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

Meeting of the Directors of Skdive Chatteris Club Ltd held at Chatteris Airfield Block Fen Drove, Wimblington, March PE15 0FB at 11.30 hrs on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Directors Present Mike Rust Chairman Si Chipp Deputy Chairman Martin Crossley Treasurer Chris Beattie Development Chairman Tim Hanlon Deputy Development Chair

Apologies for absence Graham Ablett Secretary

The Chairman asked if anyone had any interests to declare. There were non declared.

The Chairman asked the Directors to look at the minutes of the previous meeting.

Matters arising.

Si Chipp mentioned a discount structure for jump tickets which he had previously brought up. He also said that he needed to do some more research into the matter for the next meeting.

Tim Hanlon proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the previous meeting. This was seconded by Chris Beattie. No one voted against. The motion was carried.

**Development Plan** 

Martin Crossley treasurer explained to the meeting that the matters with HMRC had been clarified by them and that he was awaiting an official confirmation that they had accepted the basis on which the club conducted their business with regard to the VAT element. He explained that a refund of VAT had been received and he projected that once debts had been paid this would leave a surplus of approximately £25,000 per annum which the club would be able to use for development.

Martin said that from his point of view we now had in place some building blocks to help the club develop and that he was looking for ideas in this direction. Mike asked Martin if he had any ideas and Martin then explained what he would like.

Martin proposed that we have a booking in system for club jumpers in order to provide them with a better service than they currently enjoyed.

There was some discussion on the matter and all agreed that this was a good idea. Mike said that he would speak to Lloyd Quenby on how this would work in practise and that he would ask Lloyd to initiate a trial of the process probably starting in March to see how the system would work. Martin proposed this and it was seconded by Mike. No one voted against and the motion was carried.

Si Chipp Deputy Chair said that he was going to speak to Peter Knudsen who may be interested in being a club coordinator load organiser type of person to help with developing the club jumpers on some weekends. There was some discussion and it was agreed that Si would speak to Peter to find out if he was interested.

Tim Hanlon Deputy Chair proposed that we should purchase some gear for club jumpers as a common theme was that we did not always have suitable gear available for them. There was some discussion and Si said that he was happy to speak to manufacturers regarding definitions of experienced, intermediate jumpers etc to clarify what kit would be suitable for them to use.

Si also asked if it would be possible to purchase some club wingsuits in order that club members could be introduced to this discipline. There was some discussion on this with everyone believing it was a good idea.

Mike proposed that club purchased both new gear and wingsuits. Tim seconded the motion and as there was no one against the motion was carried in principle with details to be finalised.

Mike proposed that we have a social fund to subsidise the club for events and social activities. Everyone agreed in principle that this was a good idea and Martin said he would ask the accountants opinion as to how this would work in practise.

Martin said that he would like to see caravans made available for club members in order that they had somewhere decent to stay over at the weekends. There was some discussion and Mike agreed to do a caravan survey to find out which caravans were not currently used regularly. Mike asked if Martin would then write to the owners concerned.

Martin proposed that in principle the club would spend some funds on the vans and Mike seconded his proposal. There were no objections and the motion was carried.

Mike proposed that as the Clubhouse and barbeque area should be cleaned by the Twins who were arriving latter in the year for packing. They would have duties which would mean that the areas were kept clean for their fellow members. Mike proposed this and Martin seconded. There were no objections and the motion was carried.

Chris Beattie said that he was looking to organise BPA roadshows for the members as we had good feedback from last years activities. There was some discussion regarding coaching in general and all felt that this was a great idea to help members develop their own skills within a quality environment. It was agreed that Chris Beattie would try to organise at least one event every month starting in April through to September and this included the Alter Ego canopy course. Si Agreed to find out the costs this event a said he would report back at the next meeting. Mike said he would speak to Graham Ablett on his return to find out what he wished to input. It was proposed by Chris and seconded by Tim that this should be carried. There were no objections and in principle the idea was carried.

Martin said that he was willing from his own funds to start a 4 way competition which would have a big money prize. He enthusiastically outlined his proposal and said that he would look into the detail and report back to the committee. Martin proposed the idea and Mike seconded. There were no objections and the motion was carried.

Mike mentioned that he would like to see a bursary awarded to proposals made by members that had real merit. He said that this would be in order to help individuals become better and safer jumpers. There was some discussion and all agreed that this was a good idea in principle.

Mike proposed and Martin seconded this idea, There were no objections and in principle the motion was carried.

Si said that he would look into the idea of an organisation/ bar/another sports club or similar promoting the clubs activities. He said he was happy to do some work and report back with a firm proposal. All agreed that in principal this was a good idea.

Mike suggested that as there were lots of proposals and ideas on the table some of which required a fair bit of thought and work that the committee concentrate on those at the present time.

AOB.

There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 13.20hrs

Date of the next meeting to be advised