

DIRECTOR'S MEETING

A director's meeting of the Hang Gliding Association of Canada was held at 946 Cloverly St., North Vancouver, B.C. July 13th, 1976. In attendance were; Colin Lambe and Don Arney for the HGABC and Willi Muller for the AHGA.

The new officers for 1976/1977 elected are:

Colin Lambe - President

Don Arney - Vice President

Willi Muller - Sec/Treasurer.

Business Conducted was as follows:

Coaching:

In the cause of efficiency, it was decided to have the Instructor Certification Clinics run by the provincial association, approved by the requirement standards of the HGAC, by the Board of Directors of the HGAC and run by certified senior instructors. It was also decided that the provincially run clinics should be amalgamated by the respective provincial coaching development program.

Logo Contest:

The entry of Donald Miller of Prince George, B.C. was selected as the official logo of the HGAC. A total of 19 entries were received in the contest. Our thanks to all who entered.

CIVL Meeting Sept. 14, 1976 in Kossen, Austria:

Willi Muller will be the official representative at this meeting for the HGAC.

THE 1977 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The HGAC would like members to write in suggestions regarding how to choose the Canadian Representatives to the 1977 World Championships.

The 1976 representatives were chosen on past competition experience, however this course was due to the short notice. The complete team had to be submitted to WOK headquarters in Austria, with fees, by June 15th. 1976 and as the HGAC was notified less than two months prior to this date, it did not leave much time.

Now is the time to think about next year. If you feel that competitions should be held throughout the country, let us know. However, remember, somebody has to be prepared to run these competitions in a responsible manner. Some provincial organizations feel that they should not be concerned with meets; however, maybe their members would like the opportunity to represent Canada. For this, competition experience is necessary. It is one thing to attend a fly-in with no pressure involved; however, one thing is certain, at the world Championships, there will be a lot of pressure.

Canada should be able to send the best available representative to the World Championships each year. It is up to you to help the HGAC decide how this should be done. Please submit all suggestions to:

The Hang Gliding Association of Canada <SNIP>

GLIDERSPORTS RESIGNATION

Willi Muller resigned as national director of Canada for Glidersports International as of July 21, 1976. See the mailbox for more details.

Hang Gliding Association of Canada Directors Meeting Dec 10-11 1977 Winnipeg MB. Source: January 1978 Kingpost.

Directors Present:

Pierre Verot - Quebec

Neil Perks - Quebec

John Farnan - Ontario

Zig Vitolis - Ontario

Willi Muller - Alberta

Cliff Kakish - Alberta

John Cambruzzi - B.C.

Observers:

Willi Mair- Quebec

Dean Kupchanko - B.C.

Ian Umbach - M.O.T.

This meeting was organized by John Cambruzzi, President HGAC, as was the first full meeting of the HGAC. The Directors met from 9AM to 5PM on both days, with informal discussions going on into the evening. This meeting produced five pages of written motions, which Willi Muller, Sec/Tres HGAC, was supposed to send me.

Unfortunately the minutes of this meeting haven't arrived yet due to the Christmas mail foul-up. The following then are the highlights of what took place over the two days. There was a lot of cooperation at this meeting and everyone concerned left with a feeling of solidarity and of having accomplished something.

BY-LAWS:

By-laws governing the affairs of the HGAC was presented by John Cambruzzi and accepted with amendments.

NATIONAL MAGAZINE:

Zig Vitolis was directed to look into producing the national magazine to be distributed to Provincial Association members.

COMPETITIONS:

The competition format as outlined in this newsletter was accepted and will be put into effect starting this year. The date for the Canadian Nationals was set for the Labour Day Weekend in September. The only tender received to date is from Invermere.

RATING SYSTEM:

Was accepted as is. Dean Kupchanko is to have exams ready for the new year.

INSURANCE REPORT:

Cliff Kakish is now negotiating for a lower fee for the insurance, for sometime in July/78. In future all provinces will combine membership and insurance fees / expiry dates.

MOTORIZED HANG GLIDER REPORT:

Don Arney's report was accepted as a provisory guide to motorized flight. John Cambuzzi is the new Motorized Glider Committee chairman.

INSTRUCTORS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dean Kupchanko's report was accepted subject to revision of certain items. A provisional budget was approved for crests, badges, etc. In B.C. all future certified instructors courses will be conducted by the HGAC Instructors Committee, headed by Dean Kupchanko.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:

Terry Jones's report was accepted. As of June 31/78, all hang gliders manufactured in Canada must meet HMA specifications. As of January 1/79 all gliders competing in HGAC or HGABC sanctioned meets must be certified to current HMA specifications.

TRANSPORT CANADA PROPOSALS:

Mr. Ian Umbach presented the Directors with five pages of proposed regulations for the sport of Hang Gliding. The Directors accepted some and amended others and some were rejected. Mr. Umbach will be consulting with the HGAC prior to finalizing these regulations.

COMMITTEES:

There were about a dozen committees struck which encompassed all the areas of concern in hang gliding. Readers will have to wait until I get a copy of this meeting before I publish who's in charge of what.

ELECTIONS:

John Cambuzzi - President
Pierre Verot - Vice President
Willi Muller - Secretary/Treasurer.

COMPETITION FORMAT

The following Competition Format was put forth at the Dec HGAC directors meeting in an effort to standardize competition throughout Canada. The purpose of this Format is to be better able to define who our top competitors are in each of the provinces and in Canada. In this manner, it will be a lot simpler to pick a Canadian Team to compete at the next World Championships. A more organized approach towards competitions will also help us to receive government grants to pay for competitions, and travel expenses for competitors in national or international competitions.

REGIONAL MEETS

- sponsored by local clubs or groups of flyers within a Provincial Association
- minimum of 25 competitors.
- meet is to be sanctioned by the Provincial Association (HGABC)
- to be held between Jan 1st of each year and before the date of the Provincial Championships.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- To be held at least two weeks before the date of the National Championships.
- Maximum of 100 competitors - Site to be determined by Provincial Assoc., (HGABC)
- 50% of competition spaces to be assigned according to pilot's competition record for the year, remainder to be decided by a fly-off the day before the actual competition begins.
- Provincial team to be selected after completion of Provincial Championships based on competition record (Provincial winner automatically on team.)

CANADIAN NATIONALS

- To be held on date selected by the HGAC - Site to be selected by HGAC
- 50% of competition spaces to be assigned according to pilot's competition record for the year, remainder to be decided by a fly-off
- Canadian Team to be selected after completion of the Nationals based on competition record. (winner of nationals automatically is part of Canadian Team.)

POINTS

- Points will be assigned to pilots competing in Provincially sanctioned meets only
- Regional Meets: 5 points for 1st place, 4 for 2nd, 1 for 3rd.
Provincial Meets: 7 points for 1st place, 5 for 2nd, 3 for 3rd.
National Meets: 10 points for 1st place, 7 for 2nd, 5 for 3rd.

COMPETITION RECORD

- Based on a pilots total points for his three best meets

SANCTIONED MEETS:

The meet organizer must apply to the HGAC for approval of his competition at least two months before the date of the competition. No definite regulations exist at present. For the moment the following points are essential.

1. All competitors must be members of the HGAC (based on province of residence)
2. Meet must be covered by insurance.
3. First aid and or ambulance must be available for launch and landing sites.
4. All competitors must have insurance and a level 3 rating.
5. Basic hang gliding safety procedures regarding equipment and weather.
6. Other requirements as determined at a later date.

HGAC Directors Meeting July 1976.

Source: August 1976 Kingpost.

HISTORICAL ANECDOTES

The first insurance policy available to pilots in Canada was obtained through Glidersports International of Portland Oregon. Willi Muller was our insurance Officer during this time until his resignation July 21st 1976. Source: August 1976 Kingpost.

The HPAC's first insurance policy was negotiated by Cliff Kakish May 3'd 1977. Source: May 1977 Kingpost.

Ratings exams. The first level 1 rating exam was January 1978, thanks to Dean Kupchanko. Source Jan 1978 Kingpost.

Articles

How to build a windsock, by Bill Coughlin June 1977 Kingpost.

BCHGA AGM - First Regional Directors area chosen.

Source: August 1977 Kingpost.