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Meeting Minutes

Wings of Rogallo Meeting Notes

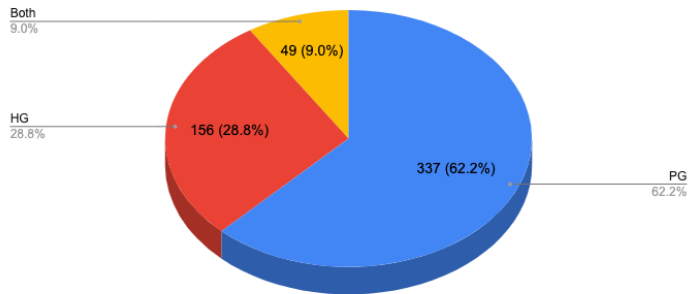
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- [Ben] President's address
 - Lake McClure is open to paragliding! P4 site only. Contact WOR board for information and contacts.
 - Mori Point will be uninsured beginning next year in March of 2023. Details later in the meeting
- [Tristan] Treasurer's report
 - New fiscal year: Oct 1 to Sep 30.
 - \$38,241 in the bank, +34% from 2021.
 - \$9,864 operating income, -12% from 2021.
 - Expenses up due to: The Stables & Mori Point permit fees, Ed Levin lawn mower purchase, FFFA workshop
 - Expect big increase in insurance fees in 2023.
- [Richard] Membership services report

Number of members by wing type:

- HG: 156 (28.8%)
- PG: 337 (62.2%)
- Both: 49 (9%)

2022 Count of Wing type (Active members as of Nov 13, 2022)



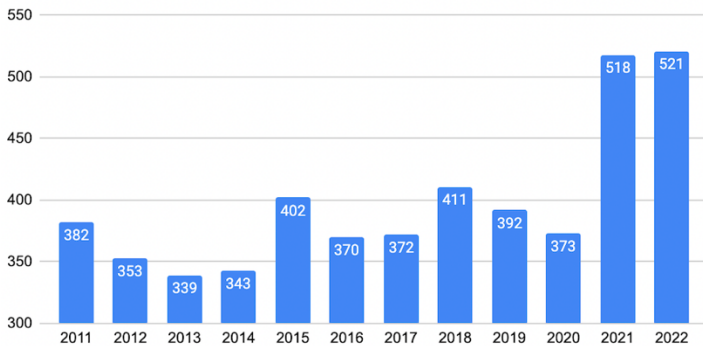
HG ratings of members:

- H4: 90 (51.1%)
- H3: 50 (28.4%)
- H2: 23 (13.1%)
- H5: 7 (4%)
- H1: 6 (3.4%)

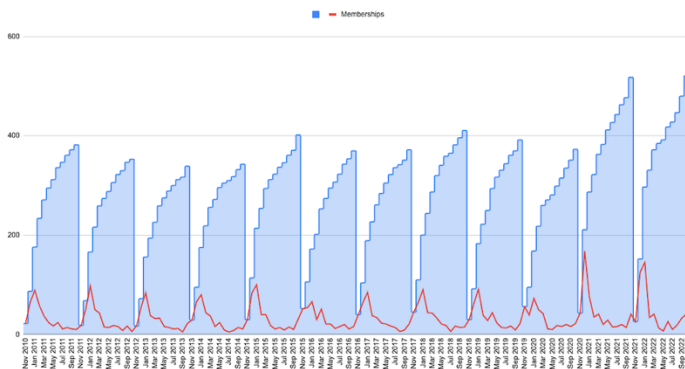
PG ratings of members:

- P2: 154 (39.9%)
- P4: 139 (36%)
- P3: 86 (22.3%)
- P5: 5 (1.3%)
- P1: 2 (0.5%)

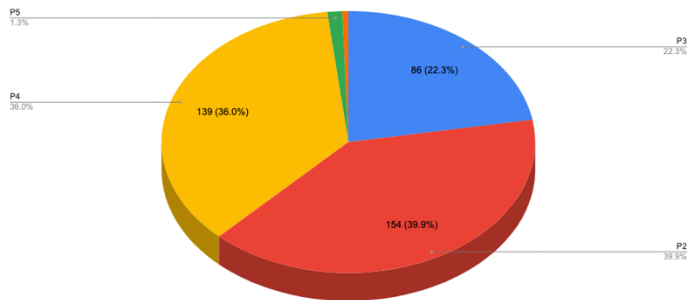
Number of WOR members



Memberships by month



PG rating type



- [Dan] Safety Coordinator
 - Reminder to pilots to avoid restricted airspace when flying XC from our sites. Airspaces to be careful of:
 - RHV - Class D
 - SJC - Class C
- [Evan] Election / nomination
 - Voting begins tomorrow. Membership Services Director is the only contested

position, between Richard Sibley (incumbent) and Jennifer Lauritzen. This is the only position that will appear on the ballot.

- All other officers were shoo-ins for their respective positions, as there was only a single applicant for each position.
- Thank you, Isaiah Clapp, for your service as Communications Director, and welcome aboard Ella Gambel!
- Julie - Election Administrator
- [Ben] Mori point update
 - Insurance costs are drastically increasing next year, and Mori Point is only flown 2 or 3 times per year.
 - Board vote results and decision: Abandon Mori Point after the next insurance renewal?
 - Yea - 6
 - Nay - 1
 - Decision: We will not renew our insurance for Mori point in March, 2023. Our permit with the GGNRA extends into 2024, so we have the option to reinsure the site if anything changes.
- Site reports
 - [Ella] Ed Levin
 - New Ed Levin Chair starting today: Clemence Lepold
 - SCCPD electronic waivers are now hosted on the club website.
 - [Steve] Mission
 - A big Thank You! to our Mission Site Committee + Intro Teams for sponsoring an extended set of pilots to access the Mission Site
 - The park has granted us permission to install a webcam and weather station atop the windsock. We need volunteers to select, procure, and install the equipment. It must be battery and solar powered as there is no power available.
 - Lease agreement between City of Fremont and EBRPD under review right now. No significant changes for us if the current version passes, which is good news for us.
- Gate locks will be changed by end of November (transparent to keyholders)
- [Robert] Diablo
 - Special event permit for Diablo renewed for another year.
 - Robert is working on running another clinic at Diablo in the new year.
 - After years of negotiations, the new South Launch is officially open! Details will soon be posted on the club website.
 - E-sign-in is a work in progress
- [Ben in lieu of Morgan] Stables
 - No updates
- [Evan and/or Tom] Windy Hill
 - Merger / acquisition completed this year.
- New site exploration
 - [Evan] Coyote Lake
 - It's dead. The initiative has been derailed by an uncooperative senior park ranger.
 - [Ben] Vista View (Sunol Valley)
 - Unlikely, but work in progress for a revised proposal to be reviewed by EBRPD
- Q&A
 - None

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Election

Running for Member Services Director:

Jennifer Lauritzen



Over the past four years I have had the opportunity to meet and become friends with many of you through this incredible sport. I fell in love with free flight in 2018 when my feet left the ground for the first time at the Ed Levin training hill. Since then, I have pursued every opportunity to fly, including XC, hike & fly, acrobatics, and coastal soaring, and I am just waiting for the right opportunity to get out for some vol-biv adventures. I am running for the honor to represent you as Membership Services Director, responsible for reviewing applications for membership, managing issues related to waivers, and reporting on membership issues. Over the past few years, the WOR Board has made some great improvements such as consolidating more sites under WOR membership, expanding access to Mission, and improvements to our website. I am passionate about protecting our existing sites and expanding site access, promoting a welcoming and inclusive club for all members and visiting pilots, and creating sustainable support for new pilots as they seek to

gain knowledge and experience. I see these as important priorities for our flying community, and I am already engaged in these efforts. For example; • I attended the Mother Lode Sky Riders club meeting to answer questions and offer my support to approve paragliding at the Lake McClure site. It is exciting to see that this is in progress. • Diversity in all its forms is important. I am actively engaged in our Bay Area Women Pilots group to facilitate conversations around the unique issues women face in this sport. I recognize how important it is to have a female perspective within the board conversations and decision making. Additionally, our membership has incredible diversity in wing type (HG/PG), flying style, experience, and personal backgrounds and as member services director I will make sure each of your voices is heard and considered in our discussions. • Ben Wedlock has established a new pilot support program through the creation of the Mountain Newbs chat group and the new pilot meet-ups he started a few years ago. I was one of his first attendees and I found that having this additional mentorship and opportunity to build new friendships in the community was an important part of my progression as a pilot. To pay it forward I have stepped in to help him administrate the Mountain Newbs chat and host a new pilot meet-up at my house. As Membership Services Director, my passion for the people of this sport and a desire to ensure we have a welcoming and supportive community will be at the core of my work. In terms of my 'technical' qualifications and skills, in my professional life, I am an Operation's Manager at a commercial construction company where I oversee our Bay Area Healthcare construction operations with over 100 employees. I lead teams and ensure they have the support and resources they need. It is all about the people and it is this that I will bring to my role on the board. I look forward to serving you.

Election

Running for Member Services Director:

Richard Sibley



I've been the WOR membership services director for a couple years and would like to continue to serve on the board. I think I have a unique perspective that I can offer since I have many years of experience hang gliding (12 years) as well as paragliding (7 years). In addition, I have my speedflying rating, am a USHPA observer and I am the only active Tandem Hang gliding instructor in the area. It would be my pleasure to continue working with the other wonderful WOR board directors!

Editorial December 2022

November had many good days for free-flight at Wings of Rogallo sites and business took place as usual for end-of-year items like elections and the annual meeting. The first day of the month brought the first serious rain to the Bay Area for the season. Mission and Ed Levin got all the love in November resulting in very packed days but the more the merrier according to all reports.

The first half of the month was wildly successful for Mission Peak. 11/3 had a scrappy paraglider flight in leeside thermals. 11/4 had a great turnout with 30 min extended sleds. 11/5 hosted some hike and fly. 11/6 was a big Mission day with strong wind and lots of paragliders and hang gliders. 11/9 was paraglider-launchable but strong. 11/12 had some good flying with some cross country to Evergreen with a report of 'Mission Magic at 4:30 PM and 20 of each paragliders and hang gliders. 11/13 was another nice Mission day. 11/14 Mission paid off on the back launch with a climb to 2,283 feet MSL. 11/26 had more backside launches at Mission.

Ed Levin is another site that shines bright in the cold rainy days of the Winter. 11/7 a paraglider made it up from 600 and reported it was colder and not as smooth as the day before, and that the 600 was barely blowing in but the air was breezy up higher. There were nice organized cumulous clouds. 11/12 was a flying day. 11/13 was a fun day at the 600 with kooky cycles, dust devils and the

windsock doing 360s and aiming straight up at times. 11/18 gliders were spotted in LZ. 11/19 Ed Levin was working but Mission wasn't due to East winds. 11/24 was a fun day at Ed Levin with extended sleds over the 1,200 foot launch. 11/25 was a buoyant day with paragliders and hang gliders, a scorpion spotted at the 300, mostly sleds and one top landing. 11/26 was a good day at Ed Levin with backside launch but not long flights. 11/27 was another over the back day but a 10 minute cycle up the front for allowed two hang gliders to take advantage. 11/30 was good wind for many hang glider pilots with four making it to the Peak at Calaveras Lake.

On the administrative side of things, Ed Levin has a new Site Chair, Clemence Lepold. Be sure to leave Ed Levin by 1 hour before sunset. These days that is about 4:00 PM.

Elections took place in November and the results of the one position with competition is expected the first minute of December. That position is Member Services Director with Richard Sibley and Jennifer Lauritzen vying for the role.

Your editor did not expect much flying to report on in November but was pleasantly surprised. There may be similar weather in December that offers more days of good extended sled runs. On behalf of all members, thanks for participating in the air and on the ground!

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