

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PILOT'S MEETING
HELD AT THE MSC CLUBROOMS, WAHAROA AIRFIELD
ON THURSDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2007 AT 1:00 PM**

Present:

T. Atkins (Chairman), S. Wallace (Acting Secretary), T. Terry (SRC Rep), plus 20 pilots

Item 1 - Apologies:

Nil

Item 2 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: T. Van Dyk

Seconded: S. Wallace

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Item 3 – Matters Arising:

1. **PW5 class** – Noted SRC AGM approved change of name of PW5 class to Sports Class.
2. **PW6 Handicap** – Noted SRC AGM approved widening of Sports Class handicap to include the PW6.
3. **Trans Tasman Trophy** – Noted SRC AGM did not approve the idea of using the next National Sports Class competition as the competition for the Trans Tasman Trophy.
4. **PW5 class vs World Class** – The discussion to rename the PW5 class as the World Class became irrelevant when it was decided to call this class the Sport Class.
5. **Standard/15m combined** – Noted SRC AGM did not approve the motion to combine the Standard and 15m class of glider however it was discussed that this motion may be re-introduced at the next SRC AGM.
6. **FLARM** – Information was passed back to the meeting that at this stage from the GNZ perspective that while a useful tool in some locations there is no mandatory requirement for this device.
7. **Funding for International Competitions** – Information was passed back to the meeting that most funding for pilots for these comps comes from private trusts so it is outside of GNZ control.

Item 4 – General Business / Discussion Items:

1. **Pilot Ranking System** – B. Hunter lead a discussion on the merits of and a possible working format that could be used as a National Pilot Ranking System. B. Hunter is to discuss his ideas further with other interested parties. It was noted that if a successful system was established it would be unlikely for the GNZ not to officially sanction it if they were happy with the format.
2. **Club Class** – T. Terry lead a discussion on the Club Class and why it seems not to bring out as many Club Class gliders to competitions as it ought to. The discussion then widened away from Club Class to barriers in general that may prevent more pilots from coming to competitions. Reasons from the floor included; time off work; competitions are seen as 'scary' to many club members. Ideas such as having a Regional Club Task Week held during a holiday period were floated as way around some of the perceived barriers. The discussion was concluded by T. Atkins inviting all ideas to be e-mailed to him for collation and further discussion.
3. **World Champs Pilot Selection** – It was noted that the selection panel requires nominations for 2 x pilot reps and that pilots wishing to be considered for selection need to quickly put their names forward.
4. **Types of Task** – T. Van Dyk lead a discussion on ideas for different types of tasks.
5. **Air Space** – R. Gore informed the meeting of current air space changes threatening the gliding movement and the steps being taken to combat these threats.

Item 8 - Closure:

1. There being no further remits for discussion the meeting was closed at 2.20pm.

S. Wallace

Acting Secretary

T. Atkins

Chairman