

## Minutes - Exec Meeting – 13 March 2019 – 7:30pm

**Present:** Duncan, Ian, Nicky, Grant, Blake, Carlos, Glen (left at 8.45), Ross, Mark H (at 7.45).

**Apologies:** Evan

### **Last meeting minutes:**

Up on Trello, all happy with them.

**Task:** Evan to put minutes up on website.

### **Matters arising**

**CEO report:** Evan not at the meeting.

**Duncan's report:** Duncan in Wanaka until May. Ongoing issues with TC access.

**Treasury Report:** Not much to report, everything seems to be going OK, not having to use savings yet.

**Correspondence:** Duncan has had some good correspondence with Bill about Airborn.

**AGM 21/22 Sept items:** Following length discussion Queenstown was voted to be venue.

**Task:** Blake to assist with investigating suitable venue for AGM.

**Christchurch Exec Meeting 10/12 May:** **Task:** Mark & Nicky to arrange options to be considered. Duncan to invite Bill to the meeting to discuss Airborn.

**Communications Project:** How do we progress our needs as far a communications go, how to streamline things so that we can improve all of our communications.

Duncan proposed we find someone to head the project. Mark suggested we ask the membership if there is anyone with an interest or skills in that area. We need to provide a clear aim and mandate to put out to membership.

**Task:** Duncan will put together an email to go to the membership and run it past Evan and Mark prior.

Glen said his partner has a friend with a degree in communication who is looking for volunteer work – not at all involved in paragliding.

Nicky and Evan to activate email tracking in WA.

**Appoint a Treasurer:** Duncan has motioned that we appoint a treasurer, not as an exec position but potential for honorarium payment. Mark suggests we need further consultation about what is required and questioned why we need a treasurer. To be discussed perhaps at the May meeting. Mark spoke further to suggest that we might need to look at the membership to see if anyone can assist with what we need, should call for expressions of interest.

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**Appoint a Fundraiser:** Do we need an NZHGPA fundraiser? Gliding NZ have gained a fair amount of funds over the last years and are happy to impart details of how and where to apply to. We need to have specific projects to apply for funding for. Kris Ericksen used to do that – may be worth asking for his input on how he used to make applications? Maybe funding for the world champs teams? SMS?

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**Appoint a National Land Space/Sites Officer:** Duncan raised the issue of whether we should find someone to be appointed to assist with some of Nick's role but more with a view of overseeing sites and land access issues? Or could we just call on someone as and when we need assistance? There are lots of people already doing good work out there – but should it be centralised? Should clubs be supported more by NZHGPA with site issues? Further discussions. Duncan will consult with others and Evan on a role and job description and revisit at a later meeting.

**Paragliding Training Syllabus Changes:** Duncan proposed changing fully to 5 step system. Mark called for more specific detail on what exactly the issues are and why the system should be changed. This was discussed by training advisory group meeting last night and there was concern that a decision such as this would come from the exec without discussion with the group. Mark suggested Duncan document his individual issues and send them to the Training Advisory Group. Carlos also suggested that deadlines/timeframes be put forward to the advisory groups as well so as to give momentum to the people who actually want to help.

**Bi-cultural Recommendation:** Duncan thinks that clubs should start to recognise various cultural factors with regards to using Maori names and being Iwi sensitive and forming better relationships. He thinks that the clubs should get better with these issues and that the clubs should be pointed in the direction to do this. It was pointed out that some clubs already do.

**Task:** Duncan to send an email to the club presidents to let them know that they should be looking at some of these issues.

**Speed Flying:** Duncan wants to see more action on speed flying. He thinks the exec now needs to come up with something as the speed flying community has been slow to respond. Carlos mentioned that the Training advisory group has been looking at it and has invited Blake for discussions. Carlos asked for Duncan to put forward his specific requirements so that the TAG can work on it. Mark proposed that the syllabus that Blake has put together be put out for consultation and if there is no response then the only persons who can have an input in any changes is the Exec and Evan. Blake advised a few things needs to be done to it first, to make it ready. Mark motioned that Blake be requested to prepare a syllabus for speed flying for consultation based on his existing documentation.

**General Business:**

Ian Manton feels there is some discord between HG and PG in some clubs, particularly BOP club at the moment. He would like to see how we can help get the two codes working closer. Mark suggested that Ian contact CAN club president as they had similar issues there not too long ago. BOP HG pilots are concerned that PG/ Speedflying accidents at the Mount could result in loss of the site. Duncan proposed to pay them a visit. Mark suggested it may be more of a code of conduct/acceptable behaviour issue, rather than code/discipline issues.

**Next Meeting:** 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 9.30pm.