

Skydive Chatteris Club Limited
Club SMS Meeting – Minutes

Minutes of the Club SMS meeting held on
15 December 2019 at 1600
At Clubhouse, Chatteris Airfield, Block Fen Drove, Doddington, PE15 0FB

In Attendance:

Jon Payne – Committee Member
Ali Peock – Committee Member
Chris Beattie – Staff Member and Chairman
Kevin Dynan – Staff Member
Graham Ablett – Fun jumper
Tim Hanlon – Staff Member

1. Apologies for absence

Gary 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 2019

The chairman then provided a resume of the incidents and malfunctions received in 2019. The chairman reported that there had been:

	2018	2019
Experienced Malfunctions	13	7
Injuries	6	4
Experienced jumps	8098	6593
Tandem Malfunctions	2	9
Tandem incidents	1	1

The chairman reported there had been a serious tandem incident when a tandem experienced a malfunction, the instructor cutaway, couldn't find the reserve handle, the RSL had somehow become disconnected (although had appeared to be connected on the flightline and in a photo taken on the aircraft prior to exit) and so the instructor continued to try and deploy the reserve via both the reserve handle and the RSL but was unable to reach them until the cypres fired. The tandem pair landed safely and the BPA launched a full investigation. Paratec, manufacturers of the tandem

equipment in use, are working with Kim to examine the causes of how the RSL could have become disconnected. Kim looked into the pull force on all our tandem RSL shackles and obtained mixed results. As interim measures paratec have sent us stainless steel RSL shackles and the RSLs will be checked as part of the standard 100 jump check.

CP Landing (more than a 90 degree turn to final approach)

Following the BPA CP working group's recommendations to STC, we will be creating a separate landing area for those with CP1. This will be the former hovercraft area which will be ready from April 2020.

You must have CI permission to land there.

Those training for CP1 will still land in the experienced PLA under the conditions laid down for CP training already in place.

CP Coaches ratings will be renewed for 2020 but from 2021 CP coaches will need to revalidate.

Online British Skydiving membership

British Skydiving will no longer be issuing the membership card or issuing membership renewal forms. Jumpers, Coaches and Instructors will be able to renew online, with coaches and instructors selecting their appropriate ratings for renewal from a dropdown menu. The CI then gets an email from British Skydiving to revalidate your ratings.

As of yet, we cannot do an online member check.

C-licence applications will include a written test from 2020 and the B-licence application process will include more practical tests on flightline checking and being a jumpmaster from Jan 2020.

5. Safety Suggestions - Open Forum

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

Kev asked if the membership would be interested in safety day type seminars. Jon and Ali suggested that members are only likely to attend on days they were likely to jump and that a safety day might be better employed as a series of after jumping seminars.

Jon Payne has club development officer agreed to liaise with Chris and Kev.

ACTION: Jon Payne

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 29th of November 2020 following the club AGM.