

2019 Qu'Appelle Valley Hang Gliding / Paragliding Site Protocol Qu'Appelle Valley, SK (Crooked Lake Area)

April 15, 2019

TO: All Hang Gliding and Paragliding pilots who intend on flying sites in the Crooked Lake area of the Qu'Appelle Valley.

As a result of the positive relationships that we have continued to maintain with the landowners in the Crooked Lake area of the Qu'Appelle Valley during the 2018 flying season, the Qu'Appelle Valley Site Contact has successfully negotiated access to the sites that we fly in the Qu'Appelle Valley for the 2019 flying season.

The privilege of our continued access to these sites depends entirely on the conduct of the flying community. We must strictly adhere to the rules requested / established by the landowners and agreed to by the Site Contacts.

All hang gliding and paragliding sites in the Crooked Lake area of the Qu'Appelle Valley are regulated by the following protocol.

- **ALL pilots must have a valid HPAC membership card in their possession.** If you don't have your card – DO NOT GO. The landowners have indicated that they will be checking all pilots for proof of current HPAC membership cards. The landowners have also stated that if any pilots are found on their land without a current membership card in their possession, **everyone** will lose the privilege of using their lands.
- **ALL pilots must** phone the Site Contact a minimum of **48 hours** before leaving for any of the hang gliding sites in the Crooked Lake area of the Qu'Appelle Valley. The Site Contact only (as requested by the landowners) will then notify the landowners that pilots plan to use their land. Contact from one person per group is acceptable.
- **ALL pilots must** phone the Site Contact person within 24 hours of leaving the Crooked Lake area of the Qu'Appelle Valley with the following information:
 - Sites flown
 - Time that they left the site
 - Any unusual or helpful information for the Site Contact people.
 - Damage done to any crop, fence, structure or field.The Site Contact will then inform the landowners of the details of the sites accessed.
- These arrangements have been made for **recreational hang gliding only**. There will be no commercial (teaching) operations from these sites.
- All pilots must comply with the “**Hang Gliding and Paragliding Site Rules of Conduct**” of the *Manitoba Hang Gliding Association* (MHGA). See attached Appendix 1.

This is a one-year agreement. Violation of any of the above-mentioned items will result in the loss of the flying sites.

Qu'Appelle Valley Hang Gliding and Paragliding Site Status as of April 15, 2019:

Flegel's - Site use agreement in place.

West Indian Point - Site use agreement in place.

Hazel's Place (Previously owned by Steinigers) - Site use agreement in place.

The Hyde - Site use agreement in place.

Jubilee - Site use agreement in place.

For additional information on infrequently used sites, please call the 2019 Qu'Appelle Valley Site Contact (listed below).

Please Remember:

- The hang gliding/paragliding community is the most visible group in the valley. Therefore, when we have been seen near a site, any damage done to / around a site by other parties may be blamed on us. Please do your part to improve the good will.
- Some of these lands are rented and leased to other parties, so please be mindful of others who may have concerns with your presence.

2019 Site Usage Fee Schedule

After a review of the 2018 operating costs the following fee structure will be applied for the 2019 - flying season:

To simplify and stream line the site fee management and administration, we are moving to an annual fee structure. We will be collecting a **\$60 annual site usage fee**. This site usage fee will entitle the pilot to fly all season for one fee as opposed to our old system where the pilots paid for number of weekends flown.

Please call Rick for the current mailing address to send the site use fees to. Also please insure that you include a signed copy of the "Acknowledgment Statement" below with your site fees.

General Info

The *Sakimay First Nation* and other landowners have been very generous in their agreement to continue to allow HPAC insured pilots to fly on their lands. **It is our hope that, by having all pilots follow the agreement protocol, we may be allowed the privilege of a similar agreement next year.**

If any problems/concerns arise, please call the Site Contact so that the situation can be resolved as soon as possible.

All pilots sending in their Qu'Appelle Valley 2019 site user fee must also sign and send in the "Qu'Appelle Valley Site Protocol - Acknowledgement Statement" with their cheque:

2019 Qu'Appelle Valley Site Protocol - Acknowledgment Statement

I have read and will abide by the 2019 Qu'Appelle Valley Site Protocol - (Crooked Lake Area)

I _____ Print name,

_____ Sign name

Dated _____ 2019.

Address _____

City _____

Province _____ Postal Code _____

HPAC membership # _____

Expiry date _____

Email address _____

We thank all pilots in advance for their cooperation

2019 Qu'Appelle Valley Site Contact

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(Calls between 9:00 am to 9:00 pm only please)

Appendix 1

Hang Gliding and Paragliding Site Rules of Conduct

- Carry your insurance and membership cards at all times while on site.
- Remember that the use of any flying site is a privilege, not a right.
- Ensure that permission has been granted for a launch or a landing zone before using each site. Keep off fields unless you have permission. If denied access to a site, do not fly it, even if it is the only one suitable. Do something else (swim, hike, golf...) until the conditions change and another site is usable.
- Always leave gates the way you found them, open or closed. Do not remove locks.
- The valley slopes are crown land, and it may be illegal to drive on them, since this starts erosion.
- Don't drive through crop or seeded fields. Don't make serious ruts in gravel or dirt roads, trails or fields.
- No using illegal or non-prescription drugs, including alcohol.
- No speeding on local highways, and drive carefully when passing the beach resort areas. Many pedestrians cross, walk or bike along the highways in the valley. Drive considerately; you are easily identifiable with a hang glider on your vehicle.
- Drive slowly on gravel roads, so as to keep the dust from annoying the local residents. Also drive slowly on winding or hilly roads to avoid collisions with slow-moving farm implements and other motorists.
- Please park your vehicles with consideration to other road users and landowners, well off to the side or on an approach, at launch or the landing zones.
- Do not park in dry grass or stubble that will contact your vehicle's exhaust system. This can easily start a fire.
- Do not land in standing crop. If you have to land (emergency) in a cropped field insure that you inform the site contact person, so that they can on your behalf inform and offer the landowner compensation for crop damage
- Do not litter, not even cigarette butts. If there is litter at a site please pick it up and dispose of it properly later. Although MHGA members may not have created the mess, we are highly visible and might be held responsible for it anyway.
- Owners don't like it when their livestock are scared. Avoid flying over them, and don't scream at them. Don't land near livestock, especially horses. Keep all pets on a leash and under control at all times. Do not take them into a field with livestock.
- Be courteous to any spectators and answer their questions politely.