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April, 2012 Meeting Minutes

New Members/Guests

None recognized

Great Flights

Mission was good last weekend and 2 weeks ago. Walter Whiteside got into some 800fpm thermals; it was only his second time at the site. Roy Spencer got to 4000' and flew for 2:45. Mark Mullholland flew with the PGs 2 weeks ago Sunday and skied out.

President: Paul Gazis

There are 2 insurance issues. The USHPA site insurance policy has been affected by an incident in which a spectator was injured at Chelan, by a glider that was picked up by a dust devil. Mission may be vulnerable due to spectators in flying areas. USHPA has sent a list of safety recommendations. Paul plans to contact BAPA to open a discussion about spectators and PGs in the LZ.

Also the Parks district has purchased a supplemental insurance policy for Mission and wants the club to pay for it. Additional parking lots are planned for Mission.

Vice President: None

Treasurer: Don Herrick

Income is exceeding expenses as renewals come in. The club's balances are stable.

Flight Director: None

Membership Services: Phyl Hamby

There are 282 paid members for 2012.

Ed Levin: Phyl Hamby

Phyl has done some mowing in the LZ. The path to the lower launches has been shifted away from the flight path from those launches. The direction indicated by the weather robot is not correct. Parts

for the robot are not available.

Mission Ridge: Roy Spencer

3 sites have been proposed for additional parking at Mission, designated A, B and C. "A" lot is planned for construction this year. One or more of the others are planned for construction in 2014.

Mount Diablo: Robert Moore (e-mail)

The Windtalker CPU is still with Litek for repairs. The report is that it seems likely the device can be repaired. Hopefully, we will get it back and installed, soon.

Coyote Lake: None

Old Business

None

New Business

Mark Mullholland proposed a training site at Mission, possibly in the "bowl" near the LZ and plans to approach the park officials with his plan.

Jim Woodward mentioned that commercial instruction is permitted at Mt. Tamalpais.

Colin Perry mentioned that he is unable to add new members to the WOR e-mail list on google groups.

Prizes were raffled.

End of Meeting Minutes

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May, 2012 Meeting Minutes

New Members/Guests

Jason Frankel & Katy; first meeting; flying for 2 years

Mike, flying for 2 years; flies a Falcon

Great Flights

Ben Dunn flew in Florida and Georgia and placed 5th in a competition.

Karl Allmandinger had a good flight at Ed Levin yesterday; he and Ben Dunn

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got to 4000'.

Steve Murphy caught a thermal at Hollister and got to 2900'.

Roy Spencer flew at the Coyote Howl.

President: Paul Gazis

Paul plans to fly Dunlap this weekend.

Vice President: Eric Hinrichs

Some grading has been done on the Ed Levin road.

Treasurer: Don Herrick

Expenses are roughly equal to income. The club's balances are stable.

Flight Director: Pat Denevan

The Marina Beach club has banned H2s; H3s and above are allowed to fly there. Funston has also restricted H2s from soaring the ridge; they are allowed to make sled rides to the beach only.

There was a tandem accident in Canada; the student was unhooked. A hook-in check within seconds of launch is a good way to avoid launching unhooked. Pat reported that he has seen several un-hooked launches. A hang check and hook-in check are different procedures.

Membership Services: None

Ed Levin: Paul Gazis

The road is undergoing some repairs. The windtalker is not working. A volunteer is needed to fix it.

Mission Ridge: Roy Spencer

The letter to EBRPD has been drafted by the executive committee. No response has been received to date. The demand for insurance payment came from the legal department. An executive committee conference call is planned to discuss the situation. Details of the parking lot plans are on ... *continued next page* ...

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May minutes continued...

EBRPD website. The web cam works.

A webmaster is needed. Roy, Eric Froelich, Patrick and Don Herrick will form a web committee.

Mount Diablo

The Windtalker CPU is expected back from Litek soon.

Coyote Lake: Jim Woodward

Site insurance is still an issue.

Old Business None

New Business

Pat Denevan plans to make a presentation on light wind launches at the June meeting, 7-7:30. A launch and landing clinic is planned for June 24th.

Ben Dunn noted that a tandem clinic is planned for June 8-10, to be led by Steve Rodrigues or Zack Majors.

Prizes were raffled.

End of Meeting Minutes

June, 2012 Meeting Minutes

New Members/Guests

Zack Majors; recently moved to the Bay Area; has been a member before.

Great Flights

Zack Majors showed a track log of his 190mile flight from Mt Diablo.

President: Paul Gazis

Insurance certificates from USHPA have been received. A risk assessment for WOR sites is needed.

Vice President: None

Treasurer: Don Herrick

Income exceeded expenses in the past month. The club's balances are stable.

Flight Director: Pat Denevan

There was an incident at Dunlap in which a pilot was turned into the hill south of the LZ while on the downwind leg of a landing approach. The pilot suffered broken ribs and a punctured lung, and

is expected to recover. The Dunlap LZ can be active even late in the day. The Dunlap valley was especially unstable and thermally that day. The pilot was flying low and slow and was about to turn onto base leg over the training hill when he encountered turbulence. He had flown the previous day, but prior to that had not flown in a year.

Membership Services: Phyl Hamby

There are 311 paid members.

Ed Levin: Phyl Hamby

The road has been repaired near the top launch. Stan Boehm has cut most of the weeds in the LZ with a scythe. Phyl has been talking to the rangers about moving the water troughs near the lower training launches to make it easier to launch.

The weather robot needs replacement. The phone line is also not working. A weather station made in Australia may be available as a replacement. Litek, the manufacturer of the existing weather station, has not responded to inquiries about repairing or replacing it. Wayne Michelson said he would contact Mark Grubbs about his research on available weather stations. The gate to the upper launches needs repair.

Mission Ridge: Roy Spencer

Information about the plans for additional parking lots has been removed from the Park's website. Several designs are currently under review. Estimated completion date of the parking lot project is 3rd quarter 2015. Roy plans to contact the project manager about our concerns regarding the impact on the LZ.

To date there has been no response from the EBRP to the WOR letter regarding the fee for additional insurance. Roy plans to procure some new windsocks.

Mount Diablo - None

Coyote Lake: None

Mt Umuhnum: Wayne Michelson et al

Flying is in the plans for the park. A final

environmental impact report has been written. Avian groups are concerned about the impact of soaring flight in the area. The report proposes that our flights be restricted to 1000' away from any nesting sites or soaring birds.

Old Business

Roy Spencer and Patrick are working on the website.

New Business

There is a Fly-in at Lakeview on July 4th. Also the King Mt and Chelan Butte meets are held later in the month.

Prizes were raffled.

End of Meeting Minutes

Editor's note

I got laid off past Thursday (likely the only way I get laid), just in time for the summer flying season. Y'all will likely be seeing me at the usual spots trying to hitch a ride or "borrow" a beer or get someone to assist me carrying my glider. So please be a good sport and help out us old guys, you might be one yourself one day....

Give me a call anytime you are headed out to fly for the day/weekend/week and I could quite possibly be inclined to join you for some good times.

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