

# **Avon HGPGC 2018 AGM Compass Inn, Tormarton. October 11<sup>th</sup> 2018**

## **Minutes**

Full members present 28.

### **AGENDA**

- Chairman's report (Includes Committee Member Reports) – Peggy Williams
- Treasurer's report – Graham Richards
- Election of the club Committee for 2018/19
- Vote on motion to amend the Club Constitution for "handover" period when Committee members change (proposed by Richard Harding, seconded by Chris Jones)

## **Chairman's Address**

Good evening all and thank you for attending our 2018 AGM.

This year has certainly had its ups and downs. We've gained some airspace concessions at Westbury and Highgrove and also worked with neighbouring clubs to fight off (for now) a huge airspace grab by Brize Norton and Oxford Airport. Thanks to all the members who responded to this individually. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in stopping the TAG Farnborough proposal from being approved.

The long summer heatwave meant the UK XC season saw new British records being broken and many people upping their PB's. It did make for some lively flying, too spicy for some. In PG Competitions, Tom Cole was in the top 10 Brits at the British Open in Feltre and competed in his first pre-PWC. Tom Janikowski was third overall in the German Open and Harry Bloxham made 11<sup>th</sup> place in the Turkish PWC. Team Avon finished third in the BCC. In the HG British Open, Greg Emms came a commendable 14<sup>th</sup>, with their best flying conditions for many years, in their last round in mid Wales they flew every task.

The club is in a great place at the moment, with a buoyant membership and many newly qualified CPs joining too. Sean Simmons, our low airtime coach has been out with new members most flyable days. Our winter coaching evenings also produced five new pilot rated and three advanced pilot rated members.

Site news - Westbury is currently still a sensitive site and we are in ongoing discussions with English Heritage. The tree has been removed from the front of the site, thanks to Chris Jones for organising. We also all remember the airprox back in January, can I remind everyone to please raise a CANP whenever it is likely to be flyable there. Nothing to report from the other sites apart from some scrub clearance at the front of Haresfield.

Tim Bishop arranged another successful repack in March, bringing along his very popular 'Timulator' so that we all got a chance to throw our reserves whilst being pitched around. Profits for the event were donated to the Air Ambulance.

Harry Bloxham was also busy this year finding us some great speakers for our club social evenings and it would be good to see a few more members attending.

Last but not least, I would like to thank my committee for all their hard work and dedication behind the scenes and on the hills.

Fly safe.

Peggy Williams

## **Treasurer's report - Graham Richards**

### 2018 Headlines

- ***Harry Hanscomb audited the accounts on 10 Oct 18 and found them an "Excellent set of accounts".***
- Membership has decreased by 4 to 235 (as at end Sep 18).
  - o Discount for prompt renewal was a success with again, 80% membership renewing before the end of April.
- The Club's total funds increased by £565.73 to £14,269.17
  - o This has stayed pretty much constant over the last 9 years
  - o Very little interest payable on bank account
- Income is substantially from membership fees
- Main outgoings were Site Fees (over 50% of total), followed by Xmas Dinner, Venue Hire, Membership renewal costs, Trophies
  - o No Mere Bash to account for in 2018
  - o The Club 'Xmas' dinner was subsidised by £581.00

## **Election of the Club Committee for 2018/19**

All existing 17/18 Committee members were happy to stand for re-election. Mike Byfield was also proposed and seconded for the role of PG Chief Coach. Following a vote Mike Byfield was elected to the Committee, and a vote was held to confirm all of the other Committee members. The Chairman thanked Tom Janikowski for all of his work in the Chief Coach role over several years.

he following club members were elected to the Committee for 2018/19.

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| <b>Chairman</b>               | <b>Peggy Williams</b> |
| <b>Treasurer</b>              | Graham Richards       |
| <b>Secretary</b>              | Rob Kingston          |
| <b>Social Secretary</b>       | Harry Bloxham         |
| <b>Sites (Overall)</b>        | Wes Murch             |
| <b>Safety</b>                 | Tim Bishop            |
| <b>PG Comps Officer</b>       | Rod Taylor            |
| <b>HG Comps Officer</b>       | Greg Emms             |
| <b>PG Low Airtime Officer</b> | Sean Simmons          |
| <b>HG Chief Coach</b>         | Chris Jones           |
| <b>PG Chief Coach</b>         | Mike Byfield          |
| <b>Webmaster</b>              | Rich Harding          |
| <b>Librarian</b>              | Rod Taylor            |

Rich Harding made it clear that he would continue in his role as Webmaster until a suitable replacement could be identified.

## **Proposed Change to the Club Constitution**

- Vote on motion to amend the Club Constitution (proposed by Richard Harding, seconded by Chris Jones)

Currently:

“All committee members will take up their posts immediately. To prevent any problems involving the handover of duties, the retiring committee members should be prepared to aid incoming committee members **for a period of one month after the AGM**, to ensure a smooth transition.”

Proposal:

“All committee members will take up their posts immediately. To prevent any problems involving the handover of duties, the retiring committee members should be prepared to aid incoming committee members **for the remainder of the calendar year following the AGM**, to ensure a smooth transition.”

**This was passed overwhelmingly and hence the constitution will be amended.**