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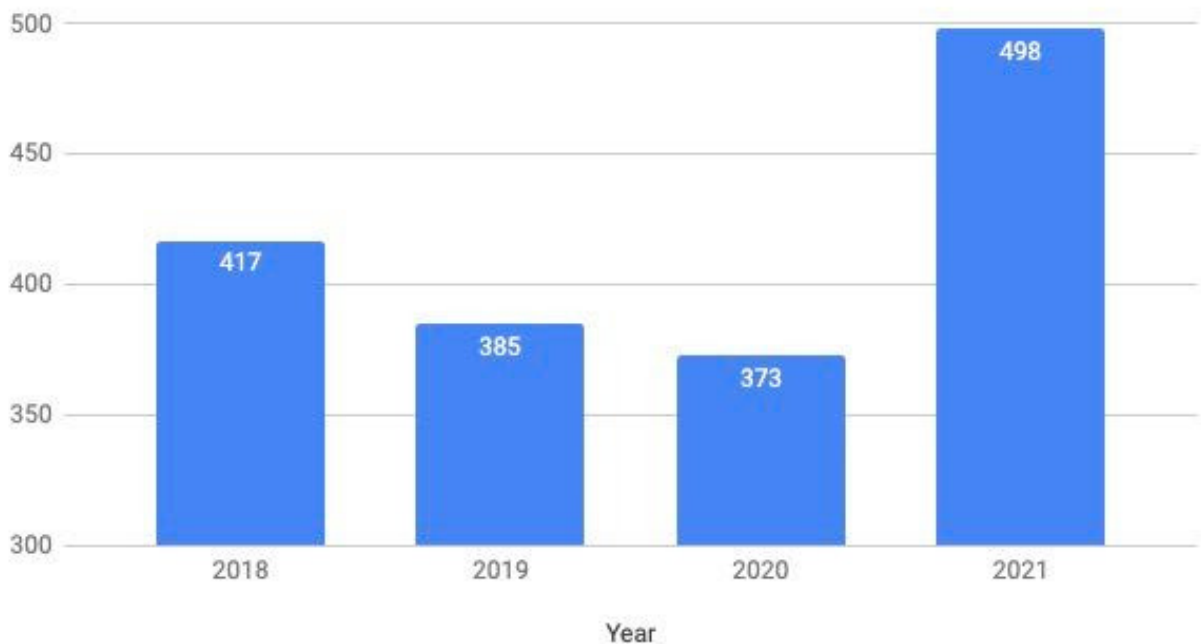
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Meeting Minutes

Wings of Rogallo Annual Meeting
2021-11-16

- [Ben] President's address
 - Lots of donations
 - Ed money
- [Tristan] Treasurer's report
 - Overall expenses are down this year, despite adding 2 sites.
 - Increased membership and donations (thanks!) primarily drove the balance sheet growth.
 - Eye toward future strategic investments in easements.
 - \$29,258 in the bank, +64% from 2020.
 - \$10,288 operating income, +264% from 2020.
- [Richard] Membership services director's report
 - 500 members

Number of WOR members



- [Evan] Election / nomination recap
 - Same board as 2020 minus Pam plus Chris
- [Dan] Upcoming safety clinic
 - Dec. 11 Brightworks SF
- Site reports
 - [Spencer] Ed Levin
 - Road fixed
 - [Steve] Mission
 - Special use agreement renewal with EBRPD
 - [Robert] Diablo
 - Special event permit for Diablo renewed
 - [Pam] Stables and Mori Point
 - Discussions with GGNRA
 - launch conditions

- site procedures
 - non-commercial tandem
 - HG access
- Upcoming work party
- [Ben] Coyote lake
 - Beginning discussions with Santa Clara Parks. Franco is reviving the efforts. No progress yet.
- [Evan] RRRG site renewals
 - Happening soon.
- Open Q&A
 - None

END

Editorial December 2021

Elections and the annual meeting occurred in November for Wings of Rogallo. Chris Pak will serve as Vice President for 2022 with all of the same members as 2021 in the other roles. Membership increased this year by over 30%, which some attribute to the pandemic and others to club improvements.

Weather in November was dry as forecast and free-flight activities occurred in the Bay Area as described below according to the Telegram and Whatsapp. December is forecast to be dry as well with meteorologists claiming that rain may come around the 2nd half as they expect the high-pressure system to allow the polar vortex.

Mission had some good days. There was a super day on the 6th with HG & PG doing well at 1:45 pm as well as the following day when Evan landed at Alum Rock and Enes Mentese made a triangle record in a D wing out to the Tesla NUMMI plant. People flew on the 10th but not much to write home about. Frank Stein received permission from EBRP allowing the club to install a weather station on to the existing windsock.

Ed Levin also had good days despite losing the road to the top. The 8th was a pre-frontal technical day with light and variable conditions favoring Southy pleasant cycles and few gusts while there was wind up high contributing to dynamic shear air allowing climbs in all direction up to the top for those working sunny faces and above the 600 in fast moving light small thermals for leap frogging in fast moving bubbles. Dave Oddy and Mike V. found that the lower launches worked decently well on the 13th around 1pm. Spencer acted fast and persistent affecting the quick repair of the road

taking place from the 17th to the 23rd. Huge thanks to Spencer and the park personnel who put the energy into addressing the road issue.

Diablo broke a long drought of free-flight in a very active day with many hang gliders, light cycles and long cold flights lasting upwards of 3 hours. Some pilots chose not to fly because the cycles were so light and the launches looked so intimidating as the hang gliders used every inch of air ensure safe launches. The landing zone also featured very light wind and safe flight.

Feedback from pilots at The Stables has been clear that the launch location features a depression behind a dune. In early November the club started the process of moving the launch to a more favorable location. It could be a nice place to take a break with a hang glider but is low priority compared to making the current launch location safer for the paragliders. The lower plateau containing both the current and future paragliding launch measures 160x1,000 feet which would work nicely for landing a hang glider and the launch would be safer than the Fort on days with any North component to the wind direction. GGNRA was open to the launch move and will be making a compliance project plan for a February time frame. Pam will organize work parties leading up to this to do some of the landscaping the GGNRA has approved.

There may not be much free-flight in December. The pandemic is still a concern with the emergence of Omicron and the ongoing supply issues. Fortunately, there are events like the free-flight specific first-aid clinic at Brightworks SF on the 11th and there may be fronts to work with. Surely the club members will make the best of the month and you'll read about it next year. Skydancer

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