

Wings of Rogallo Meeting Notes

2020-11-17

- [Juan] President's message
- [Ben] Treasurer's report
 - ~18k in the bank, club's finances are in good shape.
- Site reports
 - [Soham] Ed Levin
 - Reminder about COVID-19 protocols regarding ride sharing. Household members only! Several pilots have been observed ignoring this rule.
 - Spot landing circles - please reset toppled cones immediately after landing, and then exit the area. Several pilots were observed lingering in the spot landing circles, preventing inbound pilots from landing there.
 - Revised site procedures - awaiting reply from park.
 - [Steve] Mission
 - [Electronic Sign-In for Mission](#) is now official! The process is very simple:
 - **Every pilot signs in electronically before flying.** This includes, hike-and-flyers, passengers, and drivers.
 - **Keyholders also sign out a key on the paper log inside the lockbox.** You may optionally record the names of passengers, but this is not strictly required.
 - If you forget your phone, or are unable to use your phone, use someone else's phone to sign in.
 - If you do not have a smartphone, buy a smartphone. It's 2020.
 - The paper log may be used as backup if all else fails.
 - [Evan, for Robert] Diablo
 - There was a sailplane mid-air collision over Mount Diablo two weekends ago when several paragliders and hang gliders were flying. Both of the sailplanes were flying out of Byron and are experienced pilots. Both pilots ejected from their aircraft and descended under parachutes and are going to be okay! One had only minor scratches, the other had two fractured vertebrae and is expected to make a full recovery. NTSB investigation is ongoing.
- Elections
 - [Evan]
 - From Roy Spencer: Reminder for prospective board members that one of the primary responsibilities for officers is to complete site renewal paperwork with the RRRG on time.
 - [Julie Spiegler]
 - Julie reviewed the important dates and timelines
 - Nominee statements
 - Important dates:

Date	Item
Oct 23, 2020	Email membership asking to submit nominations
Nov 17, 2020	Nominations close; Candidate forum at WOR meeting
Nov 19, 2020	Final candidate statements
Nov 21, 2020	Election window opens
Dec 8, 2020	Election closes
Dec 15, 2020	Results announced at WOR meeting
Jan 1, 2021	New board takes office

- [Evan] Member Q&A
 - Mark Mullholand asked about BAPA and WOR merging.
 - Details are being discussed by both boards. Will likely happen in 2021
 - Ed Levin lawnmower
 - Soham has asked Santa Clara Parks if they will be willing to cut the grass in the LZ for the club. Club would reimburse them for labor. Awaiting reply from the park.
 - Spencer Balona initiated the fundraiser and is working on it.
 - Club will chip in money as needed to purchase a lawnmower, if the park will not mow the grass
 - Unclear what happened with the old lawnmower that was owned by Mike Jefferson, that people contributed to.
 - Wayne Michelsen advises caution since something similar happened at Fort Funston. Lawnmower was bought but seldom used. Caution - unless there is a workable plan for people to cut the grass, the same thing may happen.
 - Spencer has volunteered to cut the grass and store the lawnmower. Thank you Spencer!
 - Takeo - club recognition
 - Club should announce when people attain new ratings or other notable achievements. -- Board thinks this is a great idea!
 - Communications director could help facilitate this. Club members or instructors could submit information to be included in newsletter
 - Could send out monthly email or newsletter.
 - We need to make sure to not spam people though, so this should be sent on a separate mailing list from general club communications that people can opt in/out of independently.
 - Tech project idea - could poll USHPA database to detect when ratings change month-to-month.
 - Mark Mullholand

- Suggested that the club organize a competition to encourage people to go XC since nobody flies XC any more.
 - Julie suggested that Mark organize it and disputed the assertion that nobody flies XC.
 - Mark is unable to because he is busy, but invited people over to his house.
- Epic flight reports from November 7th
 - Mission
 - Mike Vergalla - 5200ft at Mission on tandem, top landed, and went up again.
 - Ed Stein - Tandem XC to Evergreen in San Jose
 - Diablo
 - Many pilots went XC, including several personal bests (Tristan, Dan Z, Ismo, Pam, Evan, Vlad, Josh C, and more).
 - Top of lift at 6000ft+, amazing for November.
 - Ben Wedlock won the day, 95km to Crows Landing.
 - Several HG flew later in the afternoon, at least one to Tracy.