

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

Meeting Minutes  
May 4, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm PST

**Officers Present:**

- **President: Andy Balk**
- **VP: Chris Valley**
- **Secretary: Jessica Koerner**
- **Clubhouse Manager: Rob Johnson**
- **Treasurer/USHPA/GGNRA: Steve Rodrigues**

**Club Members & Guests:**

- **Robin T**
- **Soham M**
- **George A**
- **Darrell R**
- **Geoffery R**
- **Wayne M**

**Absent:**

- **Tech Officer: Takeo Eda**

**Notable Flights:**

- Bay area flying season turned on - 3 good days a week at Fort Funston. Good today!
- Big day last Saturday, about 20 pilots over the course of the day.



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

- Last meeting before the 50th anniversary party, June 3
- Send invite/reminder + RSVP link



- Design for T-shirt, graphics, stickers (Chris, Steve)
  - Sent design to Mike Briganti
  - Asked to quote 60 short sleeve and 60 long sleeve (10 S, 20 M, 20 L, 10 `XL)



- Coffee table book (Jess, Steve)
- Test set up the awning, went together easily with four people (Steve, Rob, Ron, Andy).



- Add 50th event to flyfunston.org

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

- Caught up with stickers.

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

- No updates.

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

- Bank of America Balances as of 5/4/2023:
- CD: \$12,008.94
- Checking: \$14,990.49
- Total assets: \$26,999.43
- One clubhouse member (Jim Mueller) still has not paid, so another \$75 is due. Need someone to walk Jim through the on-line sign-up process.
- Reimbursement to George needed for Tristen Horn for video camera and accessories (\$559.36)
- Should discuss starting a \$1,500 Go-Fund-Me campaign to pay for the video camera and

Monkeybrains installation. \*See below.

- Pending one-time expense for gas-powered lawn mower: \$600 (Illegal in CA starting in 2024).
- Note: Need to designate a special club meeting to discuss long-range budget / dues increase. Will hold a budgetary planning meeting in July.

#### **Treasurer's Report Regarding Technology**

- Task: Increasing internet connection speed to allow for HD video streaming: Instead of their standard business service at \$150 per month, Kyle from Monkeybrains quoted service for us at \$75 per month! That is \$27 less than AT&T, which would cover adding VOIP for the wind talker.
- He would need to increase the installation charge from \$300 to \$500.
- Because of our being on the fringe of their service area, they would deploy a "special-ops" tech crew to do the install. We wouldn't know for sure if they could hit our location until then.
- I've asked James Sword for the go-ahead to try the install, hope to hear back soon.
- We would need to supply a router to connect to their dish via ethernet cable. Steve can donate one that will probably work: Netgear Nighthawk CM1100, Multi-Gig, DOCSIS 3.1.

#### **USHPA Report (Steve)**

- Confirmed that our Chapter / Site insurance for 2023 increased from \$300 to \$2,011

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

- One unpaid member, due to computer issues.
- Steve, Chester, Chris, Andy mowed launch.
  - Gas lawn mower is in the doghouse.
  - Will need to mow 1-2 more times before the party.



- Replaced the windsock (Chris, Rob, Ron, Steve, Andy)



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

- Requested approval for Monkeybrains installation

- Chips: canceled the chip party because the dump trailer was too small.
  - Available for pickup in Presidio

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

- Richard offered to fly tandem flights on June 3rd for the 50th Anniversary party

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

- PG traffic safety concerns raised within community
- Broken arm due to launch incident. Pilot recovering well, and should be better soon.

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

- Live camera up on YouTube (Thanks George!)
  - Pay George back for camera
  - Axis camera & install \$559, CamStreamer app 299 euros
- New ubiquiti camera, about \$200.00.
  - Hard to incorporate into code, but the wireless camera would be easier.
  - Working on a 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:**

- Cascade Paragliding Club - fly-in west of Tillamook Oceanside; Cape Lookout - May 6-7, 2023. This weekend!
- 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!

#### **New Business:**

- Owens Valley Memorial Weekend flying - depending on Horseshoe Meadows Road due to snow and rock slides.
- Yosemite Hang Gliding Association 2023 Status: YHGA is in touch with the Park regarding the Glacier Point Road Repair Project. Insurance approved. Permit in process, but Glacier Point road may not open till July. 2023 status updates will be provided on the YHGA website, at [yosemitehg.org](http://yosemitehg.org).

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.