

Skydive Chatteris Club Limited
Club SMS Meeting – Minutes

Minutes of the Club SMS meeting held on
29 November 2020 at 1400
Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Jon Payne – Committee Member
Chris Beattie – Club Chairman
Si Chipp – Club Member
Kevin Dynan – Committee Member 2019

Graham Ablett – Club Member
Dave Edmondson – Committee Member
Tony Labbadia – Club Member

1. Apologies for absence

Gary sent his apologies

As the Club Chief Instructor was unable to attend the meeting, Kev Dynan was asked to Chair the meeting by the Club Chairman. Any references to the ‘Chairman’ refer to the Chair of the meeting and not the Club Chairman or Chief Instructor.

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 2020. The chairman reported that there had been:

	2020	2019
Experienced Malfunctions	3	7
Injuries	3	4
Experienced jumps	2735	6593
Tandem Malfunctions	0	9
Tandem incidents	1	1

The chairman discussed the tandem incident where an RSL had become disconnected on opening. The incident was captured on handcam video which was submitted to both the equipment manufacturer and British Skydiving. He discussed the investigation, suspected causes and mitigation factors put in place such as changing the brass shackles for stainless steel and changing the way the shackles attached but that the matter was still ongoing.

Chris highlighted to the club members present that the enforced lockdown(s) meant that currency and recency was something that all club members need to be aware of and that senior and trusted members should keep an eye out for less experienced members attempting jumps that may be ambitious given their lack of currency. He asked that they keep an eye on those we haven't seen for a while and bring to any instructor's attention any areas of concern that they may have.

5. Safety Suggestions – Open Forum

The meeting chairman asked if there were any comments on safety or suggestions on improvements.

There were none at the time although informally after the meeting the following suggestions were raised:

Dave mentioned that keeping an eye on new jumpers in the air was important but also suggested that this was important on the ground too as he had experienced a new jumper reconnect his RSL to his three ring assembly.

Following on from that the chairman discussed if safety days would be well received and Chris suggested that perhaps a series of short 30-40min safety seminars via Zoom or similar. Possible topics were discussed but the chairman suggested that in order to be well received but that we should maybe ask the funjumpers what topics they would like to discuss.

ACTION: Kev with Dave (Club Development Committee member)

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 28th of November 2021 following the club AGM.