

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

Minutes of the meeting of Skydive Chatteris Club Ltd held on 8 February 2014 at the Chatteris Airfield, Block Fen Drove, March, Cambs PE15 0FB

Present: Mike Rust - Chairman
 Simon Chipp - Vice Chairman
 Martin Crossley - Treasurer
 Graham Ablett - Secretary

Apologies: None

Others in attendance: Chris Beattie (Observer)

Minutes

Martin Crossley proposed, and Graham Ablett seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the General Meeting held on 21 September 2013 as an accurate record.

Carried unanimously

Club Membership

Since the last meeting Martin Crossley had examined further the potential VAT implications of charging annual club membership fees and was concerned that HMRC might see it as a move away from zero rated flights only for experienced parachutists. Martin Crossley therefore proposed that, until proper confirmation had been received from HMRC, no annual membership fees should be charged. Instead, to distinguish between Full and Restricted members, Martin Crossley proposed that Full membership entitlement being available to anyone who had made 20 jumps or more from aircraft of which the club was the operator during the previous twelve months and that Restricted membership entitlement be available to those who had made 19 jumps or less from aircraft of which the club was the operator during the previous twelve months.

Until the VAT implications had been agreed with HMRC Martin Crossley also proposed that the Flight Only Tickets prices for both Full and Restricted members that were qualified jumpers should be kept the same (currently £16).

Seconded by Mike Rust

Carried unanimously

Aircraft Supplier Contracts

Martin Crossley offered the services of his company Skydive Aviation Ltd to supply aircraft to club subject to terms of the lease agreement he had presented for perusal.

Graham Ablett proposed that the terms of the lease agreement provided be accepted and that Skydive Aviation Ltd be appointed as the sole aircraft supplier of the club.

Seconded by Mike Rust

Martin Crossley abstained due to being an interested party.

Carried

Cost of Flights to North London Skydiving Centre Ltd

In the light of the above Aircraft Supplier contract, the cost of flights provided by the club to NLSC was discussed.

It was proposed by Graham Ablett and seconded by Mike Rust that the relevant charges made to NLSC should be 20% more (or whatever the VAT rate was at the time) than that charged to the club by the aircraft supplier.

Martin Crossley abstained due to being an interested party.

Carried

Membership Forms

Martin Crossley produced for perusal draft membership forms intended for use by different categories of jumpers (tandem students, accelerated freefall students and qualified jumpers).

Approved by all present

Membership Applications

Martin Crossley proposed that for the ease of administration all membership applications should be deemed to have been approved unless specifically rejected by the committee.

Seconded by Mike Rust

Carried unanimously

Pilot Appointments & Contracts

Mike Rust proposed that Simon Chipp & Gerwyn Watkins be appointed as pilots for Skydive Chatteris Club Ltd. Contracts to be offered to both.

Seconded by Graham Ablett

Simon Chipp and Martin Crossley abstained as interested parties.

Carried

Club Chief Instructor (CCI) Appointment

Martin Crossley proposed that Mike Rust be appointed as CCI.

Seconded by Simon Chipp

Mike Rust abstained as an interested party. Graham Ablett was in favour.

Carried

Loan

Martin Crossley explained that to help with initial cash flow it would be necessary for the club to obtain an initial loan of about £15,000. Martin Crossley, as owner and director of Chatteris Leisure Ltd, also went on to say that Chatteris Leisure Ltd would be willing to offer the club this facility interest free (and any other loans associated with the day to day running costs of the club until the VAT issue had been sorted out) on condition that all monies loaned would be repaid before 31st December 2014, or immediately after the VAT issue had been determined – otherwise standard Natwest bank business loan interest rates would apply from the start.

Mike Rust proposed that the loan be accepted under the terms offered.

Seconded by Simon Chipp.

Carried unanimously

British Parachute Association (BPA) Affiliation Forms

It was agreed unanimously that the club would apply to become BPA affiliated.

Chris Beattie to be co-opted as club member liaison officer

Mike Rust proposed that Chris Beattie be co-opted onto the board as club member liaison officer.

Seconded by Martin Crossley

Carried unanimously

There being no other business the meeting was closed