

Imperial College Gliding Club Meeting

30th of January 2010

Agenda

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Discuss the current financial state of the club.
 - Currently our club has full membership.
3. Discuss next year's budget.
 - Our budget is due on the 8th of February, with our final budget due for review and appeal by the committee on the 23th of March. Last year's budget was very effective and we should investigate whether its success can be replicated. We have been warned that our budget may be subject to considerable tightening; the RCC's meeting also suggested that clubs may no longer receive a subsidy for instructors.
4. Discuss Easter Tour
 - We intend to spend Easter Tour at Aston Down - the Cotswold's Gliding Club. With the Easter Tour proposal submitted, we need to discuss the specifics of transports, equipment and other logistical considerations for this trip.
5. Discuss Summer Tour
 - We need to make a firm decision on where Summer Tour shall take place. A short-list of locations needs to be drawn up.
6. Formalize decision regarding delaying our capital expenditure plan.
 - We need to confirm that we intend to delay the purchase of a new glider until next year.
7. Discuss the annual dinner.
 - The 80th annual dinner is due for the 13th of March, 2010. Shu is currently organizing this matter; a report on it's progress would be useful for the committee.

8. Discuss progress on the replacement of parachutes and the associated Harlington Trust application.
 - John has been organizing the replacement of our parachutes from *PARASENTIAL*. We need to review the Harlington Trust application for the parachutes.
9. Set the date for the AGM.
 - The annual general meeting date needs to be set for committee member elections.
10. Discuss Club merchandise
 - Miles has been tasked with procuring hoodies and other clothing for purchase by club members.
11. Discuss future of our website.
 - Ruben currently is in charge of our website. We need to consider whether a redesign is necessary and what features should be implemented.
12. Any further business

1 Minutes of meeting on the 30th of January, 2010

Committee Present: Afandi Darlington, Michiel Blokzijl, Shu Zhang, Ryan Tunstall, Ruben Menke, Miles Mulholland, Johnathan Westoby, Andrew Cockrell, Jamie Denton.

Also Present: Athanasios Konstantinidis.

CHAired BY MICHEL BLOKZIJL
MINUTES BY MILES MULHOLLAND

1.1 Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

1.2 Discuss the current financial state of the club.

Money has been transferred, after Union approval, from the IC Trust account to SGI to compensate for claims being incorrectly made for tours from SGI in previous years when IC Trust money had been awarded for said tour. This leaves our club with £7000 in SGI. Our membership target has been reached.

1.3 Discuss next year's budget.

It was found that the RCC's initial guidelines for funding were in error: we will still be able to apply for instructor funds. This year's budget should be broadly similar to last year's.

It is of note that 296 and 496 require weights to be purchased for them for safety reasons, of an approximate cost of £60. For the purposes of cross country flying, new maps are also required.

The final budget will be sent to the committee prior to submission for review purposes.

1.4 Discuss Easter Tour

Easter Tour is to be from the 27th of March to the 5th of April at Aston Down.

It is of note that the CofA on 496 is to take place on the 1st of March, with 296's due one week later. Assuming no complications, all gliders should be serviceable for the tour. The towing of 496 to Aston Down is complicated as a result of towing weight restrictions; however, Aston Down have suggested that they may be able to provide assistance.

We are still to enquire regarding accommodation at the airfield; whether it is possible to gain the use of some caravans for the week or whether tents will be required. We wish to take 296 and 496 on tour - should 296 be unservicable, we will take 96 (which is currently in CofA).

1.5 Discuss Summer Tour

We have ascertained that no Imperial instructor is likely to be available for Summer Tour - as such we intend to approach a Lasham instructor. As few of the club will be cross country solo pilots come the Summer, it has been suggested that mountain flying with an advanced instructor may be appropriate as this would be a new experience for club members. This approach is dependent on the instructor's preferences. Various possible locations for the tour exist, from Spain to Slovenia to Germany - and selection of a location will take place at a later date.

1.6 Formalize decision regarding delaying our capital expenditure plan.

We have chosen to delay the use of our capital expenditure plan, pending an improvement in the ASW-24 market and Euro exchange rate. It is felt that the market at present is not ideal for making this long term investment and thus it is in the best interests of the club to delay; it is though that the market should recover within the next 12 months. Therefore we shall now seek to delay the capital expenditure plan until next academic year.

1.7 Discuss the annual dinner.

We are currently enquiring regarding 58 Princes Gate, a collection of dining rooms owned by Imperial College, for our 80th dinner. We intend to speak to Derrick Piggott, a world-wide gliding legend, to see whether he could be a speaker at this event.

1.8 Discuss progress on the replacement of parachutes and the associated Harlington Trust application.

The trust application made by Ryan was confirmed. The committee approved the application made by Ryan.

1.9 Set the date for the AGM.

The AGM is to take place on the 19th of March at 18:30. We intend to advertise this along side our Easter tour to maximise turnout.

1.10 Discuss Club merchandise.

This is currently in an exploratory phase, with quotes being taken from various companies. A logo still needs to be designed for the merchandise which is currently being worked on by Paul Rignall; an old logo may be adapted from a previous design.

1.11 Discuss the future of our website.

A redesign of the back-end of the website has been proposed which will provisionally take place during the summer, when committee members have time. After this has been done, the front-end may be improved. Ease of updating is a priority on the new website, and the website must reflect the activity level of the club.

1.12 Any further business

1.12.1 Flying times

For the purpose of records, John is to send the flying times of our gliders to Afandi.

1.12.2 Article in RC Matters

Afandi intends to write an article for the club for the RC Matters magazine.

1.12.3 Inventory

The club inventory needs to be revised, and this is work-in-progress.

1.13 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is provisionally set for the 1st of May, 2010 at Lasham. Should the forthcoming budget result in complications, an emergency committee meeting will take place.