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October 2020 Meeting Minutes

Wings of Rogallo Meeting Notes
2020-10-20

- [Juan] President's message
- [Ben] Treasurer's report
 - Nothing notable. Finances are in good shape.
- Site reports
 - [Soham] Ed Levin
 - Site procedures major revision
 - Work in progress. First draft is done. Thanks to all instructors and observers who provided feedback.
 - Ride sharing
 - Santa Clara Parks' COVID-19 protocols prohibit ride sharing except for between family members. There have been several pilots observed violating this rule, including pilots riding in the back of trucks (which is illegal).
 - Please adhere to these guidelines. Our special use permit is contingent upon following this, and violations put everyone's ability to fly at risk, not just those who are violating the rule.
 - Meeting has been requested with park staff to update COVID-19 restrictions and resume non-commercial instruction under WOR's permit. Park has been slow to respond, and we are currently fighting through bureaucracy.
 - [Steve] Mission
 - Meeting requested with park supervisor to update COVID-19 restrictions
 - [Bob] Electronic Sign-In for Mission
 - Beta testers wanted. Current procedures remain in place for now.
 - [Robert] Diablo
 - Athenian School LZ off limits until further notice.
 - Robert working on re-acquiring South launch near the summit.
 - Electronic sign-in may happen this year, similar to Mission.
 - Robert working on a plan to expand the site committee.
- [Evan] Bylaws correction
 - New Articles of Incorporation have been approved by the CA Secretary of State. Wording was copied directly into the bylaws Purpose section, for clarity.
 - One paragraph was accidentally omitted in the August bylaws revision related to Officer Removal.
 - Paragraph was re-added as 4.4. Removal of an officer: An officer may be removed from office for cause, such as violation of bylaws of WOR or for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of WOR. Such action shall require the affirmative vote of all the other officers. Notice of the removal of the officer must be communicated to members in a timely manner.
 - Officer vote was held to approve these corrections (not amendments) in the spirit of the previous large-scale revision. Vote passed.
- [Evan] Elections
 - USHPA elections are happening right now. Voting ends October 26.
 - 2 WOR members are running for board positions, Pamela Kinnaird, and Michael Vergalla.
 - WOR elections are coming up! Date has not been finalized, but per the bylaws, the election must happen in the last 2 months of the year
 - We need an Election Committee chairperson, and 1 other volunteer. Volunteers must not be current officers, and must not run for an officer position next year. Must be minimally tech savvy, be proficient in using Google Docs and Google Forms, know how to save images, etc.

- 2-3 hour's volunteer work is required for managing the election in ElectionBuddy, collecting nominations, responding to questions, and announcing results. Should be minimal effort, since the template from last year can be copied.
- Please reach out to Evan (secretary@wingsofrogallo.org) if you would like to volunteer.
 - Julie Spiegler volunteered - thanks Julie!
- If you are considering running for a board position, please reach out to any of the current officers for information about what the job is like.
- Tentative timeline: We will begin collecting nominations during the last week of October, voting to begin after the next WOR club meeting, results announced by end of November. Transition meeting will happen in early December. New board takes over January 1st.
- Juan (President, Susan (VP), and Bob (Safety Director) wish to step down. Other officers are undecided. All officers would welcome other volunteers to run for board positions.
- Other business
 - [Evan] Mussel Rock Cheetah webcam
 - Tristan Horn paid for and set up the webcam.
 - Please consider donating to the GoFundme that Rick Cavallaro set up to help recoup costs.
- Q&A
 - Berkeley HG club is eager to resume non-commercial instruction and wants to know the status?
 - Bob summarized the current issues with SCCPD (see Ed Levin section for details)
- Epic flight reports
 - Tristan had his longest flight 128km in Chelan. Got retrieve from policeman.

- Pam had her longest flight, 74km in Chelan
- Pam gave a short speech about her platform for running as a USHPA director.

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Next Wings of Rogallo Meeting: November 17th 2020
7:30 PM with Zoom component emailed to members

Editorial November 2020

Daylight Savings Time ends today, shifting the scarce sunlight toward the morning and away from the evening. Autumn is a time for harvest, traditionally, which can benefit free-flight as ground-bound pilots can empty their memory cards and post the bounty online, but for free-flight pilots, Autumn is the best time to sow seeds. The dark days of Winter are the best time to work for the free-flight community and Autumn is prime time to plan that work.

The year has been productive amidst steady headwinds. Wings of Rogallo governance has pushed hard for open sites, productive instruction and site improvement. Ed Levin's site procedures are being amended to remove barriers both COVID-19 related and not. Mission Peak, too, is still trying to loosen COVID-19 restrictions. Mission has an electronic sign in in beta testing and Diablo is expected to follow suit.

Wings of Rogallo has had a challenging year but ongoing improvements have been realized and are expected to payoff for years to come. The bylaws have been thoroughly reviewed and updated and the club is in good standing. The community owes this executive board many thanks and much appreciation.

In preparation for next year, seeds must be planted now if we are to reap their benefits in Spring 2021. COVID-19 lead times are months longer than normal, so make orders for gear now. Many in the Wings of Rogallo Executive Board are not running for

2021, so throw your name in the hat and/or convince your conscientious friend to toss theirs in. There are calls for at least 3 officers and expanded site committees.

Wings of Rogallo voting is expected to take place in November and possibly December, but tomorrow is the election that people all around the globe are watching. The election tomorrow is expected to bring the highest percentage of voters ever recorded, so please be on the right side of history and be one of those voters. The Wings of Rogallo vote for the 2020 year was the highest quantity of voters ever recorded for the club, and there is no good reason not to beat that record this year. Your positive participation in your community is important, appreciated and expected.

The free-flight community has had active participation this year. Tristan made a useful and well located webcam at Mussel Rock near Fort Funston and offered members of the community to contribute to the costs in a crowdfunding effort here:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/pacifica-webcam> .

Takeo's Siliconvalleysky Youtube has been producing and sharing content on freeflight featuring his own experiences and hosting his friends to share theirs.

In reflection of the 2020 free-flight year, look back at the seeds you planted in 2019 that made 2020 easier. Take stock of any bad blood, which boils easily and burns the entire community. Take this time of decreased sunlight and thermals to sow and heal.

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