

The Fellow Feathers of Fort Funston  
Hang Gliding Club

Meeting Minutes  
April 6, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm PST

**Officers Present:**

- **President: Andy Balk**
- **VP: Chris Valley**
- **Clubhouse Manager: Rob Johnson**
- **Treasurer/USHPA: Steve Rodrigues**
- **Tech Officer: Takeo / George**

**Club Members & Guests:**

Ron, George

**Absent:**

- Jess Koerner, Secretary

**Notable Flights: Bay area flying season turned on**

- 2-3 good days a week at Fort Funston
- A few people flew Diablo last week
- Mission getting good, multiple-hour flights
- Marina beach, Waddell also.

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

- 50th anniversary party June 3
- Planning document/invite list
- Food: vegetable stir-fry, tray of meats, paella
- Put event on website.
- Email invite finalized (Jess) looks nice!
  - Near final version:
  - Ready to go out to the email list
  - Will have one more look at it.



— INVITATION —

## The Fellow Feathers of Fort Funston 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

June 3, 2023  
10am – 5pm  
Fort Funston, CA

Established in 1973 in partnership with the GCNRA, and with more than 120 active members, the Fellow Feathers is one of the longest running hang gliding clubs in the world.

For half a century, our remarkable flying site has drawn together pilots and friends from all corners of the world to share our passion for flight.

Please join us to commemorate this tremendous milestone for the club and the sport of hang gliding.

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*Additional details to follow.*

- Bought a tent for event (Steve)



- Awning should arrive tomorrow.
- Design for T-shirt, graphics, stickers (Chris, Steve); add circle, arch letters
- Need to get the final design to Mike Briganti by May 1.





- Coffee table book (Jess, Steve)
  - Shared the story request links in the FF Facebook page and have included those in the invite email as well (let me know if you'd prefer to keep those separate and I can pull them out).
  - One person has submitted a story but plenty of photos have been added to the album. Ideas for how to get more written stories from people?
  - Amazon KDP, deluxe colors.

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

- Caught up with stickers.

**Secretary's Report (Jessica):** Ian offered to do another parachute clinic either April 22 or May 6.

- Who's the chute packer? Brad, Brian?
- Can we use the clubhouse for this again? Yes.
- Anyone interested in helping? Jim can volunteer.

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

RRRG documentation: chapter renewal has been submitted. Insurance premiums raised to \$3M, will work into the 2024 budget.

- Budget for the party is about \$1000.00
- Tent was \$523.75

Current balances:

- CD: \$12,008.36
- Checking: \$18,175.81
- Total assets: \$30,184.17
- Paypal deposit on 2/1/2023: \$537.45

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

- Not too much to report.
- One unpaid member, due to computer issues.
  - Someone needs to help member sign up.
  - Andy to look into helping member sign up.
  - If anyone has trouble signing up or renewing, please have them contact

Jess directly - sec@flyfunston.org

- Steve, Chester, Chris mowed launch.
  - Gas lawnmower is in the doghouse.

#### **GGNRA Liaison and USHPA Report (Steve):**

- Spread chips everywhere.
  - April 21 pick up chips, that weekend to spread them around.
  - Will get more wood chips from Presidio, Sword recommended.
  - Need loader from united rentals 10-12 dump trailer for Friday April 21.
    - \$240.
    - Truck to tow trailer (Andy).
    - Do many runs, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM.
    - Trailer back by 5:00 PM.
- Steve todos:
  - Notify James of 50th (Done)
  - Invited ranger and superintendent.
  - Bought tent from amazon.
- Waiting for insurance invoice, should be more than last year.
- Different internet options so we can stream video (George, Ron, Steve, Takeo).
  - Shows wind variability, good for getting people to Funston.
  - Most traffic is out, we want symmetric.
  - Right now paying ATT \$97 for DSL and windtalker.
  - DSL not fast enough to stream video.
  - Monkeybrains sets up dishes, 50 Mb/sec down and up for \$170/month.
  - Starlink 200 Mb/sec down and 20 Mb/sec up for \$120/month.

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

- No updates

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

- No updates

#### **Tech Officer's Report (Takeo):**

- Looking at new ubiquiti camera, about \$200.00.
  - Hard to incorporate into code, but the wireless camera would be easier.
  - Working on streaming video project full 1080 p video is 4 Mb. 20 Mb should do it.
  - Rest covered above.
- UPS? Longer term project.
  - Necessary to keep server up for windtalker.
  - Will do power budget.

#### **Training Bowl (Takeo):**



- Early season, not much traffic/interest.

### **Old Business:**

- Yosemite Hang Gliding Association 2023 Status: YHGA is in touch with the Park regarding the Glacier Point Road Repair Project. Status of the Project is unknown, but the Park is looking into this for us. 2023 status updates will be provided on the YHGA website, at [yosemitehg.org](http://yosemitehg.org).
- Cascade Paragliding Club - fly-in west of Tillamook Oceanside; Cape Lookout - May 6-7, 2023.
- MLSR Coyote Howl - May 20-21, 2023
- Red Rocks Hang gliding spectacular in Monroe, UT - Ric Caylor organizing - June 14 - 24.
- Old Dunlap reopening this season - thanks to Ryan Soares!
- Ideas discussed for launch videos/considerations, especially for unique conditions at Funston
  - 1) Outline for each video topic. 2) Reach out to community

### **New Business:**

- No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.