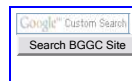


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BGGC Committee



Committee objectives

To establish BGGC as a premier soaring and training club in the UK for both members and visiting pilots by:

- Maintaining and improving safety in all that we do
- Establishing reliable daily flying operations ensuring a launch is always available
- Establishing a viable business with stable finances which support our current activities
- Refine our strategy to focus investment in the long term future of the club

Meetings will normally take place every first Friday of the month and dates as well as minutes will be published on the web site as well as notice boards. We need the support of everyone in the club to help us achieve our priorities. Two non committee BGGC members and one BUGC representative are invited to attend all committee meetings. If you wish to attend or have an item that you wish to raise in person please can you make it known to the office at least two days before the meeting. Please come along and take part or let us know if you wish to help in any other way.

SUMMARY NOTES OF BGGC COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2008.

Seven New Members have joined the club.

Martin Talbot will organise a meeting with the BI's, Tim Macfadyen and Don Puttock to discuss start time issues and review all actions involved in Trial Lessons.

The End of Year accounts have been finalised. They will be sent by e-mail to all members and paper copies will also be available in the office.

A budget has been prepared for the present financial year. An adequate surplus is predicted. It is unlikely that we will require our overdraft facility over the winter.

The review of Flying Rules has been completed and can be found on the website with a hard copy in the briefing room.

The repair to the cable tow out truck gearbox is complete. The tow out trailer would be parked near the South Hangar and covered with a Tarp when not needed.

The Committee was considering the club's Policy for basing more privately owned light aircraft and motor gliders on site. It was decided to allow members the chance to vote on this at the AGM.

Repairs to the winch track potholes are in hand.

We have recruited Georgie to man the office 9am to 1pm at weekends

An anemometer will be installed to allow accurate measurement of surface wind velocity in the critical southerly cross wind case.

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Christmas Trial lesson sales will be at the standard rates.

A new combination lock has been fitted to the front door of the clubhouse and funding was agreed to fit further combination locks to the back door and workshop.

Date of next meeting: 15 December 2008 at 7.00 pm

Summary Notes from BGGC Committee Meeting Monday 20th October 2008

Andy Davis has written to Richard Grey thanking him for his enormous commitment and effort during his time in office as Chairman.

Fred Ballard had organised a weekend working party and most of the Badger fence had been repaired and notices erected.

The EGM has resolved to: 1) Cease operating the Scout 2) Cease operating one K-8 (DUK) 3) Cease operating the K-13

Pete has organised that the Insurance would be raised to Full Flight Risks on the Pawnee on Wednesday 22 Oct and that the Scout will be put on ground risks only (note – on ground risks the a/c can be flown for up to 15 hours pa but no aero towing)

Options for lease or sale of the Scout were now being actively considered – preference would be given to arrangements which would allow the Scout to be available as a back up tug.

We will operate the K8 (DUK) until insurance expires in February when options for sale will be considered.

The K13 will be sold. It will remain on flight risks until insurance expires in February.

Cash Flow remains tight, but by careful management it should be possible to avoid calling on the bank overdraft facility.

The calling notice with any Resolutions for the 2008 AGM on 13th December at 5.00pm will be sent out 14 days before the AGM. The Committee and officer nomination form will be included with the calling notice and placed on the website.

The Annual Accounts plus previous minutes will be e mailed to all members on the email list prior to the AGM and spare copies will be placed in the lobby for those without e mail.

There will be a Q&A session after the AGM. Guiseppe will be asked to provide a meal starting at 7.45pm.

John Morriss has volunteered to take responsibility for vehicle maintenance.

We await the go-ahead from the insurers for Roger Targett's estimate to repair the Baby Grob..

All members are asked to make an effort to be more welcoming and friendly towards new members.

In light of ongoing difficulties with measuring the cross wind for winching safety, an anemometer will be installed on the clubhouse with readout in the club house and on the website.

Date of next Committee meeting: 17 November 2008

Andy Davis 25/10/08

Summary Notes from BGGC COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY 1st OCTOBER 2008 AT 7.00PM

Present: Andy Davis (Acting Chairman), Phil Lee, Alan Price, Kevin Neave, Martin Talbot, Colin McEwen (co-opted member), Mike Jordy (co-opted member), John Morriss (co-opted member), Tim Macfadyan (CFI), Pete Bray (PTY), Don Puttock

(BGGC Professional Instructor).

Matters Arising from Minutes 20th August 2008. AD reported that Daphne and Sheila would be prepared to occasionally work at weekends in exceptional circumstances. They would welcome any form of member self help which could be provided by automation. Alan Price will begin the process to recruit a replacement for Shiralee, who has resigned, for weekend working. Martin Talbot will investigate the re-instatement of the Member's computer in the lobby and donate one from his office to give access to member's accounts and the club website. Methods of providing weekend cover to meet the club and member's needs will be discussed further.

Don Puttock was now on-board as "Winter Instructor".

Tim had been unable to get enough volunteers for a Launch Point Organisation Rota. It was agreed that the whole issue of volunteers would be raised at the AGM and voted on by the members.

The Tug and Glider Disposal meeting had taken place on the 15 September. Colin McEwen will produce "Committee Notes" of the meeting summarising the conclusions and agreements reached. Recommendations, together with an explanation, will be put to the membership and an EGM called for the 17th October 2008 at 7.00pm to discuss and vote on the proposals.

With very great regret the resignation of Richard Grey, the Chairman, was accepted. The committee welcomed Richard's offer to continue as a committee member until the AGM.

John Morriss presented the BGGC draft financial results for the year to 30th September 2008 showing that the club had made a profit of £2K. Full details will be presented at the AGM.

The 2008 AGM will be held on 13th December at 5.00pm.

The Pawnee had been put on "Ground Risks" only pending the vote at the EGM to save substantial funds on insurance. For now, the Husky will be the standby tug.

Our vehicle fleet was old and wearing out. We need a member to take on the task of deciding future policy on procurement of vehicles and to organise maintenance. Nigel Smith had moved on to other club duties but has helped recently to keep us going. A volunteer will be sought.

Following an application to base another Motor Glider on site, Mike Jordy has offered to produce an outline policy document for review before any applications are considered.

Chocks for the tugs had been procured and would be kept in the Fuel Point shed. Tim will provide chocks for gliders.

It was agreed that our budget for advertising on Google would be increased to "up to £50" per month for the next 6 months (the actual spend has generally been much less than the budget). Julian Rees advises us that this form of marketing gives us a most cost effective method of marketing the club.

Don Puttock will make proposals for advertising Trial Lessons as Christmas presents.

Mike Jordy will investigate the possibility of taking a glider to Cribbs Causeway before Christmas to advertise Trial Lessons. Trial Lessons for Christmas will also be advertised on our website.

Colin McEwen has been reviewing previous Club Strategy Documents. He will be calling a working party of committee members and other interested club members to review, refresh and develop future club strategy to be ready for presentation at the AGM.

Stuart Lees will be organising a bonfire Night Party at the club including fireworks.

He has also agreed to organise the club Dinner Dance provisionally booked for 21st February 2009 at the Bear at Rodborough.

Date of next meeting: 20th October 2008.

SUMMARY NOTES FROM BGGC COMMITTEE MEETING: WEDNESDAY 20th AUGUST 2008

Present: Andy Davis (Acting Chairman),
Richard Grey, Philip Lee, Alan Price, Ali Lees,
Colin McEwen (Co-opted Member), John
Morriss (Co-opted Member) Tim Macfadyen
(CFI), Peter Bray (PTY)

Matters Arising from previous minutes. A £25k overdraft facility has been agreed with our bank which we can access at 2 days notice if required to cover winter cash flow.

It was unanimously agreed that we should employ a professional instructor for the winter. Terms of employment would be negotiated to ensure the maximum flexibility.

Nigel Smith is taking on the role of producing a BGGC Child Protection Policy and getting staff CRB cleared. He will be unable to continue with vehicle maintenance and a volunteer for this role is required. Would any member with the necessary skills and time please contact the secretary to volunteer for this work.

John Morris and Colin McEwen have been co-opted onto the committee and join Mike Jordy as non-voting members.

We currently pay around £1000 pa for our winch comprehensive insurance. Colin McEwen will re-visit the types of cover and costs to see if this can sensibly be reduced bearing in mind that the winch is our main launch method.

Tim has tried to organise a "Launch Point

Organiser Rota" for weekends but has found no volunteers. It was proposed that the last pilot in the launch queue should be asked to undertake these duties.

The committee has been considering making an offer for a second winch if the one at North Hill should become available. However the winch has been withdrawn from sale at present.

Two papers have been prepared on the subject of tugging at BGGC and several members have made inputs. This issue has generated a considerable amount of committee debate. It is proposed that a special committee meeting will be held to review our future tugging operation, number and type of tugs. A recommendation will then be made to the membership for them to vote on.

Open Government Petition.

This was fully discussed and a number of decisions unanimously agreed. Andy Davis will e mail the membership with details of the discussions and the decisions reached.

It was agreed that a speedier form of communication between the committee and the membership was needed and this would take the form of "Bullet points" issued on the club website under Committee News as soon after the meetings as possible. These would be followed up as usual by the full minutes in the Bar once approved by the committee at the subsequent meeting.

Members are reminded that there is an open invitation for up to 2 club members to sit in as observer at each committee meeting. If you are interested in knowing more about the management of your club this is a much better way to find out than listening to gossip in the bar. Contact the Secretary to reserve a place.

Colin McEwen and Peter Bray will take the

existing club strategy documents and bring them up to date for review in committee before inviting members to participate in further strategy development. Target was to have proposals ready before the AGM.

Trevor Stuart has resigned both from the Committee and the post of Treasurer. The Treasurer's job will be shared by John Morris and Peter Bray until the end of trading year accounts are completed. John will then act alone with advice from Peter. Trevor has offered to give full support during the transition.

Daphne now has all the log data to invoice the BGA for launches taken by competitors and trainees in the two seaters at the Junior Nationals.

On completion of outstanding inter company transfers of funds between BGGC and PTY concerning overdue Scout wing loan repayments and the final VAT settlement, Pete Bray reported that Pty would repay the Scout wing loan in it's entirety. This would result in a nett transfer of approx £2000 into BGGC's bank account and save BGGC some £7000 in loan and interest repayment in the next financial year.

Lycoming has rejected the core engine returned to them as deposit for the new Pawnee engine, and accordingly have requested a circa £7000 deposit payment from us. This will be disputed since we were advised by CSP that old engine core was suitable for deposit and there are inconsistencies in the Lycoming statement.

As a result of the ongoing large bills on tugs, we still need to exercise extreme care with and control over discretionary spending.

Next meeting 22 September, 2 places are available for observers at this meeting. Please contact the Secretary to reserve your place.

AD 25th August 2008.

Minutes from 2007 AGM

The minutes from our 2007 meeting can be found [here](#) and the latest meeting news can be found on the [briefings](#) page.

Minutes from 2006 AGM

The minutes from our 2006 meeting can be found [here](#)

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