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Photo : Clayton at Walts Point

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May 20th 2014 Meeting Minutes

Entertainment

Wayne Michelson gave an illustrated talk on flying in the Owens Valley, in preparation for the Memorial Day trip.

New Members and Guests

Bob Trumbly, back after a long absence

Great Flights

Tom had a great flight at McClure; flew to Horseshoe.

President: Paul Gazis

Nothing to report. Due to the time spent discussing the Owens Valley, the business meeting was kept brief.

Vice President: None

Treasurer: Don Herrick

Income exceeded expenses this past month.

Member Services Director: Phyl Hamby

There are 304 members for 2014.

Flight Director: Ben Dunn

Ben reminded pilots to do a hook-in check and thorough pre-flight. Pilots are out of practice, given that it's early in the season.

Ed Levin: Phyl Hamby

There were no accidents this month.

Mission: Chris Valley by e-mail

Epic flying two weekends ago

at Mission Ridge, the Bay Area's best flying site! Numerous pilots enjoyed the strong conditions and had a great time.

A reminder to keep an eye on your glider while breaking down near the parking lot break down area. Winds can be very switchy in this area. A glider was flipped on top of another causing significant sail damage to one of the gliders. This could have easily involved, and possibly injured, a hiker or other park user. So, be mindful of your glider while breaking down, keep an eye on the wind in this area. Your glider will thank you!

Diablo: no official report

Site Acquisition: Pat Denevan

Tom reported that the opening of the Coyote Lake flying site is almost complete. The county is paying the fee for the "airport" insurance. The USHPA policy needs to be put in force, as the club has let it lapse. A parking lot will need to be constructed/improved. A work party will be needed.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

END of Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes June 17th 2014

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Entertainment

Paul Clayton showed a video of a flight from Walts Point, in the Owens Valley, on Memorial Day.

New Members and Guests None

Great Flights

Colin Perry made his first flight on his new perrylider, a Schwing.

Chris Carrillo had a spectacular first flight at Glacier Point in Yosemite.

Ben Dunn flew Marina.

Eric Hinrichs had several flights on his new glider.

President: None Paul Gazis is out of town.

Vice President: Eric Hinrichs
Nothing significant to report.

Treasurer: Don Herrick
Income slightly exceeded expenses this past month. The club balances are stable.

Member Services Director: Phyl Hamby
There are 318 paid members for 2014. Phyl noted that the dues for new members goes down this month, to \$15 for the balance of 2014. Don Herrick noted that an online waiver system, such as the one used by USHPA, would save time and effort.

Ben Dunn mentioned that USHPA memberships can be verified by texting USHPA.

Don Herrick proposed establishing a Wi-Fi hotspot at Ed Levin. That would allow verification of USHPA memberships from the Ed Levin LZ.

Flight Director: Ben Dunn

A pilot walking to launch at Woodrat Oregon saw his nose bolt fall out of the glider. The nut apparently was loose or missing. It's important to do a thorough pre-flight inspection. There is also a new student at Ed Levin who needs extra supervision; the student launched un-hooked from the 150 launch. Pat Denevan stated that he won't teach this particular individual. Pat also mentioned the importance of a hook-in check, as he himself has launched unhooked.

Ed Levin: Phyl Hamby

Phyl noted that all club members are responsible for checking the stickers of pilots at WOR sites. Phyl and Don Herrick are investigating the possibility of a card entry system for the gates at Ed Levin. Work is being done on the road. A vehicle apparently hit a pile of rocks near one of the gates.

Phyl also mentioned that the middle gate on the road to the top is to be closed unless it is chained open.

Another project is installation of a porta potty near the top launch. It is to be surrounded by a fence with a locked gate so it can only be used by members. Phyl would like to pour a concrete pad to secure the porta potty.

The Windslammer is currently not working; Don Burns is working on a fix.

Mission: None

Diablo: None

Site Acquisition: Pat Denevan

Pat is discussing the entry gate and other details of the Coyote Lake site with Parks officials. The USHPA insurance policy for the site needs to be renewed. The Parks Dept apparently paid the premium for the "airport" insurance policy.

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