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Lectures and exams at Sky Systems Centre

Spring/Summer 1991.

MARCH

22 FRI BAPC EXAM SESSION* 7pm Free.

APRIL

10 WED BAPC STUDENT & CLUB PILOT LECTURE 7pm £10.

12 FRI BAPC PILOT LECTURE. 7pm £10.

13 SAT BAPC EXAM SESSION* 7pm Free

18 THU **ANDY NAPOLITAN, British Paragliding Champion, 1989 & 1990**
hosts a seminar on cross-country and competition flying.
7pm Free.

19 FRI (Southern Hang Gliding Club AGM) Broadbridge Heath Sports Centre

26 FRI BAPC EXAM SESSION*

MAY

10-13 FRI-MON 1st Leg 1991 Paragliding Nationals/ Wiltshire

15 WED BAPC PILOT LECTURE. 7pm. £10.

17 FRI BAPC STUDENT & CLUB PILOT LECTURE. 7pm. £10.

24 FRI BAPC EXAM SESSION* 7pm Free

31 FRI **PRINCIPLES OF FLIGHT. XCPC LECTURE BY MARK DALE,**
(BHGA TECHNICAL OFFICER). 7pm. Free.

JUNE

07 FRI BAPC PILOT LECTURE. 7pm. £10.

19 WED BAPC STUDENT & CLUB PILOT LECTURE. 7pm. £10.

21-24 FRI-MON 2nd Leg 1991 Paragliding Nationals/ Peak District

22 SAT BAPC EXAM SESSION* 7pm Free.

28 FRI **BHGA XCPC LECTURE: First Aid - Subject to confirmation**

JULY

05 FRI BAPC STUDENT & CLUB PILOT LECTURE 7pm £10.

19 FRI **BHGA XCPC LECTURE: Airlaw and Navigation - Subject to confirmation**

26 FRI BAPC EXAM SESSION* 7pm Free.

SEPTEMBER

24-29 TUE-SUN 3rd Leg & Finals 1991 Paragliding Nationals/ Madrid

30-6 October SKY SYSTEMS paragliding trip to Madrid. CP/F2 plus. £ TBA.

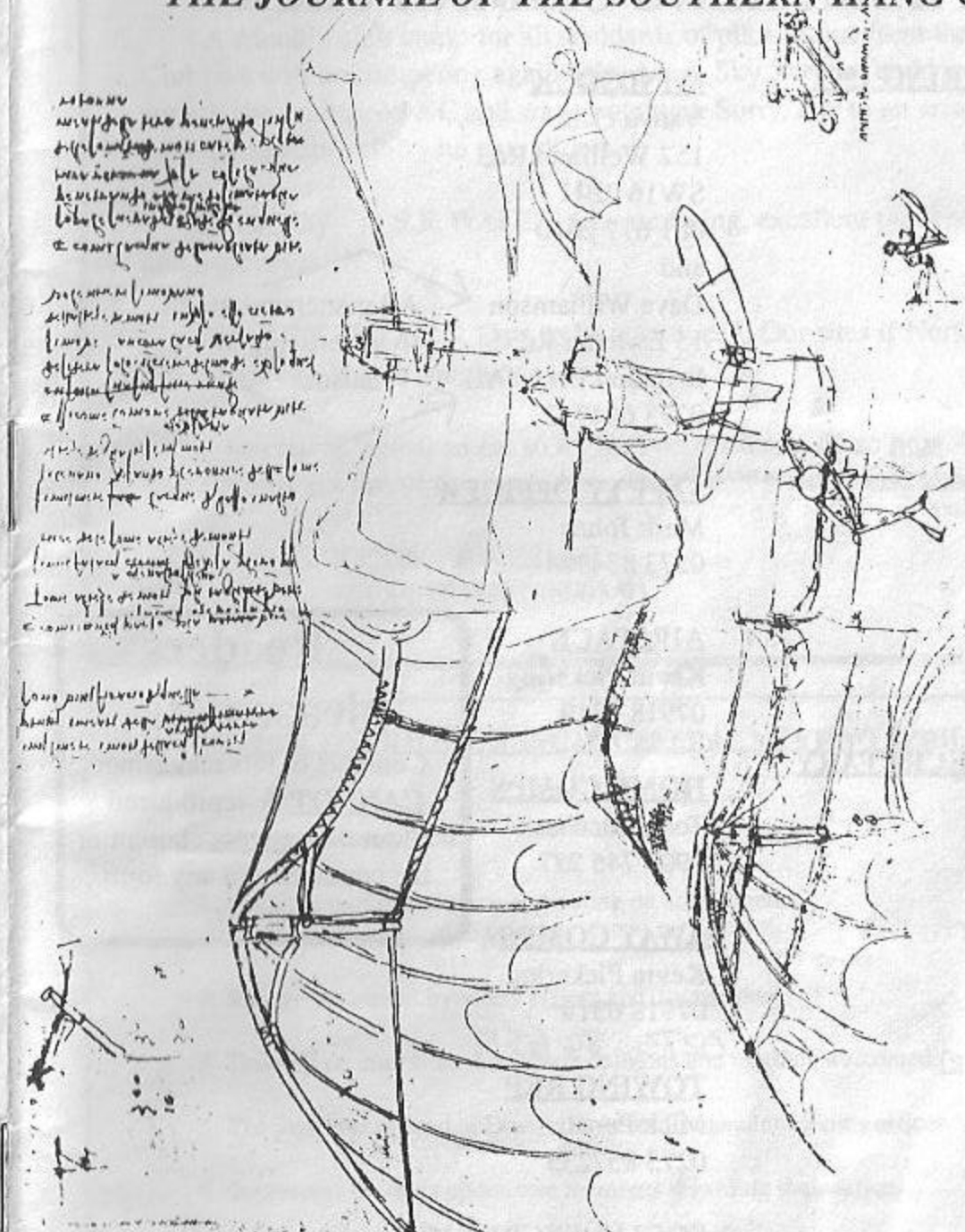
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Concerned about your hang gliding rights? Be at the AGM !!!page 24

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THE JOURNAL OF THE SOUTHERN HANG GLIDING CLUB



Semi-ornithopter, with fixed inner wings, and hang glider pilot position.
da Vinci, 1497-1500

This month:
Final draft of the new constitution

Why wheels are cool

Comps and charity news

**SHGC AGM FRIDAY 19TH APRIL
BROADBRIDGE HEATH**

MARCH 1991

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ATTENTION ALL 'SOUTHERN ZOO' MEMBERS!!!

15/16 June. LONG MYND

A friendly club comp for all standards of pilot. Apart from the Long Mynd Club, we will be competing against the Avon, Sky Surfers, and Hastings Clubs. A superb site with good XC and wave potential. Sorry, due to an arrangement with a local paragliding club - no paragliders.

11/12 May S.E WALES. Classic flying, excellent pub beer and pub food, and hangovers!!!

THAMES VALLEY. Date to be announced. Our sites if Northerly, theirs if Southerly. Could be a tough one...

If you haven't phoned me to register on the team, do so **now**. Don't forget, these comps are for all classes of hang glider unless otherwise stated.

KEVIN PICKERING
AWAY COMPS 09/03/91

AGENDA FOR S.H.G.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING APRIL 19th 1991

1. Chairman's statement.
2. Discussion of constitution and voting on amendments. (BHGA cards required to vote)
3. Safety - statement by safety officer and discussion.
4. Training on club sites. Member's opinions and motions welcomed.
5. The purchase of land at Devil's Dyke and statement by sites officer.
6. Statements by other committee members regarding their offices.
7. Election of Committee members. All positions open to any member to stand.
8. Any other business.

John Charlton,
Chairman, SHGC

CHAIRMAN'S BIT -- THE CONSTITUTION

At the heart of the present suggestion to change the constitution is the question of whether or not to widen the constitution to allow B.A.P.C. members to be members of our Club. The issue has been fudged for several years. Please don't blame me. I am stuck with trying to sort it out. The present constitution only allows B.H.G.A. members to join our Club. Previous Committees have allowed B.A.P.C. members to use our sites on payment of the same amount as paid by hang glider members. This was quite in order and they obtained the use of our sites which they paid for. No one was excluded. Before they could be voting members however, the constitution should have been changed.

Please read carefully the letter from Percy Moss, B.H.G.A. chairman.

The important point is that until the constitution is changed only B.H.G.A. members can vote.

The vote on the constitution will be taken at the beginning of the A.G.M. Voting will be by B.H.G.A. card. **BRING YOUR CARD WITH YOU!!!**

This is probably the most important AGM in the club's history. Whatever your views you must attend in order to vote. Vested interests will be at this AGM in force. For the ordinary member's interests to be served you must be there. It starts at 7 o'clock sharp.

I have tried hard this year to stand for the interests of ordinary members and am prepared to continue, if the members wish me to, whatever the outcome. I have stood up for those paraglider pilots who fly our sites. I negotiated Mt. Caburn for paragliders when initially refused. I have spoken to Eastbourne Council in favour of paragliders at Beachy head when this was threatened by Schools. I want to say firmly that I think that it would be quite wrong to try to prevent paraglider pilots, who have paid money to the Club, from continuing to fly our sites.

It is my belief, however, that the Constitution should NOT be changed to include B.A.P.C. members. B.A.P.C. members currently flying our sites should be allowed to continue to do so. Thus, no-one currently using our sites is affected. Similarly any current B.H.G.A. members can fly a paraglider, if they wish, without ever having to join the B.A.P.C., as I have said before. B.H.G.A. insurance can be extended. I think we have tended to be carried along with the feeling that hang/para amalgamation is inevitable. This is not so. The B.H.G.A. did not get their mandate, despite the Council pushing very hard for it. Other Clubs are not all going down this road. The Dover and Folkestone club has voted to restrict paragliders to 15% of membership, for example.

I am against amalgamation within our Club and at national level for several reasons:

1) being both a B.H.G.A. Club and a B.A.P.C. Club is administratively complex and unnecessary. The B.H.G.A. provide for all of our needs at a national level. Trying to be both would be like trying to be both a football club and a rugby club, responsible to the F.A. and Rugby Union at the same time.

2) The B.A.P.C. is an un-democratic body. Ordinary members do not have a vote.

3) The B.A.P.C. is strongly influenced by commercial pressure. Angela Morris, B.A.P.C. chairman, informs me that one fifth of B.A.P.C. "clubs" are businesses making a profit from the sport. Only about half the B.A.P.C. members fly paragliders, the rest are involved in parascending, etc.

4) We have to defend our sites this year against unauthorised use and attempts, behind our backs, to negotiate them by at least two B.A.P.C. "clubs".

5) Paragliding is growing. If we amend the constitution we will soon be in a position where hang gliders are in a minority. Decision could be taken which are to the detriment of free flying of hang gliders on our sites.

6) The mixing of hang/paragliders on very crowded sites such as the Dyke is dangerous. We are about to implement a marshalling system but it would be easier to keep safe if paraglider numbers are contained.

7) Good hang gliding sites are rare. Many potential paragliding sites are untried. Despite years of requests the efforts, by paraglider pilots, to find other sites has been almost nil. Hang glider pilots must retain control of the Club to protect those hang gliding sites. Restrictions on paragliders will force people to go out and look for other sites.

Please come along and make your views heard. Lastly I would like to suggest some minor amendments to the constitution:

The schools membership has fallen into disuse and can be deleted. Individual instructors and operators of schools can be flying members as is current practice. To this effect wherever "and/or schools members" appears delete "and/or schools". Also delete the following paragraph "Schools membership is available to corporate bodies, partnerships and individuals whose business is wholly or in part instruction in hang gliding". To simplify temporary membership delete from 4. "and in the case of temporary members must reach the secretary one week in advance of the date on which temporary membership is to commence"; also change third paragraph under 4 to read "temporary members shall be admitted on a daily basis to an extent determined by the committee".

Glider registration has fallen into disuse. Therefore all of 5 can be deleted except "Subscriptions for membership and charges for flying sites shall be decided by the committee and approved by a general meeting of the Club" and "all flying members shall either carry their membership cards or display such identification as the Club shall require during their flying activities".

Under 1. Committee and officers, I suggest a fourth paragraph,

"members with a significant commercial interest in hang gliding or paragliding shall not be eligible to stand for election to the Committee".

Under 11. delete November and substitute March.

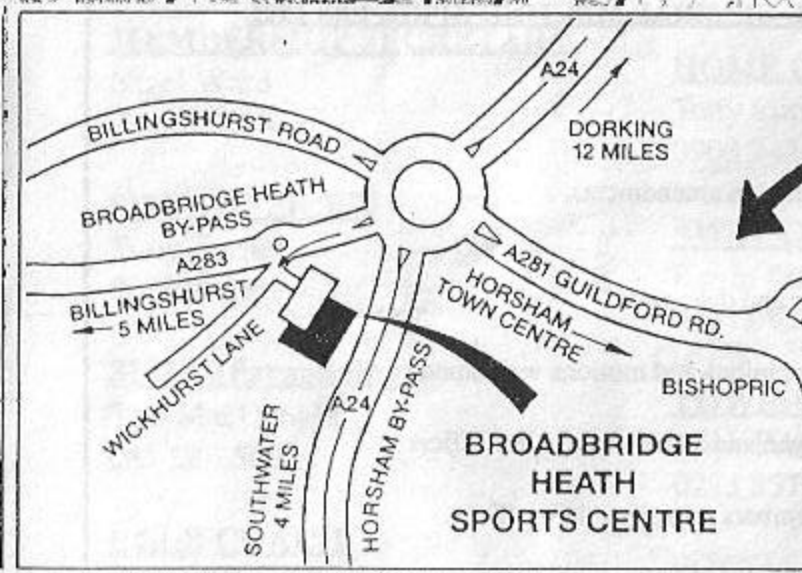
JOHN CHARLTON

SHGC AGM FRI 19TH APRIL 1991

The A.G.M. and how to get there..

Starts 7.00 p.m. sharp! Be there or be square

Full address is:
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Wickhurst Lane
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Unreadable Typeface


Eelo folks! Its-a been-a long time comin', but I'm back! I understand there's been a bit of the ol' heave-ho goin' on down here, an' some people been doin silly things like callin' up the big boys at the CAA. What a silly lot you are! Don' you know you goin' to lose all it's taken the club a long time to gain? Anyway John, I no got time to meddle in your busy schedule, so I make a little question thing for my friends - just like Cosmopolitan, no? The only real difference between my one and the Chairman's one is that mine hasn't got those perforations so you can make it into lavvy paper. *Ciao!*

1. Do you think that flying is fun?
_____ a) often ___ b) never ___ c) mostly on summer weekends
2. Do you fly at all?
_____ a) often ___ b) never ___ c) mostly on autumn mornings
3. Do you ever avoid flying because you are a miserable sod?
_____ a) never ___ b) always ___ c) only on winter evenings
4. Do you think summer weekends are more crowded in
_____ a) Brighton _ b) Romney _ c) East Cheam
5. Are you still reading this?
_____ a) never ___ b) yes ___ c) Who
6. Do you think everyone who has paid to join the club should be allowed to join the club?
_____ b) you what? b) no ___ c) gives
7. Do you think there shoul d be a page 3 in windsock?
_____ c) yes ___ a) yes ___ c) a damn
8. Do you actually presume to think that just because you've paid your fees, received a site guide, fly the sites regularly and are on the mailing list for windsock that that makes you a member of this club??
_____ c) actually, yes ___ c) no ___ c) about this
9. Finally, do you think we've got the message that John Charlton doesn't like paragliding?
_____ a) John who? ___ b) no ___ c) stupid questionnaire



WARNING/GUARANTEE: If I don't get the answers I want, I will keep on rearranging the facts, re-wording the questions and boring you to tears until I get the answers that I DO want.

Yours in fun,

Conchita 
 p.s. - here's a reminder of what things were like at the Dyke before the committee banned "Commercial Interest"
 -Conch_x



BRITISH HANG GLIDING ASSOCIATION

The Governing Body of Hang Gliding within the United Kingdom - founded 1974



Dear John

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please reply to:

B.A.P.C. MEMBERS IN B.H.G.A CLUBS

First of all it must be understood that currently to be a member of a B.H.G.A member Club you must be an individual member of the B.H.G.A.

As B.A.P.C. members are not individual members of the B.H.G.A. a B.A.P.C. member could not be a full member of B.H.G.A. member Club and therefore the committee members of the Club concerned would not be covered by the B.H.G.A. insurance for any claim caused by a B.A.P.C. member in the name of the B.H.G.A. member Club. To get over this problem and to protect the Club committees, the Council of the B.H.G.A. agreed to make the B.A.P.C. - as a body - a single Corporate member of the Association, so that any group of one or more B.A.P.C. members joining a B.H.G.A. member Club would be considered as the coporate member of the B.H.G.A., in that Club and by this the members of the B.H.G.A. member Club committee would be covered for insurance purposes. (Note the statement by the B.H.G.A. Council that this arrangement is for insurance purposes only.)

This now brings the situation of voting rights within the B.H.G.A. As the B.A.P.C. as a body is the corporate member, it has only ONE VOTE at any B.H.G.A. Association meetings. It is therefore felt that it is up to the Clubs to decide what at a local level the members of the B.A.P.C. have as voting rights within the Club for local decisions (decisions not effective at B.H.G.A. national level). As ALL member Clubs, by the B.H.G.A. Constitution state that each member should be a member of the B.H.G.A., it is considered that if the Club wishes to confer upon the members of the B.A.P.C. voting powers within the Club, then a constitutional change of the Club must take place. To do this, the current B.H.G.A. members of that member Club must vote for this change of the constitution and only after the change (if approved) then the B.A.P.C. members could vote within B.H.G.A. Club.

It may be considered that the B.A.P.C. - having only ONE VOTE at any B.H.G.A. A.G.M. etc - the only one vote could be used at Club level; but this is felt by the Council to be a Club matter for their choice.

One other point which should be considered is that it may not be possible for more than one vote from the B.A.P.C. members on any committee of a member Club, as this could directly involve instructions to the Council of the B.H.G.A. by non-individual members.

Percy G. Moss M.B.E.
Chairman, B.H.G.A.

Copy to: B.H.G.A. Council and Officers
B.A.P.C.
Johnny Carr Esq.

This letter has been inserted at John Charlton's request -

Dear John

What a wonderful idea this BHGA only vote is. How very generous of you to ensure that BAPC members who want to vote in their own club, have to get a reciprocal BHGA membership just so they can have a voice at their own AGM. Thank you. Thank you. What a pity that we couldn't sting them for the full membership fee (..must have a word with Percy about this).

It must be very satisfying to know that once we have screwed these damned paraglider pilots, they will simply fade away and leave the hills to us real men. They'll all go away won't they John? I mean they wouldn't dream of starting their own club and flying on our sites, would they John? Hello John... Hello, is - is anybody there?

For all members of the SHGC who are not BHGA members but want to make sure that John Charlton can't deny them a vote - this is what you have to do:

Phone (0234) 751688 (BHGA membership enquiries) and obtain a 'reciprocal' membership of the BHGA. This will cost you £15 and not the full rate if you are a BAPC member.

The BHGA takes Access etc, so as long as you give your BAPC number, you are made a member on the spot. If you want to pay by cheque it will take a day or two longer to organise.

Do it now if you want to stop your rights being stolen.

As a full member of the SHGC you should not have to do this, but Chairman Charlton is using every trick to stifle your voice. We have to stand up to these bullying tactics if we are to preserve both hang gliding and paragliding in the Southeast.



Ee ba gum. I'm just off to find sand t'bury head in.

The new SHGC Constitution, published by the official sub-committee voted for at the 1990 EGM. (This is the version to vote on at the April 19th AGM).

The 'BHGA only' votes proposed by Chairman John Charlton is **totally unacceptable** for the following reasons:

- 1) The SHGC Constitution sub-committee was given the responsibility of redrafting the Constitution by a huge voted majority taken from all members of the Club at the November EGM. To engineer the vote on this proposed Constitution so that only a section of the Club are allowed to vote on it is highly manipulative and not worthy of a Chairman of the SHGC.
- 2) Chairman Charlton was voted into office at the last AGM by both BAPC and BHGA members. Having accepted the votes of BAPC members for his own position, he cannot then deny a vote to them on the Constitution to which they will be bound. I am reliably informed by a Legal Expert that this point alone will make a 'BHGA only' vote unconstitutional.
- 3) The SHGC Committee voted some years ago that BAPC members could become full SHGC members, with no mention of any curtailment of voting rights. Indeed, up to this point, all members have voted without question from anybody. It is only John Charlton that has proposed to steal their basic Club rights.

4) When we set up the SHGC in 1974, the BHGA didn't exist, but all our Club members had full voting rights. Historically, the BHGA was set up to stop the struggle between two supposed national hang gliding organisations; the NHGA and the BKSA. The reason the SHGC went for BHGA membership was simply to harmonise the insurance arrangements and stop the squabbling. Clause 13 in the existing Constitution predates the inclusion of the BHGA rule and therefore takes legal precedence. **It will be unconstitutional to have a BHGA only vote.** If John Charlton pursues this line of attack on our Club members rights, we shall move a motion of 'no confidence in the Chairman' at the AGM. The letter from Percy Moss is quite simply inaccurate and should not be relied on. Remember that it is in the BHGA's interest to attract new membership.

I urge all SHGC members to attend the AGM and attempt to vote, however hard the Chairman is going to make it for you. To guarantee a vote, BAPC members should obtain a £15 BHGA reciprocal membership, see details elsewhere in this Windsock. (We find it utterly distasteful to have to give this sort of advice.)

Now as regards the proposed new Constitution itself, the sub-committee has requested the Chairman that it should be voted on as a 'formal resolution' after discussion at the AGM. As Chairman of the sub-committee I have requested the right to introduce the proposal and initiate the discussion. A 'formal resolution' means that the proposal should be voted on as a whole and not as a series of amendments. It looks as if all our requests are going to be denied by John. Of course we are well aware by now that these are just spoiling tactics so that a 'BHGA only, anti-paragliding' complexion to the old Constitution will prevail. At the AGM we hope that all Club members will give the sub-committee their support.

For the record, when it comes to voting in the new Committee, I shall be voting for Johnny Carr as Chairman. He is a well respected and evenly minded man who can guide the Club back onto the rails. I helped start the SHGC in 1974 and cannot remember a time when so much dissent has been caused by the actions of the current holder of that position.

We have modified the Constitution very slightly as the result of members requests. We are very grateful to the additional ideas from Mick Perrin, Robert Barnfield and Nigel Ward. Despite requests for a reaction, we have received no comments from John Charlton.

Our first consideration was to preserve the main thrust of the old Constitution, and only change those things that related to the inclusion of Paragliding and deleting the sections made irrelevant by the passage of time. The main changes that are carried in this final version of the Constitution

are; a) Quorums have been specified for EGMs and AGMs. b) People whose membership application is rejected, now will have the reasons explained to them. c) Members of the BHGA or BAPC or joint future organisation to be more clearly defined. d) Suspended Committee members may not serve on the Committee for the duration of their suspension.

We believe that this new Constitution is a reasonable platform that gives no advantage to any particular group of pilots. Above all else, it is fair and should allow the Club to develop harmoniously for the benefit of all. But it is ultimately only words - it needs to be backed up by deeds. Whether you are a paraglider or a hang glider pilot, you will best serve the Club to which you belong, by acting reasonably, by flying safely and by looking at things from the other pilots point of view.

Mark Woodhams (Chairman SHGC Constitution sub-committee)

Southern Hang Gliding Club

Proposed new Club Constitution

Prepared by SHGC Sub-Committee

27th March 1991

Preliminary

1

The name of the Club shall be The Southern Hang Gliding Club.

2

The objects of the club are:

a) To negotiate for, acquire and protect flying sites for its members.

b) To preserve and encourage the sport of safe hang gliding and paragliding in the South of England.

c) To provide facilities for hang gliding and paragliding for its members.

d) To engage in such other ancillary activities in connection with the sport of hang gliding and paragliding as it considers necessary.

e) To facilitate the safe training of new pilots.

3

The Club shall be a members club and shall be a member club of or affiliated to the British Hang Gliding Association (known as the BHGA), The British Association of Paragliding Clubs (known as the BAPC) or to the association that may in the future be formed by the merging of these two organisations (known as the joint association). The Club shall consist of such flying members and temporary members as are hereinafter described.

Membership

4

Membership shall be either flying membership or temporary membership. All flying and temporary members shall be members of the BHGA or BAPC or the joint association.

Applications for flying membership must be signed by or on behalf of the applicant. Election of flying members shall be by majority of votes at a meeting of the Committee. Reasons shall be given to any candidate in the event of his rejection.

5

Temporary members shall be admitted on a chargeable per day basis. Temporary members will either be visiting flyers or pilots under instruction with any of the schools registered with the SHGC. Registered schools must work with the Schools Liaison Officer of the SHGC and are responsible for obtaining and delivering to the SHGC Treasurer the agreed daily temporary membership fees from pilots under instruction. Additionally schools must ensure that their students are members of the appropriate association (BHGA, BAPC or joint).

No temporary member shall be trained on an SHGC site unless the school conducting the training is registered with the SHGC.

Only schools registered with the BHGA or BAPC or joint association and whose instructors are flying members of the Club shall be eligible for schools registration with the SHGC.

6

Subscriptions for flying membership and daily charges for temporary members shall be decided by the Committee and approved by a General Meeting of the Club.

7

Proof of SHGC membership must be visible immediately prior to launch from any SHGC site. Any committee member has the right to see such proof and the right to deny flight to any pilot not able to show evidence of current SHGC membership.

8

All hang gliders or paragliders being flown on an SHGC site must be certificated according to the appropriate BHGA or BAPC or joint association or nationally accepted airworthiness regulatory schemes.

Committee and Officers

9

The affairs of the Club in all matters not in these rules reserved for the Club in General Meeting, shall be managed by the Committee.

The Committee shall include a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Safety Officer, Press Officer, Site Liaison Officer (dealing with landowners), Site Control Officer (dealing with conduct of flying at sites), Schools Liaison Officer (who must have no financial interest in hang gliding or paragliding), together with such other members or officers as shall from time to time be co-opted or appointed by the committee or elected in Annual General Meetings. All members of the Committee shall be flying members of the Club. Any flying member of the Club elected to the Councils of the BHGA, BAPC or joint association shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee.

Particularly, the Secretary shall take Minutes of every full Committee meeting. The Schools Liaison Officer has the specific duty of maintaining contact with all schools registered with the SHGC and informing them of current rules and regulations. All SHGC registered schools must liaise with the Schools Liaison Officer on all site matters. The Site Control Officer shall organise the safe flying conduct of the membership and co-opt such assistance from the membership as he

or she sees fit.

All members of the Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. They shall go out of office every year at the end of the Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for reelection.

The committee may appoint one or more sub-committees for such purposes as it may deem appropriate.

One half of the members of the Committee or any sub-committee shall constitute a quorum of that committee or sub-committee.

Funds and Property

10

A General Meeting of the Club may appoint not more than four Trustees of the Club from among its members who shall hold office until they shall resign or until a resolution removing him or them from office shall be passed at a General Meeting of the Club. All property and funds of the Club shall be held by such Trustees when appointed for the use and benefit of the Club. The Trustees shall in all respects act in regard to any property and funds of the Club held by them in accordance with the directions of the Committee but no person dealing with such Trustees shall be concerned to enquire whether any such direction has been given.

11

The Club may hold freehold or take lease or purchase, subject to approval at an Annual General Meeting or General Meeting, in the name of an appropriate number of Trustees, any land, other premises or apparatus for any objectives of the Club, and may sell exchange mortgage lease or build upon the same. The Trustees shall be indemnified against any claim, question, risk and expense out of the property of the Club.

Accounts and Auditors

12

The Treasurer shall keep such proper books of account as will enable him to present at every Annual General Meeting of the Club or at any time if required on not less than ten days notice to him an accurate report and statement concerning the finances of the Club.

13

An Accountant or member of the Club shall be appointed Auditor at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. He shall audit the Annual Statement of Accounts and balance sheet and shall certify the same before presentation to the Annual General Meeting.

General Meeting

14

An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in March in each year. Written notice of the day, time and place of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to each flying member together with an agenda at least fourteen days before such day. Notice published in the Club's magazine shall be sufficient for such purpose.

Reply to Johnny Carr.

I was saddened to read your letter in Windsock. I have tried hard this year to avoid conflict within the club. To criticise me for it and then write a piece designed to cause conflict is a monumental piece of hypocrisy.

It is not possible to be chairman of a club, and do the job properly, without causing some conflict. This conflict has been generated because I have stood firm in defending the interests of ordinary club members.

To use your position as president to try to undermine my position is an abuse of your position. Whatever you think of the way I have done the job no-one could have put in more effort. I have taken more abuse and pressure than most members would be willing or able to take, during this year, to stand up for members interests.

Are you, Johnny, prepared to be chairman for life? After seeing the way I have been treated who else in their right mind will stand for chairman for years to come? Thus your actions have done the club a great disservice.

Why don't you criticise members who are abusive towards me if you are so even handed. You know that I and two other members of the committee have repeatedly received abusive and racist phone calls in the middle of the night. Don't you think that trying to carry on despite such appalling pressure merits your support?

I am in a Catch22 situation. If I give in to pressure, and allow people such as Irwin Jehu and Andy Shaw to do what they like with our club sites I could be Mr. Nice Guy and presumably have your support. If I defend members interests I lose it. You are saying in effect that anyone who is prepared to put enough pressure on the committee should be allowed to have their way. Otherwise we have the dreadful "conflict".

If that is what your chairmanship would mean - members take note.

You are wrong to say that a personality clash between myself and Garnet is getting the better of me. I am in perfect agreement with him, for example, on marshalling at the Dyke. I have done my best, even around the time of the EGM to keep communications open. He, however often refused to talk to me. He is a shrewd businessman who has had his free use of our sites questioned. It is not surprising that he opposes me. I see him as an able and often amusing adversary when defending members interests nothing more.

Your statement that a personality clash is "taking up valuable time and causing bad feeling at committee meetings" is interesting. Let the members think on this. No-one from Sky Systems is currently on the committee. This is a tacit-admission therefore that they come along and disrupt committee meetings.

Members take note: Michel Garnet, Gary Cook, Irwin Jehu, Andy Napolitan and other Sky Systems associates attend committee meetings regularly. They are not there to protect your interests.

If you, Johnny, would resign your directorship of Sky Systems and cut your financial ties with them I would vote for you myself but I think that at present you are being carried along with that small minority circle in which you mix.

The "conflict" which you hate so much is from a tiny handful. I am not conflicting with the average club member.

Anyone being chairman this year would have had some conflict due to the mess regarding the constitution. Why did you not sort this out in the past? Did you get advice from the BHGA chairman and legal adviser? Did you insist that only BHGA members should vote as is legal and proper?

Regarding your statement "We have lost good valuable committee members" We have had three resignations and one dismissal. Gary Cook was invited onto the committee, by me, to try to have every shade of opinion represented. He repaid this by being involved in trying to have the whole committee replaced. This generated such bad feeling that most of the committee would have voted for his removal if he had not resigned. Irwin Jehu was suspended by unanimous vote of all committee members present for breaking club rules. Ian Potheringham resigned giving the reason that he could not afford sufficient time.

...and made it clear that his resignation was nothing personal.

We have excellent replacements three of whom I encouraged to apply. Dave Mathews is an excellent and hard working secretary and Dave Williamson (assistant windsock ed.) is prepared to take over windsock and give us one every month. Mark Johns is a superb safety officer.

There are a few other things that club members should know. You, Johnny, once said to me "If you just told Sky Systems they could go on using the Dyke without restriction you could ease the tension" I replied that they were not yet restricted but that decision on this was for the members only.

You agreed to contact Farmer Williams (minuted Oct. committee meeting) to discuss Newtimber.

When Tony Turner and I went to see him he had not seen Johnny Carr and complained that he had not yet received a bottle of scotch promised the previous year. He has now. We latter heard rumours that Sky Systems were making enquiries about Newtimber.

I am sick and tired of the hassle but would like to carry on for one more year to see the Dyke purchase through.

Those members who want Johnny Carr for president should remember the way the last AGM was chaired before I took over. Ask yourself would he have:

- 1) Pushed the Dyke Purchase to the point where it is looking good and money is promised as it is now.
- 2) Would he have obtained a statement from Brighton Council that the SHGC is recognised as the controlling body at the Dyke?
- 3) Would he have successfully negotiated Mt. Caburn?
- 4) Would he have been present on site at every opportunity to collect fees and check on membership stickers?
- 5) Would he have defended our sites against negotiations for them behind our backs? (Believe it or not he actually said to J. Jehu that he should approach Eastbourn Council for permission! He also encouraged Sky Systems to pay landowners at Ditchling and the Dyke.) Any such approach must now be through the committee - your representatives. Any thing else threatens our control and pushes the price up.
- 5) Would he have avoided conflict? If so he would be totally ineffectual.

John Charlton

.....And now, what could be Trevman's final word before he goes 'up North'.

Dear Windsock,

I must say I was disappointed with Johnny Carr's little electioneering missive (February Windsock). I feel that he does John Charlton a deal of disservice. Rather than impinging his will on the committee John provides, as a chairman should, a firm hand at committee meetings. This is sorely needed at present to quell disruptive elements, ensure proper procedure is followed and keep the order necessary to achieve anything.

When Johnny was chairman there weren't the problems that are currently to be dealt with or perhaps he might not have had such an easy time and, should he succeed in his bid for the chair next year, I doubt he'll find it as comfortable as he expects.

He also blames John Charlton for the departure of committee members, but seems to forget that the resignations began before John came on the scene, and I'm certain that as many left because of the other 50% of the personality clash mentioned as have left because of John.

I don't agree with everything John Charlton has done or said whilst chairman but I know Johnny was less than fair to him in his letter and I don't believe, all things considered, that Johnny is in any position to do a more even handed job, though I don't mean to imply that he wouldn't try.

yours,

T. Ackroyd.

Ex-committee member.

P.S. Who is this brash fellow Ronnie Whittle anyway?

Dear Windsock,

I have been a member of the Southern Club for six years now and have personally known John Charlton ever since he began Hang Gliding.

I read Johnny Carr's letter in the February Windsock announcing his intention to stand for the position of chairman and was not in agreement with some of his opinions. I do not feel that John Charlton is conducting a witch hunt against any individuals. He merely has the clear sightedness to realise that there are some people who, on past performance and present attitudes, have shown that they need to have a close eye kept on them if the structure and sites of the club are to be maintained. We also heard, again, of a "personality clash". The only clash between John Charlton and Michel Carnet is a clash of interests. Whilst John is doing a good job maintaining sites for the use of ordinary club members Michel, for whatever reason he may have, still refuses to give an undertaking to follow B.A.P.C. guidelines and not negotiate current hanggliding sites other than through the committee. I am sure that John will not allow this to "get the better of him".

In the whole of Johnny Carr's letter I could find nothing to say what he would do as chairman, only what he would avoid doing. I applied for a position on the committee because I felt obliged to put something back into the club that had done so much for me. If Johnny Carr, as chairman, follows his promise to do nothing and avoid conflict I would not be surprised to see the hanggliding club change to the extent that I no longer felt any obligation to it.

Under the chairmanship of John Charlton the club has continued to grow and improve. The rules governing the use and availability of sites have been, and will continue to be, clarified. John's current attempts to clear up constitutional anomalies, created by previous committees, by suggesting his own amendments seem to be creating hysteria amongst some non-committee members present at meetings. Presumably they too follow the "do nothing" philosophy and I feel that this is a problem of their own creation.

Yours,

D.R.WILLIAMSON.

A reply regarding the Presidents letter

It is with deep regret that I find myself writing in to Windsock about a subject which has been blown out of all proportion. And both sides are now tarring each other with the same brush.

Johnny Carr accuses John Charlton of writing an inflammatory letter to the members, and then character assassinate him in his piece. Gentlemen, this is getting totally out of hand.

All these emotive comments :-

- "Bad feelings at Committee meetings"
- "Personality conflicts"
- "Witch Hunts"

Human nature will always provide personality conflicts. Out on the hill we all at sometime bite our lips. Lets have an easy going and happy club. Now that both factions appreciate more about the limitations and flight characteristics of the other, it is easier to fly together.

However, If you care about being a responsible member of the Committee, then you cannot bite your lip, you are charged with upholding the post you were elected to.

(Do you want ineffective YES men on the Committee ?)

Doing your duty may cause an argument which you must resolve. If it is not resolved the argument continues, someone gets their heels dug in and the dreaded phrase "Personality conflict" arises. A conflict needs two participating parties, how come I only get the idea from Windsock that only one is to blame ??????????

I feel its time, before the A.G.M. that we should all consider what is the purpose of the Committee and how is it best effective. The Committee is voted in to ACHIEVE results. It is an unpaid but rewarding job if as a result of its activity, the Club benefits. The S.H.G.C. in particular needs a strong hand for its Chairman. Like it or not John Charlton is that strong hand, and has achieved structured balanced meetings. The whole of the Committee are making huge efforts to benefit ALL the members of the Club. Do not let this side issue of Personality conflicts affect your judgement at the A.G.M. on 19th April.

Rules are made for the benefit of all, both Hang and Paraglider pilots. Since these rules exist, when they are broken someone has to enforce them.

It takes a strong man sometimes to stand up and be counted. Remember, the rules are to protect you, the Members. If and when site marshalling gets under way, initially there may be a certain resentment to being told when to take off and land. These rules if initiated are to protect us all, and will give the lower air time pilots a chance to fly safely. Giving everyone a chance to fly with mixed craft, and appreciate the different speed ranges etc. A pleasure our lower airtime Pilots avoid like the plague at the moment.

Now before I get tarred with the same brush. I want to make it clear that I have no animosity toward either Johnny Carr or John Charlton. As individuals I like and respect them both; Johnny is a real nice bloke who can tell a story. John is a man who gets things done. Current Committee members are motivated and do an excellent job, with Johns leadership.

In conclusion:-
If you feel that your Committee members should be told jokes, skip from subject to subject ignoring some, Hear 30 minutes of the old days and get very little accomplished, but have a fun evening, Then Johnny Carr should be your Chairman.
If on the other hand you believe the Committee you voted in should achieve benefits for its Members. Then John Charlton should remain chairman.

Dave Keepax.

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16

At any Annual General Meeting of the Club every flying member shall be entitled to be present and shall be entitled to one vote on every question raised. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting (who shall be the Chairman of the Committee, or his appointed Deputy) shall have a second or casting vote. The Secretary shall take Minutes of the Proceedings of all General Meetings of the Club.

Rules and Regulations

17

The Committee may from time to time make vary and revoke rules and regulations (not inconsistent with these rules) for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Club and the conduct of members, for the regulation of flying sites, for the safety of gliders and pilots and the public and other purposes incidental to the objects of the Club.

Conduct of Members

18

Members shall conform during their flying activities to the Code of Practice, Flying Recommendations and Flying Rules and any other requirements laid down by the BHGA or BAPC or joint association, also to the individual site regulations and safety rules of the Club. The Committee may suspend the membership of any member whose conduct is or has been in the opinion of the Committee contrary to the interest of the Club or in breach of any rules or regulations made by the Committee from time to time. If that Club member holds Committee office, he may not serve on the Committee for the duration of the suspension.

19

Upon the suspension of the membership of any member (written notice of which shall be given to such member) such member may summon a General Meeting of the Club for a day not earlier than twenty one days following the suspension and at such meeting any allegations against the suspended member shall be related by a member of the general Committee and the suspended member shall if he desires be heard in answer. The decision of the Club at the said meeting whether to reinstate or continue the suspension of or terminate his membership shall be taken by vote and shall be final and conclusive.

Resolutions and Notices

20

All matters which have to be decided by vote with the exception of those for which a special majority is required by this Constitution shall be decided by a simple majority of votes.

21

The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to or the non-receipt of the notice of a meeting by any member shall not invalidate any proceedings or resolutions at any meeting whether it be a

meeting of the Committee or a meeting of the Club.

Exclusion of Liability

22

Neither the Club nor any Officer of the Club shall be liable to any member or guest of a member for any loss or damage to any property occurring from whatever cause in or about Club premises or flying sites; nor for any injuries sustained by any member or guest whilst on or entering Club premises or sites. Members shall make their guests aware of such exclusion of liability.

Alteration of this Constitution

23

These rules may be revoked, added to or altered by a majority comprising two thirds or more of the members present and entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Club of which notice has been duly given specifying the intention to propose the revocation addition or alteration thereof with full particulars of such proposals.

Dissolution

24

a) The Club may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than three quarters of the members present and voting at a General Meeting called for that purpose.

b) If, upon the dissolution of the Club, there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any money or other property whatsoever the same shall not be paid or applied or distributed among the members but shall be applied by the Treasurer, Trustees or other person appointed by the Meeting for that purpose to the furtherance of such objects similar to those of the Club and if in so far as effect can not be given to the foregoing then for any charitable purpose connected with aviation.

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DANGER PAGE

Well Rod has finally hung up his bar mitts and handed over the job of safety man to me. So, without further ado, here we go!

First of all we have had some major accidents in the early part of Feb. Two paraglider pilots, who shall not be named as I don't consider it necessary, came together over the bowl to the West of the paddock at the Dyke. The result is that both of them ended up in hospital (one by helicopter) with very unpleasant injuries.

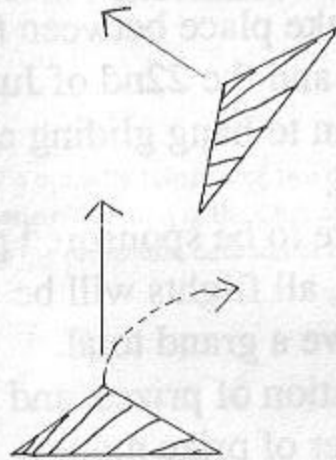
They were both F1s under supervision, both Club members and, by all accounts, fairly experienced for their low airtime, having recently come back from a mountain flying trip abroad. The conditions were close to ideal with about 10mph coming up the face. One pilot turned and the two started to converge. At this point another experienced pilot said that she thought that unless they took evasive action a collision was on the cards. Well, sadly she was right and one pilot, who was about 10ft higher than the other, collided with the other's canopy, getting wrapped around his body. They both fell approximately 50ft. to the ground. Pilot error seems to be the culprit as it was considered that there was enough time to take evasive action.

OK, so it was an accident, could have happened to anyone, in fact there were only about 5 people in the air at the time, but happen it did and maybe, just maybe, if both pilots had thought "break right" they may have had only a partial deflation, a recoverable situation.

So here are some basic rules of the air to remember. I have put them down in English as I understand them so that you don't have to interpret the CAA jargon.

1). MAJOR anti-collision rule. "If two aircraft are approaching head on both must break RIGHT". N.B. If you are ridge soaring and you have your right wing/sail to the hill then you have right of way. Having said this if you are at a safe height above the hill a small turn towards the hill makes all the difference. This is a dodgy thing to say as there is an argument that says never turn towards the hill, but I believe that in certain circumstances it should be done.

2) "If two aircraft are converging, the aircraft with the other to its right must give way by passing behind". A bit of a mouthful and not always too easy to do in ridge lift with a few others in the air with you. First of all, what is it? A picture probably says it best.



This glider has the right of way and should. (until he/she thinks the other aircraft is not going to give way), maintain his/her heading.

(Same rules for paragliders except they're not as triangular - VG)

This glider has the other aircraft on its right and so has to give way by passing behind.

The above situation shows what should be done, however the glider giving way should read the situation much earlier than shown and take evasive action long before the two come this close.

3) "Give way to aircraft below you". This should be obvious. It applies under all situations, i.e.

A) When landing give way to the lower glider and don't whip stall your wing to snatch the number one spot.

B) Give way to those below you when ridge soaring or thermalling.

C) Although they should have looked, give way to those taking off as they have very little air to play with just after take off.

4) Overtaking: "Gliders may overtake to the left or right". However when ridge soaring you should, they say, overtake on the hill side. I will leave it to you to decide when it is sensible to try this. Just remember that if someone is

going along with their pod open looking towards the hill at about 150ft. above take off, they could just conceivably be thinking about turning to top land.

The last point is what it really is all about. Think ahead all the time, try to see situations developing and always look before turning.

On to the other things. I have a video from the R.A.F via the B.H.G.A. on flight safety. Basically it was for the jet jockeys to keep them aware of the unexpected and features of hang/paragliding and a very nice bum on a horse. I'm not sure when, but I suggested that we show it at a Club night and discuss it. I have also heard that someone was badly hurt on Sat 9th Feb at Firlie on a paraglider. I want to know more, contact me if you know anything. If you have an embarrassing prang and don't tell me I will find out, and with no fear of libel, print my own, or someone else's, version of it, so let's hear from you.

BYEEEEEE!
Mark Johns

Hall of shame?

The following people have still not paid for their Xmas party tickets.

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Britain has retained the title of World Hang Gliding Champions after a two week competition in the area around Governador Valadares, 300 miles north of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This is the third win for Britain out of the four times the Championships have been held since 1985. We won in Austria in 1985, with Brighton's John Pendry taking the individual title; we were beaten by the Australians on their home ground in 1988; we took the team title back the following year in Switzerland when Robbie Whittall of Leeds (then 20 yrs old) became the youngest ever World Champion. Today we collected the team prize once again, but sadly failed to get a British individual World Champion. That honour went to the young Czechoslovakian pilot, Tomas Suchanek. At the 1989 Championships Suchanek finished in second place, just 12 points behind Whittall. This year he was in the lead right from the start, completed the course virtually every day and never lost his nerve despite immense pressure. As a team Czechoslovakia finished in 16th place. Suchanek seems to be his country's one star in this sport. His three team mates all finished below the top 50, each with less than a quarter of Suchanek's 8282 points. Britain managed to get four pilots in the top ten.

The final task - a 90km race - was a stunning success for the British team. Peter Harvey of Milton Keynes came in first with Pendry and Whittall close behind. Brazilians Nene Rotor and Pedro Matos were the only others to reach goal, taking the Brazilian team up to second place overall.

Final Rounds - Task 6

1	Peter Harvey	Britain	1000 points
2	John Pendry	Britain	999
3	Robbie Whittall	Britain	995
3	Nene Rotor	Brazil	995
4	Pedro Matos	Brazil	990

Final Individual Results

Tomas Suchanek	Czech	8282
Pepo Lopes	Brazil	7966
Paulo Coelho	Brazil	7836
John Pendry	Britain	7682
Jim Lee	USA	7469
Peter Harvey	Britain	7452
Robbie Whittall	Britain	7445
Nene Rotor (!)	Brazil	7360
Bruce Goldsmith	Britain	7326
Jens Krotseng	Norway	7245
Larry Tudor	USA	7241
Tom Bender	Germany	7240
Chris Arai	USA	7212
Alfred Rühner	Austria	7207
Randy Hancy	Canada	7103

Leslie Hamilton	Britain	6318
Jes Flynn	Britain	6274

Final Team Results

Britain	29905 points
Brazil	29043
USA	27600
Australia	26009
Switzerland	25727
France	25324
Japan	23763
Germany	22961
Norway	22576
USSR	21943

Thirty countries took part.

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a University HG club which he runs. Same
No as above.

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MARSHALLING AT THE DYKE

Just a few words to air my views and ideas concerning marshalling at the Dyke. The most appealing thing about hang gliding is its relative freedom from rules and regulations, both in the air and on the ground, compared with all other forms of aviation.

With appreciation for the fact that safety is paramount, I think it is an overkill to interview and recruit a number of pilots, give them the handle "marshal" complete with arm bands and have them patrolling the hill on busy days. The Club has a large number of observers, coaches, instructors etc. who are suitably qualified to make flight safety decisions and have been doing so for many years.

In my opinion, we already have enough rules concerning the Dyke to make it a safe place to fly, with the exception of one detail which could be modified. We have a rule which segregates hang and paraglider take off and landing areas which allows us to fly the Dyke safely. We also have a flag system, which on crowded days limits take off and landing and can be used to clear the air for ten minutes or so to allow novice pilots to carry out top to bottoms, etc. The fact is, although these rules were introduced a couple of years ago, the flag system has never been operational due to conditions not warranting it, due mostly to the influx of paragliders being less than envisaged; which is just as well as I think the flags were never manufactured!

I propose that:

1) The rules and flag system be retained with the exception that the "one take off, one landing" flag is replaced with a "no take off" flag. While this flag is flying no take offs are allowed and pilots who have been in the air for some time should consider those pilots waiting to take off. The flag should be raised when any observer, coach or instructor considers that a potentially dangerous situation exists due to overcrowding and should not be lowered until there is a significant reduction in the number of pilots flying the ridge.

2) Brackets be fixed to the fort to hold a flag which will be visible from the bowl and in front of the pub.

3) Permission should be sought to fix a vandal proof cabinet to the pub wall somewhere out of site (by the toilets?) to house flags and equipment.

4) Publish these rules in Windsock on a regular basis.

If we can keep the Dyke a safe place to fly by enforcing existing rules rather than introducing new ones then we will not get bogged down in red tape and the pilots can then spend their time flying or gassing in the pub rather than walking around with arm bands. If it's something "visible" that's needed then I would have thought a flag flying and uncongested airspace on a busy day would be enough to keep the Dyke wardens happy.

Kevin Pickering 08/03/91

This sounds simple, cheap and effective. Can anybody do better? Let Mark J know soon, or write to me. VG

MINUTES OF THE SHGC COMMITTEE MEETING

6th March 1991

Present; Tony Turner, Tony Luce, Dave Williamson, Mick Perrin, Tony Gent, John Charlton, Johnny Carr, Oriol Goepel, Nigel Ward, Ken Franks, Kevin Pickering, Mark Johns.

Apologies; Dave Matthews, Eddie Bilous, Tim McDonald.

1.1

Previous minutes. Amended as follows,

5.1 N.W. deleted. Nigel Ward disassociated himself from the letter from Sky Systems.

7.1 "J Carr refused this offer and would not listen to these opinions" deleted, J Carr expressed the opinion that the present sample is too small to regard" inserted.

9.3 was added, "B.A.P.C. registration renewal was handed to the chairman"

The minutes were then passed.

2.1

John Charlton reported on several hospital visits. He was pleased to report that Dave Vickers is now out of hospital. Jeremy Gould and Christopher Jones were much improved and well on the way to full recovery although still unable to sit up.

2.2

T.T. reported on the information from the sports council re. Devils Dyke land purchase. The land was valued at £35,000. This info. and a copy of the letter are to be passed to the land agents acting for farmer Williams as the first step in negotiations.

2.2

A meeting between T.T. J.Carr and Alan Ferguson (the ranger responsible for Beachy Head) has not yet taken place as A.F. is on holiday at the moment. This is to be arranged as soon as possible on his return. Particular discussion should be given to the possibility of removing bushes for a cleaner take off and the possibility of a wider top landing area.

2.3

A meeting is to take place at the Dyke between T.T. J.Carr and the Sports Council rep. (Allison Bullo) on the 14th March. The question of purchase is to be put to the membership at the A.G.M.

2.4

J.Cha. reported the investigation of a possible site on the North Downs, facing SSW. It proved to be very difficult and restricted, but usable. The landowner at the bottom was very cooperative and permission to use his field was felt to be almost certain. The take off is National Trust land. Letters were sent to both. A positive response from the N.T. is thought to be unlikely.

2.5

The owner of Kingston hill was again contacted by letter, and in person. He was adamant that his land cannot be used, despite assurances from J.Cha. and offers of possible payment.

2.6

T.T. was asked to make further enquiries regarding the fence at Firtle car park to find if it is possible to repair it with barbed wire.

2.7

K.P. was asked to organise further trailers full of hard core. He will inform the committee as to when labouring help will be required.

2.8

The club position re. Ditching is to be clarified by T.T.

2.9

The club position re. Chantry Hill is still uncertain. Chris Bartram had promised to help sort it out, but nothing has been heard from him.

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Cissbury Ring was suggested by T.L. as a possible site. It is Nat. Trust land. J.Char. is to contact the B.H.G.A. re. contact with the N.T. at national level to help with this and other potential N.T. sites.

3.1

The question of registration of the club as a B.A.P.C. club was held until the A.G.M. as it was felt to be a constitutional matter.

3.2

The letter from Percy Moss (B.H.G.A. chairman) was read out. This made it clear that the constitution can be regarded as only allowing B.H.G.A. members to vote at the A.G.M. until it is changed.

4.1

Trevor Acroyd reports that the sites guide is nearly finished. Dave Matthews is producing the maps. He was requested to include the minor sites of Chantry Hill and Pleasant Rise farm. A preface on airspace is to be included.

5.1

Sue Brooks reported that half the money claimed back from Sky Systems for outstanding tickets for the Xmas bash has now been received. It was voted to accept this as full payment, the remainder outstanding to be met by the club.

5.2

The paragliding competition, previously agreed to be allowed on club sites, was set for the 6th and 7th July.

5.3

Mark Dale (B.H.G.A. technical officer) is to be asked to give a talk on principles of flight, airspace, and subjects relevant to XCPC aspirants, on the 31st May at Sky Systems premises.

5.4

It was agreed that Kevin Pickering should buy some airspace charts for sale to members on the hill to encourage them to use them. £40 from club funds to be allocated and repaid from sales.

5.5

Safety matters were discussed at some length. M.J. was asked to contact the B.A.P.C. regarding the state of play on red ribbon system for paragliders. If no system is available in the very near future then the club will introduce its own system.

5.6

John Char. pointed out that many members are not bothering to upgrade to XCPC rating and are using sites for which XCPC is required. These include, top landing at Beachy Head and Mt. Caburn and any flying at Newhaven or Ditchling by hanglider pilots. J.Char. felt that to specify a min. number of hours for these sites was more appropriate. K.P. and M.J. were against this. They felt that the present system should be retained to encourage people to take XCPC. It was agreed that the Safety Officer should write a reminder for Windsock and that a firm date should be set for enforcement of these rules to give people a chance to upgrade to XCPC. Names of subsequent defaulters are then to be published in Windsock with admonishment.

5.7

Windsock failed to appear on time, yet again, and Vanya was asked by J.Char. to relinquish control to D.W., who promised to publish something every month. V.G. refused. He apologised for late publishing. The matter was held over until the A.G.M. Windsock was now too late to publicise the parac hute packing evening on 9th March. The committee agreed to share out the names of members to contact them by phone.

5.8

One further Windsock is still promised before the A.G.M. The A.G.M. agenda is to be included in this.

5.9

The results of the questionnaire were read by J.Char. 70 replies had been received (NOW 75). The answers were as follows:-

Most everyone thinks that the Dyke is overcrowded sometimes. They all think it occurred often and particularly at summer weekends.

50 said flying sometimes due to overcrowding. Of the responses 57 were from hanggliders, 19 from paragliders and 19 from both.

A majority of 54 thought that site marshalling would help.

40 were prepared to be a marshall.

Regarding training at the Dyke results were:-

for increase 5, for decrease 25, for remaining the same 36

In answer to "Do you think it would help ordinary club members if training at the Dyke on summer weekends was": stopped 14, controlled 39, it makes no difference 18,

12 of those replying were commercially involved in the sport.

30 use Ditchling (many said rarely), 44 not at all.

At the Dyke only 8 admitted to the pub being of prime importance but the social aspect of the Dyke was often stressed.

41 were against some sites being designated paraglider or hanglider only on weekends, 28 were for it.

8, who replied, didn't like their views being canvassed in this way.

48 are against a max. number in the club, 20 are for.

Most were for the widening of the constitution to accept B.A.P.C. members (51). 21 were against. Of hanglider pilots the majority in favor was much smaller.

A small majority agreed that it was fair that only B.H.G.A. members must vote to change the constitution.

Replies were 17 BAPC, 39 BHGA, 18 both.

3 people don't want us to know their phone numbers.

The majority (47) want changes to the constitution broken down into individual amendments.

6.1

Mark Woodhams response was that amendments were interlinked and he would disregard this. He said that members could write to him with comments on the sub-committees draft constitution. J.Char. pointed out that every member has a right to propose their own amendments to the constitution independently of that produced by M.W. and his sub-committee.

6.2

Marshalling at the Dyke. The committee were unanimous that some marshalling system is required. Flags and armbands were discussed. The payment of marshalls was rejected. It was agreed that potential marshalls should be vetted by M.J. or other safety officer for experience and qualifications. A pool of marshalls should be available each day so that no one was on the ground all day.

6.3

A sub-committee was formed, to thrash out the details and report back to the next meeting, consisting of J.Char., J.Carr, M.J., K.P., D.W., and anyone else interested and prepared to join a further meeting, set for Tue 12th Mar.

Typed by D. WILLIAMSON, from the minutes taken by J. Charlton.

These minutes have NOT been ratified at a committee meeting yet. . . . VG