

Skydive Chatteris Club Ltd
Chatteris Airfield
Wimblington
March
PE15 0FB

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Skydive Chatteris Club Ltd held at 1730 Hrs on
13 December 2014 at the Chatteris Airfield, Block Fen Drove, Wimblington, March, PE15 0FB**

Present:	Mike Rust	-	Chairman
	Simon Chipp	-	Vice Chairman
	Martin Crossley	-	Treasurer
	Graham Ablett	-	Secretary
	Christopher Beattie	-	Development Officer
	Tim Hanlon	-	Deputy Development Officer
	Ali Alasi	-	Member
	Salim Sitar	-	Member
	Greg McEntee	-	Member
	Alex Keene	-	Member
	Adam Gooch	-	Member
	Craig Poxon (Late)	-	Member
	Lloyd Quenby (Late)	-	Member
	Christian Bottekwame	-	Member
	Steve Hudson	-	Member
	Peter Knudsen	-	Member
	Wayne Borley	-	Member
	Mark Henning	-	Member
	Jordan Bathija	-	Member
	Lee Jarvis	-	Member
	Pete Herrick	-	Member
	Sarah Ashworth	-	Member
	Tanya Burton	-	Member

Apologies: None

Others in attendance: Lisa Garden (Observer)

1. Election of Club Officers

Mike Rust opened the meeting stating that there had been no need for an election as just six members had stood for the seven available positions on the board for the forthcoming year, the committee members & their roles being:

Mike Rust	-	Chairman
Simon Chipp	-	Vice Chairman
Martin Crossley	-	Treasurer
Graham Ablett	-	Secretary
Christopher Beattie	-	Development Officer
Tim Hanlon	-	Deputy Development Officer

2. Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting on 8 February 2014

It was proposed by Mike Rust and seconded by Graham Ablett that the Minutes of the board meeting of 8 February 2014 be accepted as a true record.

Carried unanimously by those who had been present at the meeting

3. Annual Report by the Chairman

During 2014 some 14152 descents were completed by club members of which 5873 were made by first time Tandem Students. Some 369 were completed by Students and 7910 by Club Members. As tandem descents consist of two people this meant that during 2014 some 20025 people had jumped from the club aircraft. The injury rates have been low as have serious incidents, one which is the subject of a BPA panel of enquiry the outcome of which will be known following the BPA STC meeting in early February 2014.

We have qualified some 20 new skydivers this year and have several who should complete their training in the new year. It is notable that the retention rate for TAFF students has been exceptional and we have produced new marketing material including a DVD which will be made available to all Tandem Students explaining how to continue in the sport.

The Student of the year award is to Mark Henning who not only struggled to qualify but is a very willing Club Member and often helps out with activities.

This year we have qualified two new TBIs and two new TIs. One TBI is booked on a full Tandem course in April 2015. We have also qualified a new AFF instructor. We have one new basic rigger who will hopefully be successful on his full riggers course. There has been one new FF coach qualified and 3 potential coaches who will hopefully gain qualifications in 2015.

Several club members have qualified FS1 and a few FF1. There have also been a few WS1s and a CF1 awarded.

We have hosted several roadshows in many disciplines and plan to do so again in 2015. The most notable of these was the CP weekend with Kurt and Jeannie who have expressed an interest to revisit during 2015. There have also been organised trips to the wind tunnels by club members to help improve skills. The intention is to repeat this in 2015 and moves have been initiated to make this happen.

We also have plans to run some competitions in 2015. However rather than running them on behalf of the BPA it was felt by the Club Officers that it would be a better use of resources to look after our own loyal members and Chris Beattie is currently coming up with some dates and ideas for 2015. We have decided to help sponsor our 4 way team Chatterchicks in 2015 with subsidised jump prices for the team. In return for this the team have agreed to make two members available for coaching once a month which will be organised by Graham Ablett.

I am very happy to report that the barbeque has nearly been completed and hopefully we will have some good weather in order to be able to use it in 2015.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped make the Club a success in 2014 and look forward to a safe and happy jumping year in 2015.

4. Financial Report by the Club Treasurer

Martin Crossley stated that in theory the club had made a pre-tax profit of around £17,000 during the previous year although this money was currently being held by HMRC pending the outcome of a VAT inspection conducted on 1 September 2014.

5. Flight Ticket Prices For 2015

The Chairman informed the meeting that the flight ticket price for experienced jumpers would rise to £18. The matter had been discussed by the Club Officers earlier that afternoon and although Martin Crossley had suggested a rise to £21 he had been out voted.

6. Events for 2015

Christopher Beattie informed the meeting that the club had applied for British Parachute Association roadshows in the disciplines of Canopy Formation, Free Flying, Formation Skydiving and Wingsuiting. In addition to the Chatterchicks FS coaching weekends the club also intended arranging a 3 Way or 4 Way FS competition. These events would be advertised on the club's web site / Face Book page.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business so the Chairman declared an open forum for Club Members to ask questions of the Club Officers.

There was a general discussion concerning flight ticket prices as well as the direction the club was heading. Gregg McEntee also asked if the minutes of the club meetings were available for members to read. It was suggested and agreed that in future all minutes be published on the club's website.

8. Date of next AGM

The date of the next AGM was arranged for Saturday 19 December 2015 at 1730 Hrs. (the last jumping day of 2015).

Everyone at the meeting was also reminded that any qualifying member who wished to stand for office in 2016 should inform the Chairman in writing no later than Friday 30 October 2015.

The meeting was then closed by the Chairman.