

Minutes of the Fellow Feathers of Fort Funston Hang Gliding Club Meeting, August 5, 2021

Members in attendance:

Jessica Koerner

Steve Rodrigues

Chris Valley

George Artz

Brad Martin

Rob Johnson

Takeo Ida

Raymond Cheng

Jeff Morgan

Andy Balk

Masayo Ida

David Egli

Adrian DeLisser

Richard Sibley

John Simpson

Javier Rios

Officer reports:

President, Jessica Koerner:

Reported on upcoming events that include:

*Vintage Days – Aug 7 11:00 am, plus possible spot landing contest, conditions permitting.

*Parachute Clinic – Aug 28

*AJX Trip – Sept 15-20

*Official Red Cross First aid training and CPR– Sept 26. Free to FF club members, contact Jessica or Steve for more details and to sign up.

V.P., Chris Valley: Due to scheduling conflict, CRV was only able attend close to the end of the meeting. Nothing to report.

Secretary, Interim, Steve Rodrigues: Taking notes for this meeting.

Treasurer, Steve Rodrigues: Bank balances for Roofing Fund CD \$12,002.01, with liquid assets in checking of \$13,729.08. Total club assets: \$25,731.09 . Have enough excess assets to fund another Red Cross first aid & CPR course, with an estimated expense of \$1,250.

Investigated better internet speeds for possible streaming cam. Met AT&T tech last week who suggested going to a bonded pair to double speed. Current plan, paying on a month to month basis is \$50-/month for internet, only gives 5 Mbps down, 1 Mbps up. If switch to a bonded pair, can get AAT&T "25x5" plan and increase speed to 25 Mbps down x 5 Mbps up. By subscribing to an annual plan can reduce internet cost to \$40/month. Paying \$30/month for VOIP land line, so monthly AT&T bill will go down \$10/month from \$80- to \$70. Meeting with tech tomorrow at the Fort to switch over lines.

Safety Director, Brad Martin: Nothing to report other than be aware of other pilots who might be setting up for a landing in different directions. Rodrigues mentioned that the 270 or 360 degree style landing approach is bad for a number of reasons that include: Turning your back on the landing area and losing sight of the spot and other gliders who might also be landing, doing a high banked turn low to the ground and in a gradient is easy to slip in or experience downwind ground rush. Better approach styles are higher altitude aircraft approach, crabbing approach, dogleg approach, etc. New pilots are encouraged to seek out a mentor to discuss these safer and better alternatives.

Technology Officer, George Artz:

Current web host WebFaction is shutting us down on September 15 so we need to migrate website, database and email to a new host. Ray Cheng is volunteering to help get this done.

WOR tech admin recommends using provider SSDNodes.com so George opened an account with them. Due to short time line, going to keep it simple for now and just keep everything going. Will look into upgrades once we have time to breathe. George and Ray are going to take conversation off-line. Thanks Ray for jumping in!

Clubhouse Manager, Rob Johnson: Has money to turn in from clubhouse memberships and T-shirt sales.

Sent T-shirts to Steve Kroop for donating prizes for spot landing contest.

Rob will start repainting the clubhouse during the 1st week September. It is bigger than a one-person job so please let him know how you can help out.

There are a couple members who still haven't paid their annual clubhouse dues. These members are going to lose their privileges and be evicted.

Tandem Director, Urs Kellenberger: Not present.

Training Bowl Director, Jessica Koerner: Nothing to report.

GGNRA Liaison, Steve Rodrigues:

Signed GGNRA Annual Review, good review from James Sword who is very supportive of the club and hang gliding.

The GGNRA parking lot repaving has been pushed back to no sooner than 2024. Submitted proposal to install rubber curbing to replace annual sandbagging erosion control. Potential expense of about \$1,300-

Reported to the GGNRA that the Funston porta potties need more frequent pumping out.

The bush is very unhealthy, arborist says its due to the drought and climate change in general. Asked if we could water it but GGNRA declined permission to water a non-native species. Reaching out to the natural resources division who are thinking more on the lines of planting Coyote Bush. James is checking see if they have a vision for this and how FF can help implement it.

Election of new Secretary:

Board had a vacancy due to the recent resignation of Ron Barry. Jessica nominated Chris Valley for Secretary. Chris accepted the nomination and was elected by 9 voting members. He will serve out the remainder of the year as both VP and Secretary.

Thanks to all the new faces at the meeting, great to be building community!

Meeting adjourned.