

Wings of Rogallo Meeting Notes

2020-12-15

- [Juan] President's final message
 - Brief history....Recap of the year, huge accomplishments, brought the club into the 21st century. Thanks so much to the exec and site chairs, VP for bringing huge experience, insights and keeping everyone in check as well as follow up on so many fronts with patience and understanding, Sec for keeping track of and executing processes and for huge amount of legwork on the nuts and bolts of the processes for modernizing club by laws, etc, Treasurer for keeping us fiscally sound, finding fiscal leaks and patching them and additional insights into processes modernizing etc, Safety coordinator, again huge amounts of work, complete revamp of website and processes for sites making it so much easier for the membership to just fly, membership director for hard work in making it so much easier to be a member by streamlining the process etc. all of the chairs for taking care of the sites and helping to modernize the process. Communications director for newsletter, communications during a difficult time. New site. And of course to incoming officers for volunteering. I am so grateful to all of you for allowing me to be a part of the literal rebirth of the best and largest freeflight club in the country, Exec should all be very proud of themselves for their selfless and magnanimous actions over the past year. Thank you for letting me be a part of it. I hope it has been as pleasant for you as it has for me. Showed me how we can truly have a good collaborative effort to make visions become realities! All went way above the call of duty and gave 110% no, 1,000% to make the club the best of the best for you, the membership!
- [Ben] Treasurer's report
 - 20k in the bank
 - Paid for Mission for the year
 - Renewals are coming in.
- Site reports
 - [Robert] Diablo
 - [Soham] Ed Levin
 - New Ed Levin site procedures are in place. Please read them, as well as the most recent club email, before flying at Ed Levin.
 - Instruction is temporarily suspended for all instructors until at least January 4th, 2021 due to Santa Clara County health order.
 - [Steve] Mission
 - New COVID-19 protocols are in place, aligned with county health order on social distancing.
 - Key holders may now use electronic sign in for signing out keys.
 - Everyone should be using electronic sign in, including passengers.

- Paper logs are deprecated, and are only for backup.
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- [Bob] RRRG site renewals, risk assessments status update
 - Working very hard to finish all of the requisite paperwork within the next week. We are 3 weeks ahead of schedule
 - We are now waiting for the RRRG to make some database changes before we can submit everything.
 - Expected to have this finished before Jan 1.
- [Bob] WOR will be taking over The Stables and Mori Point from BAPA in 2021
 - BAPA members voted on this and it passed.
 - WOR board held a vote approving the acquisition which also passed.
 - BAPA has funded the permit fees for 2021-2022
 - WOR is completing the RRRG risk assessment for 2021-2022.
 - WOR and BAPA are currently in discussions with the GGNRA with the expectation that WOR will be issued a new permit under a new special use agreement.
 - The transfer is expected to occur on March 1st, 2021, after BAPA's certificate of insurance expires on Feb 28, 2021. The Stables remains a BAPA site until then. The goal is to ensure continuity, avoid a lapse in coverage, and keep the site open during the transition.
- [Julie] Election and survey results
 - 99 ballots submitted (26% of eligible voters)
 - President: Ben Wedlock (uncontested)
 - Vice President: Pamela Kinnaird (uncontested)
 - Secretary: Evan Cohen (uncontested)
 - Treasurer: Tristan Horn (uncontested)
 - Safety Coordinator: Dan Zaslavsky (uncontested)
 - Membership Services Director: Richard Sibley (58.6%)
 - Communications Director: Isaiah Clapp (reappointed by president-elect)
 - Survey results (high level)
 - 1) General feedback - 28% of the respondents submitted comments
 - Common topics:
 - Officers did a great job this year - lots of improvements.
 - Clubs in the area should merge (not just BAPA, but the others as well)
 - 2) Thoughts on changing the club's name
 - 75.6% of those responding to the question voted Yes (in favor of exploring changing the club's name)
 - San Francisco Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (SFHPA) and Bay Area Free Flight Association (BAFFA) were the top 2
- General member Q&A
 - [Wayne Michelsen] extended thanks to the officers. Wayne wants to know the motivation for transitioning The Stables from BAPA to WOR?
 - Julie

- BAPA still potentially serves a purpose for the Bay Area PG community as a social club (non-USHPA-affiliated), but it's no longer viable to manage sites due to RRRG requirements to consolidate sites under a single club. BAPA membership is dwindling, and officers no longer motivated to serve
 - Transferring The Stables to WOR was the logical way for keeping the site open.
 - Ben
 - Also a financial advantage - there's a small volume discount for managing more sites under a single club.
- Epic flights
 - Nothing notable locally.
 - Jenn and Jason had nice flights at Cayucos near SLO