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December 2016 Meeting Minutes

by [pc_airdawg](#) » Mon Dec 26, 2016 9:35 am



Meeting Minutes, 20 December 2016

Guest's / New Members

Many guests; the meeting was the end-of-season party at 1 South Market, San Jose, organized by Patrick Pannese.

Significant Flights

Kevin Dutt flew the Eliminator site in Santa Barbara.

Ben Dunn flew 4.5 hours at Marina, and also Thanksgiving day at Mt. Tam.

Zac Majors took 3 students for their first mountain flights.

President's Report - None; Rob was not present

Vice President's Report - Patrick Pannese

Nothing to report.

Flight Director's Report - Zac Majors

No incidents to report.

Treasurer's Report - Don Herrick

Dues will stay the same for the coming season; the club is solvent.

Membership Services Report -Don Herrick for Phyl Hamby

Membership numbers are about the same as last year.

Ed Levin Site Report - None

Mission Ridge Report - No official report

Mission pilots reported that permit parking is now in effect and parking is prohibited in front of houses.

Diablo - No report

Coyote Lake / Site Acquisition - Ben Dunn

Nothing new to report.

Old Business

None noted. No new nominations for club officers were made. [See November minutes for nominations to date.]

New Business

Carmela Moreno has 2 versions of her 2017 calendar; the version with images of McClure features Ken Muscio.

Zac Majors proposed partnering with the Mt. Tam club [MCHGA?] to administer flying at Mt Tam. No motions were made.

End of Meeting Minutes.

January 2017 Meeting Minutes

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January 2017 Meeting Minutes



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Meeting Minutes, 17 January 2017

Guest's / New Members

Steve Leak, a PG pilot from Australia who is returning to the sport after several years.

Significant Flights

Wayne Michelson flew Windy Hill in a NE wind; soared for 2 hrs, reaching 4000 ft and flying almost out to I280.

Phyl Hamby got a new PG, a Sensus.

Paul Gazis flew his new Liberty 148.

Wayne Michelson, flew the B launch at Mt. Tam. The air was very smooth; he flew to Tamales Bay and over Stinson beach and Bolinas.

Saeed flew Big Sur on New Year's Eve, and also soared Mission on Christmas Eve.

President's Report - Robert Booth

New officers will be elected tonight. Rob noted that he has learned a lot in the past year, but is not running for re-election. He endorsed Ben Dunn for president. He also noted that Ed Levin has been shut down 3 times in the past year, and has saved copies of key paperwork relating to Ed Levin. Tim Herr has updated the Ed Levin site documents. Ed Levin has been a swamp recently due to the rains. The club still needs a webmaster.

Vice President's Report - None

Flight Director's Report - None

Treasurer's Report - Don Herrick

Dues will stay the same for the coming season; Dues income is coming in; club balances are up.

Membership Services Report -Phyl Hamby, et al

There are 170 paid members, several were processed today. 5 applicants need waivers on file. Robert Booth noted that a number of Ed Levin flyers he has seen don't have stickers. Pilots needing stickers should be directed to Mission Soaring. Pat Denevan requested that Ed Levin Chair Jesse Meyer issue stickers at the site. Pat also noted that the gate combos will change at the end of January.

Ed Levin Site Report - Jesse Meyer

There was an HG accident at the West launch at the top. A helper hung onto a side wire as the glider began to lift off; the glider was damaged and the H3 pilot suffered minor injuries. Don Herrick noted that accident reports should be submitted within 1 week, according to the site procedures. Updates to the site procedure are planned to clarify the accident response procedures.

The RRG has been modified to include the Parks. Updated site paperwork is due in 3 months. There is a new tower being installed in the top launch area. Jesse has talked to the contractor about the power supply to the weather station. The contractor will route a temporary power connection. The power line will need to be re-buried after construction is complete. WOR is expected to re-bury the line. The tower project is scheduled to start at the beginning of February.

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Mission Ridge Report - Chris Valley by e-mail

As of 1/17/17, 36 pilots have applied for their 2017-18 Mission Site Key - 19 keys are left. Don't wait until the last minute, please get your applications in soon. Directions for the key application process are posted on the WOR bulletin board. Just a reminder that priority key allocation will be given to active pilots that fly the site regularly.

The LZ windsock frame needs to be replaced - CRV will order a new frame and get it installed in the next 30-days. If there is a spare frame, please let CRV know.

Design work on the Option A parking lot will wait until the litigation is resolved, or at least until the District has a better idea as to where it is headed. They have no idea how long this will take - CEQA litigation can take just a few months to resolve or several years. CRV will coordinate sign-in box relocation when the time comes.

Diablo - No report

Coyote Lake / Site Acquisition - Ben Dunn, et al

An application package is required by the county Roads and Airports dept, with a \$1K non-refundable fee due at the time of application. The county wants a paved driveway or "apron" installed at the LZ access point and requires that it be built by a licensed contractor.

Old Business

None noted.

New Business

Jesse Meyer mentioned that electronic waivers might be a good idea. Don Herrick suggested he discuss it with USHPA counsel Tim Herr.

Club elections were held and the following people were elected:

President: Ben Dunn

Vice President: Patrick Pannese

Treasurer: Don Herrick

Membership Services Coordinator: Phyl Hamby

Secretary: Paul Clayton

Flight Director: Dave Eggly

End of Meeting Minutes.

February 2017 Meeting Minutes

□ by pc_airdawg » Sat Mar 11, 2017 11:26 am



Meeting Minutes, 21 February 2017

Guest's / New Members

Alan Foster; working on H2 rating with John Simpson; flies a Falcon.

Significant Flights

Dave Eggly and Pat Denevan flew Funston

President's Report - Ben Dunn for Robert Booth

WOR's chapter renewal paperwork was sent to USHPA on the 16th.

Vice President's Report - Patrick Pannese

Zac Majors is living in Concord and wants to open a training and soaring site in that area. The area he is considering is controlled by the East Bay Regional Parks.

Flight Director's Report - Dave Eggly

Assembled hang gliders have been transported up the hill on vehicles at Ed Levin. Some of the gliders have been loaded in the parking lot and driven on the public road to the LZ gate. A change to the site procedures may be warranted to address where gliders may be driven on vehicles. Ben Dunn said he would talk to the pilot who was loading outside the LZ gate about the acceptable procedure.

Treasurer's Report - Ben Dunn for Don Herrick

Don received an e-mail from Sophie at BAPA. BAPA has agreed to pay ½ of the site fees for Mt. Diablo

Membership Services Report -Phyl Hamby

Renew to receive new Ed Levin gate combinations. There are currently 228 paid members for the current flying season.

Ed Levin Site Report - Ben Dunn

Nothing further to report.

Mission Ridge Report - Chris Valley

8 keys are left. The key exchange will take place at the March meeting. Plans for the parking lot are not fully decided. A new windsock is to be installed in the LZ. Pilots using Uber to get to the back gate should take a key rather than climbing the fence. Jugdeep promised to remind other PG pilots of the requirement to use a key to enter the park from Mill Creek Road.

Diablo - No report

Coyote Lake / Site Acquisition - Ben Dunn, Dave Eggly et al

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Dave took some pictures of the driveway, which is already covered with crushed stone. He also went to the County Roads and Airports department and discussed the site with a senior engineer who stated that the county wants a paved surface 20' by 50', extending to the fence. Dave is planning to talk to a paving contractor to get an estimate. Jim Woodward mentioned that the requirement is for an all weather surface. Ben Dunn noted several other issues with the site and that there are other parking areas nearby. He also said that the first step is to get the site open for flying. Dave suggested a promotional video to be posted on a County Parks website.

Old Business

Jim Woodward questioned the membership of the Coyote Lake committee. Ben Dunn appointed Dave Eggly to chair the committee.

Patrick Pannese noted that the observer and instructor lists need to be updated and noted that the USHPA instructor list is posted on the RRG website.

Jug suggested that USHPA chapters use turnkey websites and mentioned that he knows internet providers that will do it for a fee. It was noted that USHPA isn't interested in standardized websites due to the possibility of incompatibility with its databases.

Ben Dunn noted that there will be an USHPA BOD meeting in San Jose this October.

New Business

Wayne Michelson noted that the FAA is changing the shape of the class B airspace to allow quieter and more efficient approaches to Bay Area Airports. This is expected to change the airspace restrictions at Ed Levin Mission, Funston and other Bay Area flying sites. Wayne said he would post a presentation on the changes on the WOR bulletin board.

Jugdeep is attending the USHPA BOD meeting in Golden CO next week and noted that the Foundation for Free Flight is making grants for RRG fees. Contact Jug for this and other USHPA issues.

Wayne Michelson noted that the Mentor Program has gone dormant. Mark Mullholland noted that class 2 hang gliders have been dropped from USHPA comps.

Patrick noted that the accident reporting system used at USHPA meets doesn't provide all of the information he would like. Jug promised to raise the issue at the upcoming BOD meeting.

Jug also noted that the Norcal X-C league info will be posted on the Santa Cruz paragliding site.

End of Meeting Minutes.

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March 2017 Meeting Minutes

By pc_airdawg x Sun Apr 02, 2017 10:10 am

Meeting Minutes, 21 March 2017

Guest's / New Members

Shaun - H3
Yasha - H3
Chris - P2; flies Ed Levin
Tiffany - Flies Ed Levin, Tres Pinos

Significant Flights

Paul Gazis got a flight.
Wayne Michelson and Ben flew Goat and went 30 miles.
Mitch Shipley flew Funston.
Eric Hinrichs flew from the top launch at Ed Levin on a PG.
Jesse Meyers took a group of pilots to Tupulca
Dave Egli noted that his harness, a Green and Red High Energy, was stolen and requested that people watch for it on Craigslist. He also flew Dunlap, Marina, Funston and McClure.

President's Report - Ben Dunn

Jugdeep Aggarwal and Mitch Shipley from USHPA were present at the meeting. They presented a 2016 USHPA Commendation to Chris Valley in recognition of his efforts in keeping Yosemite open to flying.

Vice President's Report - Patrick Pannese

Nothing to report.

Flight Director's Report - Dave Egli

Dave noted that there have been conflicts on the training hills between the various instructors and requested that they find a way to get along.

Treasurer's Report -Don Herrick

Balances decreased over the last month. Insurance fees have been paid. A fee was paid for the Coyote Lake site in anticipation of the site being opened this year. Ben Dunn noted that access to the LZ is still an issue.

Membership Services Report -Phyl Hamby

There are currently 271 paid members for 2017, about ¾ of the total in a typical year.

Ed Levin Site Report - Jesse Meyers

The LZ has been mowed; it will be mowed again when the ground dries out. Currently the LZ is very wet. There was a work party last Saturday to repair the road. The windsock needs to be replaced; there is a problem with the hardware. Also the webcam is not working. Jesse and Dave Egli are looking into powering a weather station with solar cells so it's not dependent on the grid connection. There is new signage to be put up; a work party will be scheduled next month. The dial up weather station is also not working; there is no power to the phone line. The phone service may be cancelled if the line is not restored.

Mission Ridge Report - Chris Valley

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Mission Ridge Report - Chris Valley

33 keys were issued. Mill Creek Road is expected to be open by mid-April. The Certificate of Insurance has been given to the Parks. A volunteer is needed to replace the LZ windsack frame. There is no update on plans for a parking lot. There have been reports of unauthorized flying at the site and Chris requested that all pilots monitor the site and report violations. Jug noted that USHPA can revoke the ratings of pilots who jeopardize a site. Ben Dunn suggested photographing offenders. Pat Denevan noted that the Park Rangers have encouraged WOR members to report bandito flyers.

Diablo - Ben Dunn for Robert Moore

Robert has received the Certificate of Insurance and the fee for the Special Use Agreement has been paid to the Parks. Robert will continue as the site chair.

Coyote Lake / Site Acquisition - Ben Dunn, Dave Egli et al

Dave noted that the proposed driveway will require an estimated \$9K for engineering and surveying, not including any construction. Ben Dunn mentioned that we could fly the site using the existing parking lot. Mt Umuhnum is expected to be open for hiking soon. At present there's no suitable LZ. Tom Low noted that there's a good LZ in an open space area that may be available soon.

Old Business

Public comments have been solicited by the FAA regarding changes to the class B airspace, according to Tom Low. He noted that no Bay Area sites are significantly affected except Fort Funston. A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is to be published soon and a consistent message from the foot launch flying community is needed. Ben Dunn proposed a presentation on the subject for the next meeting.

Wayne Michelson plans to organize a WOR trip to the Owens Valley on Memorial Day weekend.

Jug Aggarwal mentioned that the Foundation for Free Flight may contribute \$500 to help small flying schools get PASA certifications, and Mitch Shipley noted that there is a website that explains the process.

Mark Mullholland proposed that an event be held at the Hiller Air Museum to coincide with the USHPA Board of Directors meeting this fall.

Carmela noted that she has 2017 calendars.

New Business

Ed Stein reported on a new site at Mt Vaca, with a potential LZ by Lake Curry that's a 3.5/1 glide from the launch. Ed and Juan Laos have flown there. The existing LZ is not the best, but there is a landowner who's open to free flying in the area. Ben Dunn said he would appoint a site committee to try to open the site.

The Coyote Howl at McClure is the weekend of May 21st.

Jug noted that Norcal XC league events are scheduled every month thru October. Check SantaCruzparagliding.com for details.

Ben Dunn noted that a barbeque and fly-in is planned at Ed Levin in April - check the website for details. He also noted that WOR needs a webmaster and reminded people not to carry set-up gliders on vehicles outside the LZ at Ed Levin.

End of Meeting Minutes.

April 2017 Meeting Minutes

by [pc_airdawg](#) » Sat Apr 22, 2017 11:38 am

Meeting Minutes, 18 April 2017

Guest's / New Members

Alexandros Psomopoulos, H3; flies a Sport 2

Significant Flights

Pat Denevan flew Mission, which is open again (hooray!!!!)

Robert Moore, Paul Clayton, Kevin Dutt and numerous others have been flying at Diablo and have done some XC.

President's Report - Ben Dunn

An update to the bylaws is under consideration. The new version will change the requirement for the position of Flight Director. It currently requires an H4 rating and Observer appointment. The proposed change will allow an H3 or above without a current Observer appointment to serve in that position. Ben is also editing the bylaws to make them gender neutral and include paragliding. The proposed new bylaws will be posted on the website and published in the newsletter prior to the next meeting at which a vote will be taken. Ben requested that any other changes be forwarded to him.

Vice President's Report - Patrick Pannese

Nothing to report.

Flight Director's Report - Dave Egli

No incidents to report.

Treasurer's Report -Don Herrick

Balances have increased over the last month.

Membership Services Report -Phyl Hamby

There are currently 287 paid members for 2017.

Ed Levin Site Report - Jesse Meyers by e-mail

A work party will be scheduled to work on the road, especially the culverts. Details will be posted on the discussion board. Please observe the posted speed limits in the park and note that the limit on the dirt roads is 15mph. The webcam is working again and the windsock at the top launch has been replaced. The webcam is powered through a temporary cable. Dave Egli mentioned that solar power could provide a longer term solution to powering the webcam and also noted that a new H4 spot has been mowed in the LZ.

Mission Ridge Report - Chris Valley by e-mail

The City of Fremont has opened Mill Creek Road, so we can now enjoy the Bay Area's premiere flying site, Mission Ridge - would like to thank all of the Mission pilots that had to endure flying Diablo over the last few weeks - your suffering is now over!

Big thanks to Mike Jefferson and Carmela for replacing the LZ windsock frame - your volunteer efforts are much appreciated!

All 55 keys for the 2017-18 season are spoken for and almost everyone who applied has a key in their hand - an updated key holder phone number list will be posted online in the near future. Ranger Marie has the updated key holder list, as well.

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Nothing new on the parking lot project thus far - will keep everyone posted when construction logistics get moved to the front burner.

Fly safe!
Fly far!
Fly Mission!

Diablo - Ben Dunn for Robert Moore

There have been some good flights and no known incidents. Ben plans to contact Robert to clarify the protocol for access to the "towers" launch.

Coyote Lake / Site Acquisition -Dave Egli

Dave is seeking a meeting with the head ranger regarding the site.

Old Business

Ben Dunn noted that Tom Low plans to present details of the airspace changes proposed by the FAA at the next meeting. Ben also noted that he and Don Herrick have been acting as webmasters, but a permanent webmaster is still needed. Mark Mullholland raised the subject of using a standard platform for webpages and recommended Benlo.com. Ben Dunn mentioned that WCBRIT.space has links to many flying and weather websites. Mt. Um will be open for hiking on Sept 17th and 18th. The Windy Hill Sky Riders club is to administer the flight for flying.

New Business

There will be an observer clinic on Saturday April 22nd. Details are on the WOR Bulletin Bd.
The McClure Coyote Howl is May 20-21st.
The WOR BBQ and fly-in is planned for April 29th and will include a spot landing contest.
Pedro Enrique noted that there will be a work party at Tollhouse on May 6th.
Pat Denevan announced an Instructor Clinic for May 5th-7th; contact Mission Soaring for details.

End of Meeting Minutes.

May 2017 Meeting Minutes

by [pc_airdawg](#) » Sun Jun 04, 2017 10:26 pm



Meeting Minutes, 16 May 2017

Entertainment

Dave Egli showed off his new High Energy cocoon harness.

Guest's / New Members

Dave - PG pilot; member for 10 years

Russell - PG pilot

Significant Flights

Dave Egli had 2 flights in his new harness

Russell did a Golden Eagle flight as did Mike Jefferson

A PG pilot reported soaring with a golden eagle (the bird, not the award)

Wayne Michelsen and Ben Dunn flew from Diablo to a point south of Patterson on 15

Nick Greese flew from McClellan to Winnemucca on his PG, 166 miles

President's Report - Ben Dunn

Ben met with ranger Brian Christensen, who is soon to be replaced as the head ranger at Ed Levin. Ben noted that the rangers at Ed Levin prefer to have a single point of contact in the club. People are still parking where they block the horse trail at Ed Levin. Ben may start giving tickets to the offenders. Chris Valley is retiring as Mission Chair; a replacement is needed. The club needs a newsletter editor. Ben will be at Dinosaur, CO at the time of the June meeting.

Vice President's Report - Patrick Pannese

Patrick wants to organize a spring competition, aerotowing from New Jerusalem on 6 weekends as weather permits.

Flight Director's Report - Dave Egli

The bylaws change to reduce the proficiency rating required to serve as flight director is still pending. There was a blown launch; tall grass was apparently a factor. There are several launches that need to be cleared. Wayne Michelsen noted that Fellow Feathers has a mower.

Treasurer's Report -Don Herrick

Balances decreased over the past month, due to payment of site fees and a road grading fee.

Membership Services Report -Don Herrick for Phyl Hamby

There are currently 317 paid members for 2017.

Ed Levin Site Report - Jesse Meyers

Don't park on the horse path or speed in the park. The road to the 600' launch is closed due to erosion. The county plans to grade it, but we don't know when. There may be a work party for the 600' road. The webcam is working again. A work party is scheduled for 11 June. This is to satisfy the volunteer hours required by the parks.

Mission Ridge Report - Chris Valley by e-mail

Chris is stepping down as site chair.

Diablo - Ben Dunn for Robert Moore

The site procedures are undergoing an update.

Coyote Lake / Site Acquisition -Dave Egli

Dave plans to meet with the park staff in a couple of weeks.

Old Business

Zack Majors is looking at sites north of Diablo.

An open day is planned at Mt Uhmunum for hiking, but not for flying.

New Business

Changes to the bylaws are planned, including a clause that allows a member to be voted out.

Tom Low gave a brief presentation about the proposed FAA airspace changes and the impact on Bay Area flying sites. The changes mostly affect Funston and the "dumps".

Mark Mullholland requested committee members for the Pleasanton Ridge site, which faces NE.

End of Meeting Minutes.

June 2017 Meeting Minutes



□ by [pc_airdawg](#) » Sat Jul 01, 2017 2:02 pm

Meeting Minutes, 20 June 2017

Guest's / New Members

There were only 3 members present, none of whom can be considered new in any sense of the term. This was deemed less than a quorum and no formal meeting was held.

Significant Flights

Mission and Diablo have been good and there have been a few XC flights. According to Larry Fleming, Dunlap and Tollhouse are open and there have been some good days.

President's Report - None

Ben Dunn was at Dinosaur.

Vice President's Report - None

Patrick was out of town. Come back, Patrick! We miss you, especially your e-mail meeting announcements!

Membership Services Report -Phyl Hamby

There are currently 337 paid members for 2017. Phyl showed the assembled multitude some examples of invalid waivers, with illegible names, parts of the waiver cut off due to the printer margins and ink colors other than blue or black, etc. One was submitted by a "Clem Kadidlehopper" as near as we could make it out. If you want your stickers, etc in a timely manner please make sure the waiver is filled out properly.

Secretary's Report - Paul Clayton

The May Minutes were posted in the Announcements section on the WOR website. Please contact me through the e-mail alias if you have any corrections.

End of Meeting Minutes.

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