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July 2020 Meeting Minutes

Wings of Rogallo Monthly Meeting
2020-07-21

Meeting Notes

- President's address (Juan Laos)
- Stay safe, fly far, have fun!
- New website (Bob Posey)
- New host plan expiring
- E-waivers are working
- Feedback is appreciated
- Question from Susan Kent:
 - Waivers - do people need to re-sign waivers?
 - Not immediately, but eventually, it's ideal if everyone switches over to e-waivers
 - Julie Spiegler suggests sending out proactive comms about e-waivers.
 - Bob will do so once bugs are sorted out.
 - Treasurer's report (Ben Wedlock)
 - Storage locker cleaned out, saving \$800 year
 - Site Updates
 - Diablo - none
 - Ed Levin
 - Please carry a signed paper Santa Clara Parks waiver on your person for now.
 - Mission
 - Please make sure you land in the official LZS.
 - Question from Don Burns: Is the LZ2 location (top landing spot) negotiable?
 - Evan - Hopefully. Need to confirm this with Roy who can ask the park supervisor
 - Member benefit (Susan Kent)
 - Up to 50% discount at Columbia Store and upcoming 20% GEOS high risk SAR discount, both in coordination with BAPA
 - Bylaws (Evan Cohen)
 - Fully vetted through outside counsel

- To do our best to comply with the current bylaws, the approval process will be considered passed if $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total votes received are affirmative.
- Public comments have been received and considered
- Goal is to make the club more flexible and efficient
- Quick review of major changes, such a flexibility with membership dues (not expected), allowing for electronic voting and meetings, etc.
- Scheduling of bylaws vote: public comments through July 24
- Final draft of Bylaws published Jul 27th, open voting Aug 3rd, closing voting 1 or 2 weeks later. Exact schedule to be published and sent to members in another email within the next day or 2.
- Flight reports
 - Don Burns flew 66mi in the Owens
 - Q&A
 - Shobhit asks if instructors can teach yet?
 - Jesse Meyer says "hopefully Thursday or Friday this week.", but with some skepticism, since the parks have been saying this for the past month.
- END

Next Wings of Rogallo Meeting: August 18th 2020
7:30 PM with Zoom component emailed to members

Editorial August 2020

As the world surrounding the summer 2020 free-flight season swirls and breaks apart, a privileged few experience a serene simplicity in a realm much less noisy. Less noise is not no noise, but the pandemic and social upheavals have provided these pilots with consistent practice in filtering out noise to focus on one act. As with the air on any given day, change begets change and often in unexpected ways.

While the month has seen little change to the rate of mayhem and status of social and economic upheavals, free-flight is not immune. Though most flying sites are still being enjoyed, Ed Levin is still not allowing instruction. However, don't count on this same paragraph in the next Flightline, as instructors are finding hopeful paths to get students back up in the air.

Flying has been awesome for many pilots, but many have had to make tough choices due to funding pressures set in place by the pandemic. In the same moment, many people are making hay with no end in sight. Recommended interventions such as universal basic income face major cultural headwinds, but the privileged hay makers will buy products to replace those worn out and are wearing them out aplenty. Even the less fortunate will be forced to replace products that need it from extra pandemic use. Our life-line out of the 2020 recession will be those most

fortunate and the accelerated use of home goods due to the pandemic.

Those with the best footing to navigate the new world in pandemic would be high minded to donate to their valued local businesses as it may be the contribution that keeps them from disappearing. Imagine a not-to-distant future in which a majority of the businesses are gone and the remaining business have nearly monopoly control with terrible products and service. At the very least, the importance of minding one's self-needs cannot be overstated.

The Wings of Rogallo governance has been consistently pumping away doing to the work for the club. The website looks fantastic and fresh although expected to be somewhat buggy. The By-Laws are being thoughtfully reviewed for update. All indications point to good footing ahead for Wings of Rogallo.

Amid the noise of the world today there is an overabundance of information. As thermals move through the air, it is upset resulting in eddies all around and the balancing mass of sinking air somewhere nearby. Hard as it is with the air being clear to see where the sink is, so the same goes for the effects of the big changes in the social and economic realms, but anticipating and being alert for it is key to success.

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