

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

Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm PST

**Officers Present:**

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

**Club Members & Guests:**

- Takeo Eda
- Wayne M
- Robin
- Isaiah C
- Charlie N

**Absent:**

- Steve Rodrigues

**Notable Flights:**

- Occasional days at Fort Funston, today was North but good.



- Dave K reported 1600 feet.

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

- Elections last meeting, results were:
  - President: Andy Balk

- VP: Chris Valley
- Treasurer: Steve Rodrigues
- Secretary: Jess Koerner
- Clubhouse Manager: Rob Johnson
- Safety Director: Richard Sibley
- Tech Officer: George Artz
- Board will continue to maintain Fort Funston as a premier hang gliding site.
- Club memberships rolled over automatically (thanks Jess)
- Most clubhouse memberships renewed, still have some extra spaces since some members have two.
- HUGE thanks to Dave K and everyone else spreading chips, launch looks beautiful.



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

- Stickers received and will stock the box in the setup area.

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

- 108 members have signed up or renewed
- 76 of 84 clubhouse members have paid (all but 6)
  - Rob to follow up with Danny Freeman who does not have a credit card on file (\$150 due for 2 clubhouse spaces)
  - Jess emailed pilots with expired CC information to update
- Jess to follow up with all members who have expired USHPA's to remind them to renew before stickers/keys can be mailed
- The website has been updated with 2024 executive committee

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

- Stripe auto-payments coming in fast! On behalf of myself as Treasurer and Rob as Clubhouse Manager:
- Huge thanks to Jess for making our lives so much easier!
- On 1/2/24, Stripe transferred \$1,111.17 to our checking acct.
- Bank of America balances as of 1/4/2024:
- Checking: \$10,331.47
- CD: \$12,011.36
- Total: \$22,342.83

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

- Glider space #57 is available now
- Trimmed bushes
- Replacement door
- Discussed electronic lock solutions
- Options to replace ring cameras for security - Wyze Cameras proposed - Rob to check with Steve/Treasurer on budget availability
  - 2 pan cams + 1 wireless for \$100-\$200 (pan tilt, og, outdoor)
  - \$2.99 per camera per month subscription

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

- SR began the FF 2024 USHPA Chapter renewal application. Will complete the process over the next few weeks. (Some delay expected due to pending January 9th wrist surgery.)
- Special acknowledgement goes out to Brad Martin. Brad just received notice from USHPA that he has been a member for 50 years! So great to have such a long-time pilot bring his experience to our club!

**Tandem Administrator Report (Richard):**

- Richard is the only tandem rated pilot at Funston
- No other updates

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

- Two Incidents on Saturday, 12/30/2023
  - A pilot had a bad landing on the sand trail, coming within 5' to 8' of spectators. Pilot stated that he didn't check for spectators because he was distracted by not being able to get into the harness, which he had just borrowed but not tried out first. After speaking with the pilot, SR issued a 7-day suspension. Incident report will be forwarded to the FF Safety Director.
  - Blown launch with no injuries - right wing stalled with low airspeed launch to the right.
- [Reminder that we have a Safety Incident Report form on the website here](#) - pilots, please submit a summary of incidents (Site Guidelines -> Incident Report)

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

- No updates

**Training Bowl (Takeo):**

- No updates

**Old Business:**

- Congrats to Brad on the recent epic no-wind takeoff and great flight in the shear!

**New Business:**

- Goat Rock site may have shut down....spoke to WOR who said they would try to take it over.
- Big thank you to them if so.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.