



**MINUTES OF SHPF COMMITTEE MEETING  
Peebles, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

**Present:** Mike Jardine, Steve Durkin, Naomi Miskin, Bob Veitch, David Thomson, Sergey, Gordon Smyth and Cliff Smith

**Apologies:** George McGhee

**Finance**

- Gordon has bought the financial reporting roughly in line with the tax year (April – March)
- The account balance is currently £5,200

**X-Scotia**

- It was agreed that the format should change
- Possibilities were discussed for example changing the venue, running it as 1 day event or 2 day with compulsory night stop.
- A separate committee will manage next years event headed by Steve Durkin and Cliff.
- SHPF will underwrite cost if the aim is to break even.

**SHPF Gathering**

- A similar format to last year was agreed with Ratho as the venue
- Repack on the Saturday and lectures on the Sunday.
- Suggestions for a Saturday night guest speaker included Aiden Toase or Tom Payne, Greg Hamilton, Adrian Thomas, Ulric Jessop or Toby Columbe. Mike to make enquiries.
- Mike agreed to contact Ratho to arrange a date – preferably end of January
- David agreed to co-ordinate speakers on the Sunday. It was suggested that a talk on glider classifications / certification might be useful and that maybe Steve Giles or Kitt Rudd could be asked to see if they would be interested in delivering. Matt Church, Julian Robinson and Tony Spirling all gave great talks last year and should be asked if they would come again.

- It would be nice to have a social event on the Saturday night, although this is difficult to arrange at Ratho.

### **BPC / Scottish Open**

- It was agreed that the two events should remain linked due to the difficulties in administration and likely low numbers for the Scottish Open if run separately.
- This means the Scottish Open will need to be in the Borders (Tibbie Shiels if possible) as the BPC will not be based further north
- It should be held towards the end of May to avoid the lambing season
- The possibility of the Scottish Open being on the weekend days only (or Monday as well if bank holiday) was discussed as this may encourage more local pilots reluctant to take time off work to enter. David to discuss with BPC committee.

### **Sites Guide**

- Cliff presented draft extracts of a Scottish Sites guide that he is developing in collaboration with Gary Williamson.
- This will be available to purchase online directly from the publishers and is not being produced for profit.
- Clubs are being consulted over which sites should be in the guide so that contentious ones can be avoided.
- The committee agreed that the SHPF should endorse the guide and support financially by covering the cost of an OS license (thought to be around £300).
- Cliff agreed that a draft could be available for the SHPF committee to review before publication.

### **Succession**

- Steve Durkin agreed to stand for position of Chair next year when Mikes stands down.
- Naomi and Gordon agreed to remain as secretary and treasurer for one more year.
- George wishes to stand down as Nationals Co-ordinator. It was agreed in his absence that he does an excellent job and should be persuaded to continue! Otherwise, a successor needs to be found.

### **AOB**

- Should we use some of the SHPF funds to support competition pilots and if so at what level? This was left for further debate.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

- Second week of December, venue to be confirmed