

Minutes of the HGAWA Committee Meeting held at DSR Leederville, 10th February 2010

Meeting commenced 6:05pm

Attendees: Peter South, Greg Lowry, Lex Jones, Rod Merigan, Mark Stokoe, Rick Williams, Michael Duffy, Shaun Wallace, Mark Semini, Mirek Generowicz.

Apologies:

1 Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held 24th November were taken as read and accepted.

2 Correspondence

Rod Merigan received a letter from the Shire of York to advise that the launch site on Mt Bakewell has been rezoned to "recreation & open space reserve".

A bank statement was received.

We received a message from Peter Hardy-Atkins about sending a civil delegate to the FAI. Lex responded on behalf of HGAWA.

The Victoria Park Council sent us a letter asking for nominations for the "Sporting Walk of Fame". No response required.

We received notification from the HGFA that a payment of state fees is about to be transmitted to us.

3 Business Arising

3.1 Safety

Mirek followed up SSO applications with the HGFA. Craig Worth made it clear that people applying to be SSOs are expected to have contributed to safety workshops recently. Rick Williams & Mike Duffy agreed to organise a safety workshop for SOs and SSOs to coincide with the York fly-in on the long weekend.

3.2 Sites

Rod is following up the lease for Mt Bakewell with the Shire of York now that it has been rezoned.

3.3 Accounts

Greg has started the process for moving funds into term deposits bearing interest at the rate of 7.5%. Greg now has the necessary signatures and will complete the transfer of \$30k into a 9 month term deposit tomorrow. This leaves \$20k in the current account.

3.4 Club Affiliation

The Dusties, Western Soarers, the Hill Flyers and the Albany Hang Gliding Club are now affiliated. It seems that the Cloudbase PG club is not currently active.

Mirek will remind club representatives that they should ask their members if they wish to be added to the list of HGAWA member.

3.5 Competitions

Michael & Peter are planning an informal competition over the Easter break at Albany.

3.6 Eastern States Training Schools

Peter followed up the status of Mike Duffy's instructor rating renewal with Craig Worth. This was covered in detail later in this meeting.

Lex will respond to Lee Scott that HGAWA decided not to provide links to individual schools on the HGAWA website but provide a link to the HGFA website.

3.7 SARSIG & State Fees

The HGFA feed model has reverted to the previous state fees arrangement. State fees are now returned in their entirety to the state associations as before.

Peter will express our concerns to the HGFA about return of the "overpaid" fees collected last year.

4 Other Business

4.1 Site Issues

Mike and Peter met with the Mosman Park council. The Council was waiting for a response from Cloudbase. Peter explained that the HGFA Operations Manual covers operation of sites such as Mosman Park. Council had not seen the whole manual and agreed to review it. Council were keen on the Cloudbase proposal but Peter explained that the proposal is unworkable. Council will review that HGFA manual and then respond.

4.2 Summer GM

A summer HGAWA general meeting & BBQ has been organised at Rod Merigan's place in York for the long weekend at the end of February.

We agreed to budget at least \$500 for catering, perhaps \$1000 if as many as 50 or 100 attend. Greg will organise cash; Rod will propose some options for BBQ packs and salads.

Peter will ask for members to RSVP so that we have an idea of how many to cater for.

4.3 HG Instructors

Regarding action item 9 from Committee meeting 24th November, the reissue of Mike Duffy's CFI rating: Mike reported that a Facility Inspection was the last task he had to complete but that, as yet, he did not have a facility. Item 9 completed.

Shaun Wallace was invited by Peter to voice his position re becoming an active CFI again. Shaun stated that a HG business was not viable; and if HGAWA wanted him to teach they would need to fund equipment purchases (at least \$10,000 in addition to the equipment that he has already) and ensure the business does not run at a loss. Quote "I am willing to teach if it does not cost me money". He also stated that the present system of training Instructors and ab-initio students needed to be reviewed and changed. Mike suggested that it would take at least \$50k to start a school plus the cost of arranging training sites.

Two major concerns are:

- The high cost of insurance
- The need for volunteers to assist in training and coaching

We discussed the training structures used by the GFA (sailplanes) and by PADI for scuba instruction. Both rely on a tiered structure where there are several grades of instructor operating under the supervision of a CFI.

Greg explained that he is involved with an ISP (?) group that is looking at formalising this approach for outdoor pursuits in general. The large number of instructors in such an arrangement makes the cost of insurance much more affordable. Hang/para gliding training could potentially be covered under the ISP framework together with other outdoor pursuits.

A wide ranging discussion followed on various alternative models for arranging training and insurance.

Lex will deliver copies of HGFA insurance policies to Greg Lowry for possible quotation from Outdoor Sports insurer (underwritten by Lloyds).

4.4 Eastern states competitions expedition

Mark Stokoe reported that the WA pilots performed well in the ES comps.

Meeting closed 7:55pm.

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Action Items

Meeting	Item	Description	Comments/Progress	Responsibility	Due Date
24/11/09	1	Set up Safety Committee	To include SSOs from all three disciplines.	Peter	Ongoing
	4	Mt Bakewell access	Follow up lease and access track maintenance	Rod	Ongoing
	6	Competitions	Organise an Easter competition	Peter, Mike	Easter (2/4/10 to 5/4/10)
	7	General Meeting	Greg will organise cash; Rod will propose some options for BBQ packs and salads. Peter will ask for members to RSVP so that we have an idea of how many to cater for	Rod, Greg, Peter	28/2/10
	8	Link to schools	Provide a link from HGAWA website to HGFA schools page.	Mirek, Sun	28/2/10
			Respond to Lee Scott	Lex	-
	11	Post Committee minutes on HGAWA website	Mirek to forward minutes to Sun	Mirek and Sun	Ongoing
12/02/10	12	Safety Workshop	Arrange a safety workshop at the summer GM	Mike & Rick	27/2/10

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	13	HGAWA e-mail	Ask C Drake to re-direct hgawa@hgfa.asn.au address to Peter South	Peter	-
	14	Insurance for instructors	Deliver copies of HGFA insurance policies to Greg Lowry for possible quotation from Outdoor Sports insurer	Lex	-