

Deeside Gliding Club Committee Meeting

17th January 2022

Present: Mark Recht, Brian Crouch, Stephen Whybrow, Tim Martin, Iain McDonald, David Innes, Roy Wilson, Steve Kenyon-Roberts, Graham Holloway, Richard Brooker

Agenda

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes and matters arising.
2. Safety officer report and safety issues.
3. Individual reports from Committee members
4. Applications for membership
5. Junior development report
6. Expedition
7. AOB
8. Date for next meeting

1. Apologies

None

2. Matters Arising and New Actions

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th November were approved.

Retrieve Vehicles Radios - 2 x ground-ground radios to be bought for trucks. Suitable radio's identified, to be bought when back in UK..	Jack Deeth
Tail-Lifting Device - Copy design of 3D device? To be taken to an engineering firm for fabrication.	Stephen
Landing Fees – Fees will be reviewed as part of wider prices review. Rules to be published with updated prices.	Stephen/Mark
Members Handbook – republish.	Mark
Ops Manual. To be issued. safety update required.	Brian
Potholes: Waiting on more tarmac to be able to finish.	Dave Moore

Fire Extinguisher Training. Arrange	Brian
New member mentoring scheme.. Progress this, with support/advice from BGA	Mark
First Aid/Trauma Training: Arrange for further first aid training and specifically how to deal with trauma casualties	Brian
Bar Licence: Investigate what it would take to change the licence conditions (opening time and outdoor consumption), put in place new conditions before full-time flying starts.	Steve
Strimmer: Roy to try to repair, but failing that, replace with a quality machine. To be completed mid-winter.	Roy/Brian
Oxygen Trailers: Dave Moore to build new boxes to replace rotten timbers. Need to be moved to the blister hangar.	Dave M
Morning Briefings: Ensure morning briefings emphasise risk of cloud closing and dark. Note to instructors and reinforce at instructor meeting.	David
Medical/Fitness Guidelines: Align the wording on drugs with CAA restrictions (the draft would prohibit CAA approved prescription drugs).	David
Medical/Fitness Guidelines: Reiterate to instructors that if they don't feel safe flying with someone, they don't have to fly	David
Medical/Fitness Guidelines: A review of the revised guidance by renewing members to be made part of membership renewals (before renewals in March)	Stephen
Ground Training: hold a Zoom training for ground handling	David
Tuck Shop: Talk to Dylan – does he want to continue or to hand off responsibility for stock to Alistair Tong.	Steve

New actions from 17th January

Club house ventilation: Ask Ron to fit trickle vents

Brian

AGM: Attempt to hold AGM by end April. Requires completed accounts by then.

Stephen

Glider maintenance: Richard to send a circular out describing his experience to encourage more support.

Richard

IFP reinstatement: discuss the outcome of Ruths check flight

David/Graham

Parachutes: include Roy W's chute in the repack schedule.

Steve

Electricity: Contact electrician to find out cost of trace heating and replacement of defective caravan electric meter

Brian

Electricity: Review electricity/electrical appliance use

Stephen

Parental Supervision: Review how we ensure adequate parental support and supervision.

Iain

Expedition: LS4 trailer needs checking for road worthiness.

**Steve/Expedition
Members**

Expedition: Rig/dergig training to be completed before the expedition.

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Expedition: Ensure flying expectations are clearly communicated to non-solo pilots

Steve/Tim

3. Safety Officer Report

Incidents

Since the last meeting the weather has not been great and therefore there is only a couple of minor incidents.

Cirrus Incident- have been unable to meet up with pilot to progress.

Percoz Wing damaged when colliding with Hanger door

Covid 19

The number of cases remains high. We need to ensure we don't get complacent.

Covid RA was updated.

Additional Lateral flow tests obtained for clubhouse.

Grants For improving Ventilation.

Mark identified that there was grants available for improving ventilation. Options are to fit additional trickle vents in the lounge and new vents in the conservatory.

Action: ask Ron to fit them

Brian

Other measures included air filtration units and Co2 alarms however due to huge demand for these it has not been possible to source this type of equipment.

Trauma care I have not been able to carry out the proposed Trauma and Fire Extinguisher training. The numbers on the airfield have been very low plus the limited daylight hours. Hopefully schedule for end of February when days are longer. I am conscious this needs to be progressed

Fire Risk Assessments. Maintenance hanger and clubhouse assessments have been reviewed and will be circulated for comment.

Gordon Taylor sourcing additional material to fill airfield potholes.

Querying progress on strimmer as this is a good time to buy if we are purchasing a replacement strimmer

Discussion: Roy will look at the U/S one in due course. Waiting on the bad weather.

4.0 Treasurers Report

Budget

Budget estimate for 2022 calculated.

Costs of trial flights and all prices paid by members were reviewed. Prices increased by 10 to 15% effective from 1st January 2022 to achieve the budget estimate.

The club ended 2021 with a surplus in the order of £25,000 (provisional estimate) excluding Scottish Government Covid grants, and fuel that we will need to order soon.

Discussion: Costs were low due to relatively low staff costs

Trial flights

We carried out 285 trial flights in 2021. One hundred vouchers expired at the end of December 2021 (mainly those previously extended because of Covid restrictions). There are 230 currently vouchers, which should be manageable.

Discussion: If asked, we will honour expired vouchers and they are not written off as liabilities for a year after expiry. Circa. 25% of vouchers are not redeemed.

The 2000' trial flight has been suspended, to be reviewed later in the year.

Action: Attempt to hold AGM by end April. Requires completed accounts by then. Stephen

5.0 Membership and Publicity Report

Membership

Changes since last meeting

1. Joe Middler (Junior)
2. Stephen Reid resigned
3. Steve Kentish (Full)

Discussion: Stephen Reid was a LtF member. He felt unwell during his first flight and so chose not to continue. His credit has been transferred to his son who has become a full member.

Waiting List for Membership

- Full
 1. Rainer Goldbeck - Retired
 2. Alfie McKay
 3. Dan Stuart (Maybe next year)
 4. Billy Roy - Retired; Fraserburgh
- Junior
 1. Aiden McCann (Mini)
 2. Ed Richmond (Mini)
 3. Alex Blyth (Mini)
 4. Oliver Jordan
 5. Kinga Gorzelanczyk

Discussion: Rainer Goldbeck will be able to fly mid-week. Kinga Gorzelanczyk is a junior (19y.o.) just moved to Aberdeen and has c. 40 previous flights in gliders.

Gone cold (previously expressed an interest; didn't respond to invitation)

1. Mark King (Junior)
2. Jen Mosley (L2F)
3. Richard Denny (Full)

Other

- 1-Day Training (2 students with glider and instructor for day)
 - Claire and Michael had a weekend's training with Steve KR and Dins. Flying was limited, but both very appreciative nevertheless.
 - Contacted membership to see if anyone else interested
 - Initial response has been positive
 - Can block out trial flights if needed, so as not to limit other members (second instructor then required).
- Combination of poor weather, Covid, and prelims may have reduced recent student attendance

Discussion: Roy G. will return to Aboyne in the new membership year and intends to go on the tug and IFP rota's.

Discussion: 15 positive responses to 1 day training, including some who haven't recently been active. So many responded that it means we can book out instructor slots to accommodate them. Instructor feedback from first day was positive but also noted that we have to ensure students are well matched.

6.0 Technical Officer/Tugmaster Report

Technical Officer

Gliders

The Perkoz, Puchacz, LS4 and Discus are serviceable. The Junior remains out of service.

The Puchacz repair and Annual Maintenance is complete. Thanks to Dave Moore for his assistance.

HXH Annual Maintenance is Complete. Thanks to Richard Brooker for his assistance.

Discussion: Richard found helping with maintenance very rewarding and he learned a lot. He suggested he should share that to encourage other members to do the same. While the help and sharing knowledge will be good for all, it was noted that there is limited capacity for Roy to supervise.

Action: Richard to send a circular out describing the experience.

Richard

The Junior maintenance has been allowed to lapse and remains on Ground Risks Insurance.

The Junior remains advertised for sale. No acceptable offers at this time.

The second Perkoz delivery will be delayed into 2022. See Mark Recht's report for delivery information.

Tugs

KH remains out of action until repairs have been completed. The repair scheme has been sanctioned by the LAA. A qualified welder, Morris Henderson, has kindly agreed to perform the welding work. Mark has put in many hours preparing the aircraft for welding. Refer to Mark Recht's report for details.

SD is serviceable but will be taken out of service late January for Annual Maintenance.

BJ requires a 50 hour check prior to resuming towing activities when SD stands down.

Tugmaster

In order to find a Summer Tug Pilot, we have widened the net to pilots with very little or no prior towing experience.

At this time we are in serious talks with a highly experienced, fully qualified tug pilot.

Discussion: we will continue to look for alternatives in case he doesn't take the role.

Airspace

No News

Other

Aircraft Maintenance and Engineers Licences.

I have been advised that the procedure to achieve a Part 66 licence with ELA1 endorsement has changed, (but it would appear that Mark has grandfather rights). I will now be required to undergo an oral exam on Zoom that is scheduled in February. My hatred of Zoom has reached new heights!

7.0 IT

NTR

8.0 CFI

Discussion: Just back from Portugal, so little to report. Flew with Iain Symon as a check ride for his IFP rating. It went well. Reporting discrepancies from the Cirrus incident now seem to be closer to being resolved, with the pilots report now aligning more closely with eye witness reports.

9.0 Deputy CFI Report

Club

Held a dedicated mini course weekend for 2 new LTF members, with SKR, hampered by weather, so on the Sunday we did Simulator work and briefings, plus airfield walk about.

Neither has been put off by weather Claire flew twice on Sunday 9th, Michael is planned for 15th Jan

Supported flying over New Year. One visitor (Merlin- her planned one day wave experience worked out well) indicated an interest in being at the club in October- I Mac dealing with her .

Discussion: If she's available to volunteer in October, that would be very useful

Held **Bronze exam**. Only one candidate, Finn, who passed Summa Cum Laude.

One other was otherwise committed that weekend- and another in spite of assurances didnt turn up on the day.

Iain Mac had volunteered to invigilate the next day, but I called it off. When asked candidate hadnt done enough preparation. Told to focus on school work, and to prepare for the Bronze exam after 10 solos.

Delegated checking of an IFP/Ass Cat Instructor candidate to Ruth to avoid any hint of bias.

Action: David and Graham to discuss the outcome

Started coaching BI candidates.

Discussion: Stephen W, Iain Mac and Dylan all interested.

Personal

Finally completed Full Cat, but due to bad WX, several associated tasks - TMG Instructing, inc Cross Country Navigation, Field selection, Field landings, Flight on Instrument could not be signed off

Reviewed **BGA Student manual**. Confirmed to myself it would be a great, inexpensive aid to students

Plans

Distribute **BGA Student manual** to Instructors and IFP to assist standardisation -sale to students /others
Create a marked up page of said with local interpretations, omissions , and dare I say "corrections"

Organise Completion Course for last year's Instructors.

Scottish CFI zoom meeting for planning purposes, with Colin S, eg training, examining, imminent

Visit from Colin Sword to Aboyne, approx May timeframe, may merge with his Cairngorm trip. Tackle outstanding Full Cat sign offs.

Discussion: He may also be able to do completion courses for those that are ready. Kate may potentially be able to do them.

Restart Groundschool by Zoom

Face to face Navigation planning training session inc map reading once permitted by covid rules

Go through "Managing flying risk "and Sailplane operating rules" to ensure our guidance is up to date . (e.g oxygen advice)

Point to discuss
Training Records

10.0 Secretary Report

Parachutes

- Two parachutes sent for re-packing, including the one that's U/S with bent pin. Others will follow.

Discussion: We are short of parachutes when 2 are sent away for packing, but this is unavoidable as they must be repacked.

Action: Include Roy W's chute in the repacking schedule. Steve

Bar

- No progress/NTR

Tuck-shop

- Contacted Dylan about handing over stocking to Alisatair T. I only did this in last couple of days, no response as yet.

Expedition

- Co-ordinated with Phil Penrose at HGC. Dates confirmed c. 24th May thru 4th June, majority travelling 26th/27th May.
- Organised meeting of DGC members to agree plans.
- Made request for use of club gliders. See separate agenda item.

11.0 Admin Officer Report

I've been a bit neglectful of my duties over the Christmas period. Apologies.

- **Jobs list.** Emailed to club members very recently. A couple of replies with offers to do some jobs already received. Glen did not wish to take on getting new front tyres for tractor nor speaking to those with abandoned projects in the wooden workshop.

Discussion: A couple of juniors have volunteered. That's great, but we need to have parental consent and supervision by a responsible adult. If supervising one to one, the adult also needs a PVG check and that must be for the gliding club. Juniors cannot be allowed to use power tools or machinery.

- **Caravans and club caravan.** Spoke to Dougie from GEM caravans who has given me pointers to source a replacement front window. It is apparently easy to replace. One of the external power meters (Dylans) is no longer giving a reading.

Action: Include replacement of the unserviceable meter to electricians scope when discussing trace heating
Brian

- **Admin.** I need to get back into the habit of checking emails/phone messages from home in the afternoon/evening (I left this entirely to Bob when he started coming back to the clubhouse).

12.0 Chairman's report

1. Operations - NTR.

2. Fleet

a. Eurofox

- i. Aircraft dismantled
- ii. Repair scheme approved by LAA
- iii. Materials ordered – due 22/1
- iv. Welder approval being finalised
- v. Preparation work almost complete
- vi. Estimate for return to service late February

Discussion: Welder approval by the CAA could take some time. The work will go ahead in the meantime.

- b. Perkoz II – Update expected from Allstar's CEO w/c 22/1 when he will visit the factory.
- c. Junior – negotiations following low-offer look unlikely to conclude
- d. SD – Faulty Flarm audio unit replaced
- e. HXH – ARC completed & Oudie sent for repair (faulty USB connector)

3. Miscellaneous

- a. Payment of landing fees in the Grob by students – modified agreement with syndicate drafted and sent to syndicate chairman for comment.
- b. Club members handbook – all inputs to new version received & final checking ongoing
- c. Wave season booking system - Enhancements being progressed by Neil Shaw
- d. Discussion with Neil & Stephen re policy on deletion of personal data from voucher purchase system & Wannafly. To be finalised & implemented

Discussion: the Grob syndicate needs to discuss the revised agreement. No action for the club. Data retention discussion relates to compliance with GDPR.

Action: Contact electrician to find out cost of trace heating as an alternative to using the wall heaters. Brian

Discussion: An immersion heater controller has been purchased. The immersion heater has been permanently on, which is expensive.

Action: Review electricity/electrical appliance use: Stephen

e. Staff

- i. Full-time instructor – 2 possibilities being discussed. Expect visit by one candidate weekend of 22/1.
- ii. Future EU workers – From a further preliminary review of regulations it looks like
 1. To employ an instructor from the EU we would need to pay a minimum salary of £25,600 (23% more than current). Would also need to have a licence to be able to do this (£536). If looks like a gliding instructor is not considered an eligible occupation for a skilled worker visa, but a power-flying instructor is ! An International Sportsperson visa may be an option.
 2. Unpaid (expenses only) EU volunteers can work for a charitable organisation for up to 30 days without a visa – could cover our French work experience type people
 3. A visa is required for more than 30 days, up to 1 year, but only obtainable if we are registered as a charity. Could cover tug-pilots.
 4. We should review the possibility of becoming a “Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation” – a dual option is possible to also stay a limited company. Could be beneficial to protect our 100% rates rebate, in connection with grant funding etc

f. Annual Trophy awards finalised & members advised

g. Electricity

- i. December bill was £642 for Clubhouse & £313 for hangars based on 33.139p/kWh
 1. Approximate known 30-day consumption for caravans around that time (some data missing) = £88 of hangar bill
- ii. Verified that heaters confirm clubhouse consumption billed. Temperature reduced to 5C and all PCs (except accounts) set to sleep after period of inactivity. Trace heating to be checked so this could be used as alternative to heating the clubhouse

h. Google storage – additional space purchased

13.0 Junior Development Report

BGA Club Development Conference (December 2021)

General agreement across clubs that communication with juniors is notoriously difficult.

Yvonne Elliot (Junior Development Officer) willing to visit club.

Devon and Somerset GC have a designated "junior team leader". This is a junior member who would take the lead with general communication/liaison with other junior members and may attend some committee meetings.

Membership emails to juniors must have parent email address. This was not the case with HH and has now been rectified.

Junior expeditions being organised by some clubs.

Buckminster GC: New junior members "buddy-up" with another young member. Also new solos are given a copy of Bronze and Beyond.

General agreement that there is difficulty in getting post solo progression to XC endorsement and getting juniors to fly regularly and enough. Two year gap from solo at 14 and XC at 16 doesn't help.

Mentoring Scheme have folk who:

- Keep tabs on juniors
- Keep pushing them
- Ensures that juniors regularly fly with instructors that "click" with them

A typical mentor works with three or four juniors.

Other ideas:

- Junior progress board in the clubhouse
- Dedicated junior days
- 25% off all flying costs for juniors. 40% reduction for those who make a greater effort
- Make sure all juniors "feel on board"
- GET PARENTS TO STAY WITH THEM FOR THEIR FIRST TWO OR THREE VISITS TO APPRECIATED WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT
- Involve parents: letter of agreement in terms of responsibilities and supervision
- All present for 9am briefing and "buddy-up"
- Good social media policy. Increase Facebook/Instagram activity

Discussion: We do make clear that we expect parental support and for parents to be present at the club, particularly where no identified "supervisor" is identified and present.

Action: Review how we ensure adequate parental support and supervision. lain

Junior Driving Update

Junior Applicant	Application Form Completed
Pierre Faure	✓
Sebastian Arijs	✓
Justus	
Harry Humble	
Matthew Tong	✓
Harry Van Bergen	✓

Driving Instructor/Mentor volunteers: Fiona Bick – MORE PLEASE!!

The training form is to be updated, removing diesel and dumper trucks and making it more relevant for driving round the airfield.

Placements

- Matia Cilly still keen to come to club at some point.
- Gordon Taylor spoke recently of 15 year old lad from Aboyne Ac who wishes to come for work experience placement perhaps in May.

14.0 Expedition

Dates

confirmed c. 24th May thru 4th June, majority travelling 26th/27th May. SKR/Tim/David G travelling 24/25th May.

Attendees (with proposed gliders)

Steve KR (DGC Perkoz)

Tim Martin (DGC LS4)

Brian Crouch (3D)

Iain Symon (cirrus – note it has been written off by insurers, Iain intends to replace)

Dave Moore (J5)

Daniel Grycz

Gordon Taylor

David Gorrel

Iain Symon's Father - crew

Keiren (possible)

Dave M will share with Phil Penrose, Mark may pop down to fly J5 as well. Brian expected to fly some of the time with Gordon and Alistair S and Bob have also suggested they may come down to fly in 3D

Experience and expectations w.r.t. flying

- Daniel - early solo, wants to experience flying somewhere else. Happy to fly dual in the Perkoz, but getting solo in Perkoz sounds achievable for him before we go if he applies himself.
- Gordon - solo in discus but not current. Happy in Perkoz.
- David Gorrel - solo in Puch, happy dual in Perkoz. I'd expect him to get to Perkoz solo (local) during the trip.
- Tim and I, both want to fly some x-country, both prefer the LS4, both happy to fly as P1/safety pilot/instructor in the Perkoz.
- Keiren - don't know, he's not communicating.

Gliders

As per attendee list. SKR requested use of LS4 and Perkoz for the duration. Other than those taking private gliders, only Tim and I have tow bars so we are restricted on when we take gliders down. SKR/David Gorrel will return on 1st June, bringing 1 glider if an alternative cannot be found to tow it back to Aboyne, but several options are under investigation. Have asked BGGC whether we could use their gliders as a back-up plan, but preference would be to keep DGC gliders there for the whole period.

Committee action: discuss & approve or otherwise use of club gliders.

Discussion: Use of both gliders was approved for the entire period.

Action: LS4 trailer needs checking for road worthiness. Steve/Expedition Members

Action: Rig/dergig training to be completed before the expedition. Steve/Expedition Members

Action: Ensure expectations are clearly communicated to non-solo pilots regarding amount of dual flying they should expect (i.e Steve and Tim will be flying solo). Steve/Tim to discuss and agree. Steve/Tim

Action: Further round robin to members advertising trip. N.B instructor participants discussed after committee meeting and agreed current numbers were enough, more would become difficult to manage. Action Closed.

14.0 Any other business

From Richard

Discuss re-paint of the Maintenance hangar floor.

Several paint systems identified, either 2 pack epoxy or floor paints. . Costs for paint range £553 – £1364, £997 - £3513 for epoxy. Epoxy also needs the old paint ground off. Vacuum Cleaner rental, £115. Grinder rental, £250. Assuming grinding and vacuuming hangar will be out of action for c. 1 week.

Discussion: Personal experience in the committee of paint has been positive, and the current floor paint has been there for at least 20 years. The extra cost and work for epoxy covering is not justified. The floor needn't be painted in one go (can be done ½ and ½) and should be done in spring/summer when temperatures are higher. Cleaning can be done with a pressure washer. Conclusion is that we'll use paint later in the year when the hangar is less busy and the paint will dry more easily.

16.0 Next Meeting

Monday 21st March 2022, 19:00