

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

Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:32pm PST

Officers Present:

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

Club Members & Guests:

- **Masayo M**
- **Wayne M**
- **Geoff R**
- **Robin**

Absent:

- **None**

Notable Flights:

- **Fort Funston being extremely consistent!**



- Lots of beautiful sunset flights.



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- Lijian flew 9 days in a row!
- Some went to IV last weekend.
- Lots of flying in Tahoe area.
- Owens valley flights.
- Hat Creek flyin this weekend.

President's Report (Andy):

- Good news, have many new pilots:
 - Safe first flights at Fort Funston from visiting pilots: Daniel (Santa Barbara), Seth (Maryland), Neil (Tennessee), Mel (New Mexico), Sam (Pennsylvania), Skip (New Mexico)
 - Thanks to Dave, Lijian, Gilles, et al for doing site intros.
 - Jade, Jon, Lawrence new members also per Jess?
 - Also welcome new clubhouse members Brian and Neil.
 - Trying to maintain a consistent social media presence to highlight what's special about the club. (Consistent soaring, top landings, a beautiful environment)
- Reminder: We can't launch if there is someone in front of the cones, including at the new bench in front of the cones by launch.
- Vine problem seems to be taken care of (Thanks Rob!) Did another cleanup but found much less than the first time.
- Bush doing well also.
- Added a few more chips to launch (Steve, Rob), to try to fill in the hole.



- Will need more chips.
 - Rent/buy a dump trailer - preference to rent for now; Andy will look into
 - Can get chips for free, just need to pick them up.

VP's Report (Chris):

- All helmet sticker mailings are up to date.

Secretary's Report (Jessica):

- Webcam live on website!

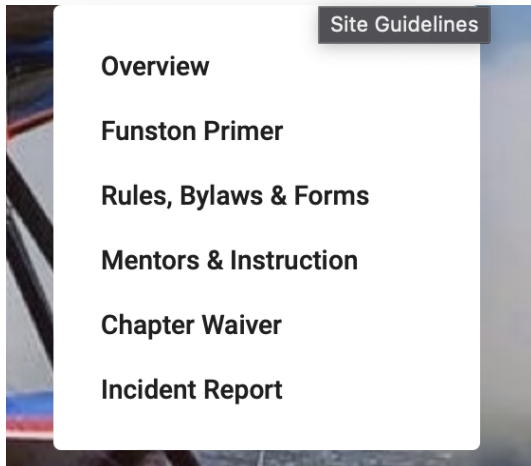


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Fellow Feathers Incident Report

Please use this form to report any safety incidents at Fort Funston.

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* Indicates required question

Email *

Your email

Date of Incident *

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Time of Incident *

- Adding Masayo's 50th video to the website.
 - Takeo to draft 50th summary to post to website with video

Treasurer's Report (Steve):

- Treasurers Report
- Bank of America as of 8/3/2023
- Checking: \$14,807.36
- CD: \$12,009.84
- Total: \$26,817.20

Treasurer's Report Regarding Technology

- All balances paid!

Clubhouse Manager's Report (Rob):

- Takeo has a contact who may be able to help with chips distribution
- Andy will schedule a work party to spread the chips
- Temporary clubhouse membership possible?

GGNRA Liaison (Steve):

- USHPA sent every Chapter a 50th anniv wind flag, please check your email for an attached photo. Not a good fit for our LZ.

Tandem Administrator Report (Richard):

- I mentioned last time that Danny was approved for Tandems, but he's still not listed as a FF member in the spreadsheet? What needs to happen to fix this?
 - He needs to sign the club waiver.

Safety Director's Report (Richard):

- Discussed bench placement near takeoff and whether it needs to be moved
- At least one new blown launch (Damaged glider, no one hurt)
 - Discussed adding streamer below takeoff to indicate rotor
- New incident reporting on website
 - After filling out the form, what should we show the user? What about including a link to report it to USHPA?
 - Jess added a confirmation message to form: "Thank you for submitting an incident report to The Fellow Feathers. To submit a report to USHPA, please do so here: <https://www.ushpa.org/page/incident-report>"
- Which fields do we want to include compared to USHPA's? For reference:
 - USHPA incident reporting: <https://www.ushpa.org/page/incident-report>
 - Current report form: <https://flyfunston.org/incident-report/>
 - [Initial test report form](#)
- Maybe this really comes down to a question of "What do we do with this information?" - which to be honest, I'm still not clear about and would like to understand.
- Could Andy send notice out to members about incident reporting form (email and Facebook)

Tech Officer's Report (Takeo/George):

- Clubhouse internet up and running.
- Takeo investigating security cameras for clubhouse & keyless entry

Training Bowl (Takeo):

- No updates.

Old Business:

- NA

New Business:

- Added after the meeting: The Yosemite Hang Gliding Association will get their 2023 use permit the week of August 7th. Monitor availability and congested park conditions will impact any flight activity that occurs this year. The typical flying season is June 15th through October 15th per the use permit, however this year the use permit issuance was delayed due to flooding and road closures. More information can be found at yosemitemhg.com. All flight activity can only take place when there is a YHGA monitor present.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM