PG Open budget, not the Club).

Graham has since applied for a Gilmours card on behalf of the Club and requires three signatures from Committee members on the application form before it can be processed.

*Action: Graham to bring paperwork to the next Committee meeting*

#### **5. Club accounts**

Malcolm has lodged the Club accounts for 2016 with the Companies Office, as required.

A copy of these accounts was also witnessed and signed for by Paul, as the past Secretary, for submission to the Club accountant.

Malcolm suggested that Stefan be added to the signatory list for the Club bank accounts, along with himself and Graham.

*Action: Malcolm to investigate with ASB whether all signatories have to be present at the same branch in order to add a new signatory to the accounts.*

#### **6. Club night ideas**

Following a suggestion at the AGM, Paul raised the possibility of the Club night around the topic of accident reporting. This was discussed and the conclusion was that this particular topic wouldn't sustain a whole club night, although could serve as a side topic as part of a different theme.

#### **7. AHGPC website**

The replacement for the existing Cloudbase website has been in development for a lengthy period of time and is apparently almost ready to go live but needs the existing information transferred over.

*Action: Graham to speak to Kyla MacDonald about whether there is a need to put out a call for someone to act as a website manager to complete this project.*

#### **8. Kario Club Launch access**

John Burton has purchased a weathertight box for a vehicle logbook to be secured in to record Club members' use of the Club Launch. John is also keeping a list of all members who have been supplied with the combination to the lock on the gate so that he can easily inform them when the combination is periodically changed.

#### **9. Airband radio course**

Malcolm raised the idea of having a course run for members who wish to gain their airband radio licence, which would allow for flying in MBZs. This is likely to be particularly relevant to the motor flying community. John Burton expressed an interest in assisting.

*Action: Malcolm and John B to investigate the options for an airband radio licence course and to report back to the Committee.*

#### **10. Paramotoring community**

There was a discussion regarding the Auckland paramotoring community and how they can be better served by the AHGPC. Malcolm agreed to be the contact point for paramotor pilots and to represent their views to the Committee in an attempt at improving their engagement with the Club.

Meeting closed at 8:54 pm.

Next Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 15 February.