

**The Fellow Feathers of Fort Funston  
Hang Gliding Club**

Meeting Minutes  
May 1, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:XX pm PST

**Officers:**

- **President: Andy Balk**
- **VP: Chris Valley**
- **Secretary: Jessica Koerner**
- **Treasurer/USHPA/GGNRA: Steve Rodrigues**
- **Clubhouse Manager: Rob Johnson**
- **Tech Officer: George Artz**
- **Safety Director: Richard Sibley**
- **Training Bowl Admin: Takeo Eda**

**Club Members & Guests:**

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**Absent:**

- **Jessica Koerner**
- **Richard Sibley**

**Notable Flights:**

- Demo days went great!
- Thanks to Dave for organizing.



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- Huge turnout, plenty of flights.

#### **President's Report (Andy):**

- Season turning on, stay safe on the first flights.
- Work party went well...clubhouse cleaned up.
  - Weeds removed.
  - Put in a French drain to keep water from rollup door.
  - Rob, Ron, a few others.
- Anything to learn from demo event?
  - Make sure on USHPA and FF memberships.

#### **VP's Report (Chris):**

- Stickers up to date.

#### **Secretary's Report (Jessica):**

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#### **Treasurer's Report (Steve):**

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#### **GGNRA & USHPA Liaison (Steve):**

#### **Clubhouse Manager's Report (Rob):**

- Work party for 10th of May
  - 9:00 to noon.
  - Get rid of vine in bush.
  - Garbage in setup area..
  - Regravel roof.
- Look for spots in the clubhouse.

#### **Tandem Administrator Report (Richard):**

- Absent. No updates.

#### **Safety Director's Report (Richard):**

- Absent.
- Unfortunately, I won't be able to make the meeting, but I (Richard) wanted to bring this up (at the May 1, 2025 meeting):
  - There's been a bunch of chatter on the Funston telegram chat regarding pilots landing and being close to pedestrians on the walkway.

It sounds like there's been some violations of the rule:

*"NO PILOT MAY FLY OR LAND WITHIN ONE WINGSPAN OF ANY PERSON ON THE GROUND. Pilots must yield to pedestrians and people on horseback. No pilot may launch when there are spectators in the launch area. Courtesy, especially*

*toward spectators, is mandatory for all pilots."*

- I know I personally will just keep flying the ridge until the walkway clears in order to avoid any issues. Usually it just takes a few passes. The other obvious option to avoid pedestrian issues is just to make sure you land back in the ice plant behind the path.
- It sounds like it might be a good idea for the board to remind pilots of the rule and give these suggestions on how to avoid problems. Perhaps sending out an email as a reminder to all members could be a good idea? I would be happy to help work on creating an email to send out.

**Tech Officer's Report (George):**

- Still pictures from the clubhouse are not updating - computer and cameras were turned off in the clubhouse. Need to investigate again onsite.
- Ropes – Clubhouse link/nanobeam antenna (virtual ethernet link) troubleshooting underway.
- ISP monkeybrains has had fluctuating throughput.
- Tempest fixed (George), bought a second one.
- Video camera proof of concept made.
- -> Check with GGNRA about mounting to the windsock pole.

**Training Bowl (Takeo):**

- Absent. No updates.

**Old Business:**

- NA

**New Business:**

- From Richard:
  - A reminder about the McClure Coyote Howl Fly-in on May 17/18
  - <https://mlsralakemcclure.wixsite.com/lakemcclurehg/coyote-howl-flyin>
- Wayne party next weekend (google sheet).

Meeting adjourned 8:13pm