**Minutes of LLSC AGM**

**11th March 2014**

Present

Alistair Bowman

David Thomson

Nicky Atkinson

Przemek Marek

Alistair Tytler

Mike Jardine

Adrian How

Madhi Katapeh

Gavin Stuart

Angus Pinkerton

Ian Kennedy

1. Minutes of 2013 AGM

Minutes retrieved from Sergey as no secretary last year

Minutes summarised in brief by Alistair B

Minutes approved

2. Tinto fence repair

Committee have agreed to pay when funds permit, or committee think it best, for fence repairs requested by the Galloways. This is to avoid any future issues and keep goodwill with the Galloways.

Alistair B mentioned cunning plan to finance repairs (see section 6).

3. Treasurer’s report

In 2012 we made approx a £400 loss

In 2013 we turned a profit of approx £400 – this includes one-off income such as opening the Tinto box (£200) and selling T-shirts (£50).

This is clearly good news!

The increased income results directly from the concerted efforts to recruit new members, including newly qualified CPs and experienced individuals who tend not to join any club. We had 80 members in 2013 compared to 67 in 2012.

Accounts were approved.

The question of sponsorship was raised, and it was pointed out that we receive a discount for insurance from AIB (Airsports Insurance Bureau) in return for having their banner on our website.

4. Sites Report

Apologies for non-attendance by Seb

No specific report, but acknowledged that Seb has updated information board at Tinto.

5. Safety report

Apologies from Brendan, who sent a report, summarised as follows:

- One serious injury this year – a HG tow launch gone wrong. The individual made a good recovery and is flying again.

- No minor injuries

-Equipment problems – some were reported but none caused accidents. Could have been avoided by servicing/better pre-flight checks

-Brummel hooks – suggested that to improve safety these could be replaced by maillons

-Several members are planning to do a pilotage course this year

-Lack of reported incidents in club is heartening. This is put down to good airmanship and communication within club, a continued focus on safety, and a bit of luck.

6. Chairman’s report

Not many committee meetings were held this year (Alistair’s style of leadership)

Alistair looking at forestry possibilities on our land to raise extra cash. This is currently being investigated, with a report expected in the next couple of months. Forestry may take the form of thinning or felling completely, depending on profitability. Problems include the steepness of the land and access.

7. PG Coach Report

Things going well.

New Pilots Group active and well-attended.

- 2 days on hill

- attendance 12-15 at meetings

Mentoring also going well, with several partnerships set up.

Pilot rating day going ahead shortly.

8. HG Coach report

Nothing to report

9. Website

Praise for new website

10-20 hits/week

Main club communication is still through google groups forum.

10. Questionnaire results

Not much response.

People who did fill it in were keen to have events within the club like X-tinto, mini competitions, etc, but didn’t want to be involved in organising.

Acknowledged that this is a recurring theme – lack of positive responses means often good ideas don’t get carried through.

11. Committee posts

The posts were filled as follows:

Secretary – Nicky

PG- Coach – David

HG Coach – was reported that Sergey reluctant to continue in this role. It was suggested to ask Steve Brown. David to do this.

Sites officer – Alistair B

Safety officer – Przemek

Website – Przemek

PPG – Bruce Barrack

SHPF liaison – David

Treasurer – Ian Kennedy

Chairman – Alistair

12. Any other business

- Could there be an alternative reserve repack day for people who couldn’t make it to Ratho? Agreed that this would be a good idea.

-X-Tinto competition. Mike offered to help organise.

13. Prizegiving

Longest flight (distance shield) - Tony Spirling

Tinto BBQ longest flight – Kenny Cooper

Chairman’s trophy – Przemek (for doing website, accident response and general enthusiasm)

Close of meeting