

Skydive Chatteris Club Limited
Club SMS Meeting

Minutes of the Club SMS meeting held on
16 December 2018 at 1600

At Clubhouse, Chatteris Airfield, Block Fen Drove, Doddington, PE15 0FB

In Attendance:

Jon Payne – Fun jumper
Chris Beattie – Staff Member
Martin Crossley- Airfield Owner
Si Chipp – Staff Member
Gary Small – Chief Instructor and Chairman
Kevin Dynan – Staff Member
Graham Ablett – Committee Member
Lloyd Quenby – Staff Member

1. Apologies for absence

Tim Hanlon sent his apologies

2. Declarations of interest

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for any declarations of interest. There were none

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting

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

4. Incidents and Malfunctions resume 2018

The chairman handed over to Chris Beattie to provide a resume of the incidents and malfunctions received in 2018. Chris reported that there had been:

| | 2018 | 2017 |
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| Experienced Malfunctions | 13 | 4 |
| Injuries | 6 | 2 |
| Experienced jumps | 8098 | 7027 |
| Tandem Malfunctions | 2 | 8 |
| Tandem incidents | 1 | |

Chris also went on to talk about the increase in CP injuries and fatalities in the UK this year. He reported that there have been 3 fatalities in the UK and one serious injuries from CP landings and asked all club members and instructors to be aware of this worrying trend. All had been very

experienced skydivers with between 900 and 8,000 jumps. The BPA have instigated a panel of enquiry into CP landings.

Of the injuries sustained this year at SCCL, we had one broken ankle with a tandem student and a broken wrist with a fun jumper.

There had been a serious incident with a tandem AAD being found to be off on the aircraft. The instructor in question had voluntarily given up his tandem rating following a period of suspension and the club has implemented a new safety procedure to ensure all AADs are turned on at the beginning of a jump program to ensure that this doesn't happen again. Sean Healy had received a commendation from the BPA for noticing this on the aircraft.

Chris also pointed out the new requirements for club coaches to have their coach ratings renewed. When renewing their BPA membership coaches need to have their coaches rating signed off by the Chief Instructor. He stated that coaches must have completed at least 5 lessons or briefs in the previous year and a minimum of 30 descents, at least being 5 coaching jumps.

Chris handed back to Gary who stated that he was concerned by the increase in experienced malfunctions but noted that two were sustained on the same day by Matt who had received remedial training and supervision by Kim. He also wanted to pay tribute to the packers and Kim on the reduction in malfunctions sustained on Tandem and Club equipment.

Jon Payne asked if there was a correlation between experience and the incidence of malfunctions, and perhaps this was because more experienced skydivers were jumping smaller, faster canopies more prone to malfunction.

Lloyd asked what the figures were for 2016 and if perhaps 2017 had been an anomaly.

5. Safety Suggestions – Open Forum

Gary asked if there were any comments on safety or suggestions on improvements.

Jon Payne asked if the increase in malfunctions had been on club kit or caused by people rushing.

As only two malfunctions / incidents had been on club kit, this was deemed not to be a cause for concern.

Lloyd mentioned the lack of jumpmasters and occasionally it was difficult to find a jump master for a high lift or fun jumper load.

He recommended that the club look at changing policies to increase the number of fun jumpers signed off to jumpmaster at the club and suggested lowering the requirements for jumpmastering loads of up to 5 people for example to allow novice JM1 holders to gain JM experience.

Chris Beattie suggested a proficiency card that JMs could use to develop the necessary skills.

Lloyd thought that this would be yet another barrier to people obtaining jumpmaster sign off.

Jon Payne agreed that Lloyd's suggestion was sound and that maybe B-Licence skydivers could act as jumpmaster for loads of up to 5 people, and C-Licence skydivers act as jumpmaster for load of 5 people and above (all with the necessary CI approval).

Chris asked what was the issue causing the shortage of JMs, to which Graham Ablett and Jon Payne pointed out that it was in determining exit order on the flight line.

Gary Small said that he would think about the suggestions raised perhaps organising a Jumpmaster briefing day.

Si Chipp suggested that this day should also include looking at the aspects around Aircraft emergencies. He stated that he was concerned that should there be an aircraft incident that he wasn't sure if all Jumpmasters would be aware of the correct procedures and the importance of maintaining communication with the pilot.

He stated that an incident is likely to be dynamic and it was important that the JM maintain communication with the pilot to ensure the correct course of action.

He also mentioned that some recommendations following previous incidents may have been lost in the mists of time, such as landing away from the runways following an emergency.

ACTION: Gary Small

6. Any other business

The Chairman asked if there was any other business and there was none.

7. Dates of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on the 15th of December 2019 at a time to be notified.