

Skydive Chatteris Club Ltd  
Chatteris Airfield  
Block Fen Drove  
Wimblington  
March  
PE15 0FB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Skydive Chatteris Club Ltd held as 1730  
Hrs on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at Chatteris Airfield, Block Fen Drove,  
Wimblington, March PE15 0FB

#### Those Present

Mike Rust Chairman  
Si Chipp Deputy Chairman  
Chris Beattie Development Director  
Tim Hanlon deputy to Development Director  
Martin Crossley Treasurer  
Mark Price Member  
Mike Russell Member  
Avi Gidar Member  
Jason Dodunski Member  
Chloe O'Brien Member  
Ali Altasi Member  
Pete Herrick Member  
Bianca Arsene Observer  
Gee Watkins Arrived around 6pm

#### Apologies

Gary Small Member Adv Instructor  
Graham Ablett Club Secretary

Mike Rust asked if there were any Declarations of interest

Avi Gidar said that he had one as he was a member of Chatterchaps team.

#### Election of Officers.

The chairman said that a meeting had been held earlier by the directors and the following positions had been accepted

Mike Rust Chairman  
Si Chipp Deputy Chairman  
Chris Beattie Development Chairman  
Tim Hanlon Deputy to Development Chairman  
Martin Crossley Treasurer  
Graham Ablett Secretary

#### Minutes of the previous meeting

The Chairman asked if there were any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting. There were none. He then asked if someone would propose them as

a true record. Martin Crossley proposed and Chris Beattie seconded the motions carried unanimously.

#### Annual report by the chairman

This year we have completed some 12544 descents. Of these 5366 were Tandems. Some 149 were made by Students and 7029 were made by Club members. Injury rates have been low this year as have malfunctions although the rate for Tandem malfunctions is relatively high. We have identified this as 2 rogue canopies and these have been written off. We have received a member on member claim for personal injury which the directors have found disappointing. The member concerned has been written to by myself and advised that it would be better not to have contact with other club members until this matter has been settled.

We have qualified some 9 new skydivers and have a few who should complete their training in the new year.

The Student of the year has been voted on by the Instructors and this year it goes to Sophie Barnwell. As usual it was a close run thing with some notable performances. However the Instructors felt that in the end Sophie was a worthwhile winner. The award is given to the person that not only did well but who puts extra effort in to the club. Well done Sophie. (Mike presented the trophy to Avi who accepted it on behalf of Sophie who was not present).

This year we have qualified a new TBI and one new Tandem Instructor as well as re qualified another. We also have a new rigger which is rare! We have qualified 1 new Freely coach, 2 new FS coaches and our first SCC wingsuit coach. Well done to all.

There have been several new FS1s and a couple of new FF1s awarded along with a handful of WS1s and a CF1. Well done to all those members.

We have been pleased to host several BPA roadshows which included Formation Skydiving, Wingsuiting and Canopy Formations. We also had a successful visit from the Alter Ego Canopy coaches who provide world class canopy pilot coaching. This can be discussed later to see what you the members would like in 2016.

We also ran a 3 way competition this year which was well attended by some 6 teams. The competition was won by Graham (the fixer) Abletts team. (as no one in the team was present Ali was awarded the trophy on behalf of the team). As the competition was so successful it will run again in 2016 and the Development team will be looking for ideas from members as to the format for 2016.

I have to formally advise members that the Clubs SOPs have been adopted by the Parachute Training Organisation. This is a legal point following advice from the BPA.

I am looking forward to 2016. Let's hope that we have better luck with the weather and we all keep safe.

#### Financial report by the treasurer

Martin Crossley gave a brief outline of the club's financial position and reported on the ongoing situation with HMRC of which he was hopeful of a positive outcome. He said that if the matter was found in the clubs favour then it would release funds for the members for events and other ways that they wished to spend the monies. However he said that at the present time the club did not have any excess funds.

### Jump Ticket prices

Mike Rust informed the meeting that after much discussion at an earlier meeting that prices for a ticket were to be set at £20 for the coming season. A question was raised as to when that would be and Mike said it would be on the first day of operation in the new year being 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016. He also said that Si Chipp would be researching a discount structure for bulk purchase and that he would report back to his fellow directors once he had completed his research.

### Events for 2016

Chris Beattie opened a discussion regarding events for 2016. There was some discussion on this and Chris said that he was speaking to the BPA regarding planning as this had to be organised well in advance. There followed more discussion and it was decided that Chris would contact members via the facebook page to ask what the members wished for in 2016 and he would try to accommodate. He also mentioned running a competition and it was agreed that Chris and Tim would look into this matter.

Si Chipp asked about running a summer party. Mike Rust said that in the past individuals had ran some really good summer parties but that no one had done so of late. He was sure there would be no objection to anyone doing so in the future. Both Ali Altasi and Avi Gidar of Chatterchaps team offered their services to help organise an event. It was also mentioned that James Moran may be able to help by sponsoring some sausages to go with the food or barbecue.

Avi Gidar asked if it were possible to organise a night jump in 2016. Mike said that Chris was more than happy to do so as his last one was a non starter due to the weather on that occasion. Chris and Tim agreed to look into the matter.

Chris Beattie also offered to run a safety event in 2016. There was some discussion on the content of this but Chris said that his committee would organise something that would be worthwhile for the members.

### AOB

Jason Dodunski asked if it were possible to get some sort of help to attend a world meet event in May 2016. Mike Rust said that this should have been submitted earlier in writing but that the committee would be happy to look at something as long as there were a benefit for the members for example free coaching or similar. Also he hoped that it would work as it may put off future proposals if it did not. It was agreed that Jason would put his proposal in writing and Mike Rust said that the committee would look at it as soon as it came in after 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Ali Altasi then asked if his team Chatterchaps may be able to seek some help from the club. He asked a few questions. However it was not really clear what exactly he wished for and in return for what. He did however say that his team would like to help organise some events. Chris Beattie was keen to take up the offer of any help and asked him to liaise with his committee. Mike Rust again asked that if it was a serious proposal then it should be put in writing to himself in order that he and his fellow directors could look at it properly. Avi Gidar agreed to do so.

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting and said that once complete the minutes would be published on the club's website. He also said that the next AGM would be held around this time next year and that again it would be advertised via the website.