

Skydive Chatteris Club Limited

Informal Club Committee Meeting

On 24th March 2018

At SCCL Clubhouse

Present:

Committee members:

Gary Small (Chair), Si Chipp, Kevin Dynan, Ali Peock, Sophie Barnwell, John Payne

Also present:

Ali Atlasi, Dragos Gabriel Lupu

Introduction

Gary started by explaining that he had called an informal meeting to give an update on the action points from the committee meeting held in February and to update on the progress of any outstanding issues.

Completed actions from the previous meeting

Since the previous meeting, the following actionable items had been completed:

1. The new club kit had been ordered by Si Chipp
2. Tanya's 8-way team and NFTO had been contacted to let them know the outcome of their funding / team rate requests
3. The Tandem bookings notification system had been implemented by Lloyd and the committee members and Martin were happy with it. The system is now live on the SCCL website and had been incorporated to the weather information. Kev Dynan will advertise this to SCCL members.

ACTION: Kev D

5. Rebecca Cairns AFF Course funding had been agreed and was now underway.

6. Ali Peock had agreed dates for the Bigway coaching with Chris Shaw and FF coaching with Lawrence Fansa and these dates were now on the club facebook page.

The committee also agreed to fund Lawrence's slots.

7. Jon Payne has fixed the clubhouse door. The committee thanks Jon for his efforts to make the repairs.

8. The 4x4 Clutch has been repaired.

9. Retirement party for Mike had been advertised and followed the meeting directly!

Outstanding items

1. Ally Milne Coaching

Ally Milne had been contacted to discuss his coaching rates. He had quoted £200 a day but that he was also willing to bring other coaches who would be willing to pay their own slots. He only had a handful of dates remaining so the committee were encouraged to act quickly.

After much discussion it was decided that since Lawrence Fansa had already agreed to coach on several dates that it was therefore not necessary to bring Ally Milne in as well.

2. Club kit

The major item discussed at the meeting was following Martin's decision to donate two sets of club kit to the club, ZS210 (a spectre 210) and ZP210 (a pulse 210). The kit required upgrades and repairs:

The Spectre 210 requires a new line set - £300 inc VAT
ZP210 requires a new reserve - £1,375 inc VAT
ZS210 also requires a new reserve - £1,375 inc VAT
ZP210 requires a new cypress - £950 in VAT

Considerable discussion ensued and followed on from earlier debate on the Committee's facebook page. One of the major concerns was overspending the club's budget as it had been an expensive couple of months. A secondary concern was if the club could generate revenue from the equipment.

Gary gave the Committee an incredibly detailed overview of the VAT regulations, passed on to him from the Club Treasurer Martin. Martin had told him that the club had about £10,000 budget remaining. In summary, the club could not receive income from rig hire without falling foul of VAT regulations.

The Committee, following heated discussion, concluded that it had no alternative but to authorize the expenditure proposed otherwise the rigs would have to be taken out of service.

3. Transit repairs.

The transit van repairs require parts that will cost £50. The committee members present thought this was a nominal amount which did not need to go to committee vote and authorized Gary to purchase the parts needed to affect the necessary repairs.

4. Dz coach

Si reported to the committee about the progress and possible costs of the DZ London Shuttle Bus. He stated that Dave Edmondson was prepared to drive the bus himself and that they would be advertising the service, on a trial basis, across various media aimed at London Skydivers closer to the summer during the better weather.

Martin had suggested a package deal to encourage fun jumpers to come to the DZ during the quiet midweek period. He had suggested a package that would include the shuttle bus, five jumps and a BBQ.

Si was not sure that Dave would be able to offer the shuttle service midweek and certainly not at the fee he had agreed for weekends.

ACTION: Si Chipp and Dave Edmondson will report back to the committee closer to the intended start time for the shuttle service.

5. DZ Caravans

Unfortunately, Chris Beattie was unable to attend the meeting but had left word with Gary that he had looked into replacement caravans and that costs were around £800-£1,000 for the units and that delivery would be around £400.

The committee discussed this at length and decided that it wasn't a priority for funding. Instead, the committee agreed to look into extending the part of the bunkhouse currently used as staff accommodation. Si Chipp also volunteered to look into the cost of building wood cabins, which he estimated to be around £400. These cabins could offer more private accommodation to those not looking for the "bunkhouse experience".

ACTION Si and liaise with Chris Beattie

6. Christmas Party

Sophie has set up a suggestion box in the clubhouse and was encouraging club members to submit suggestions for the theme, food and entertainment for the event. At the time, Sophie had only received one suggestion but solicited further suggestions from the membership at Mike's leaving party.

Ongoing action: Sophie

7. Balloon flight fees

Si had suggested in the committee facebook group that balloon flight fees be set at £20 for full club members and £60 for ordinary members. He suggested that free slots will still be available as a reward to those members that helped to act as crew and recover the balloon.

The Committee members present thought these fees to be reasonable and agreed the Balloon Flight Fees.

ACTION: Committee to advertise Balloon Flight fees

8. Tannoy

John gave the meeting an update on progress with the tannoy system and promised to report back with further information.

ACTION: John Payne

The meeting concluded

Facebook group Polls

1. Fibre optic broadband

James Moran had posted a poll on the committee facebook group about the availability of fibre optic broadband. The cost would be £40 per month. Although not all committee members had yet voted on the poll, a majority of the committee had voted for the proposal so the motion is therefore agreed.

ACTION: James Moran – Lloyd Quenby

2. Gary Small Appointment as Chief Instructor

Subsequent to the meeting, a vote was called on the Committee facebook page calling for Gary Small to be appointed to the position of Chief Instructor for SCCL.

Gary declared an interest and abstained from the vote. There were 8 votes for the appointment and Gary was appointed to the role of Chief Instructor of SCCL by the Committee.