

Minutes for Safety Management Meeting 16/12/17

In attendance were

Mike Rust CI

Gary Small Ai

Tim Hanlon Csi Ti

Chris Beattie Ai

Geordie Best Ti Affi

Lloyd Quenby Ti Affi

Chris Beattie Ai

Pete Herrick DZ controller

Gee Watkins Pilot

Si Chipp Pilot

Bobby Islam Club jumper

Josh Wheatley Club jumper

Alex Jurez Club jumper

Dave Edmondson Club Jumper

Sophie Barnwell FS coach

Dragos Lupu Ti

Alison Peock Club jumper

Jan Zackl Club Jumper

Mike Russell Club jumper

James Roslin Club jumper

James Moran Club jumper

Jon Payne Club jumper

Mike asked if anyone had Declaration of interests

There were none

Mike Asked if there were any apologies for absence

Kev Dynan apologised on behalf of Glen Staley. Mike said that he hadn't received any others

Mike gave a short summary of the SMS system explaining how it worked and the regular input that he and the other Instructors contributed.

Mike asked if there were any matters arising from the previous meeting. There were none

Mike then asked Gary Small to cover any issues from the 2017 season and look at the statistics for the year

Gary went on to explain that we had had a very good year with a lack of injuries. There were 2. One was a slight injury to a Tandem Instructor and the other a medium, where a jumper had had a freefall collision with another and had sustained severe bruising but had made a full recovery

Gary also talked about 2 fatalities at other Dzs and explained some of the details

Gary then went through the BPA Operations Manual changes for the year and explained some of the items where they needed some clarification including how to get a coaches rating signed by the CI

Mike asked if there were any safety suggestions

Jon Payne asked if it was a good idea to have the seat belts across the emergency exit in the back of the aircraft. Mike explained that it would be easy to remove them in an emergency and that if a jumper could not do so it would be highly unlikely that they could then remove the door as well.

Alison Peock asked if we could run a safety day.

Chris Beattie replied that he would try to do an ad hoc one when poor weather presented itself as he had had a poor response when he tried to run a formal evening

James Moran asked about the problem of brambles which may cause problems with equipment. Several others commented and Mike agreed to look into the matter and also speak to the farmer who had the equipment that could help deal with the problem

Josh Wheatley asked if anything could be done about the metal which was sticking up near the bridge to the PLA. Tim Hanlon replied that he had bent the metal down to make it safer and Pete Herrick said he would bring in a grinder to see if he could eliminate the problem

Mike said that he was happy to take further questions but there were none

Mike said that the next SMS full meeting would be held on the last day of operation 2018

Josh Wheatley also asked if the minutes would be published and Mike said they would be put on the clubs notice board and on the SCCLtd website

Mike closed the meeting