

THE HANG GLIDING ASSOCIATION OF CANADA DIRECTORS MEETING

The following is a condensation of the minutes of the Hang Gliding Association of Canada Directors Meeting held August 25 & 26, 1980 at Mt. St. Pierre, Quebec. The meeting was chaired by Peter Napper of the HGABC. Representatives from B.C, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec and Newfoundland were present.

Certification

Motion (presented and carried):

That all Hang Gliders competing in National or Provincial competition be HGAC/HGMA certified.

Gliders not certified under HGMA supervision must provide the HGAC certification committee with documentation of the completion of equivalent standards for approval. Documentation is to be sent to the HGAC certification committee, with the committee notifying the HGAC within 30 days of receiving documentation of its decision. The approval by three members of the committee will constitute committee approval. The HGAC will then immediately notify the manufacturer. Documentation and the related committee decision will remain on file for reference by HGAC members.

All major hang gliding manufacturers outside of North America and all major Canadian distributors are to be notified of HGAC policy by double registered mail. All provincial associations are requested to publish the HGAC certification policy in their newsletter. The HGAC newsletter will also publish the certification policy in the next issue. A repeat will be done in the Spring of 1980 (March.) A list of certified gliders will be compiled by the certification committee and published in the HGAC newsletter by March, 1981.

The HGAC Certification committee is to consist of 4 members appointed by the HGAC. The current committee is: John Farnan, Ontario (Chairperson); Stewart Midwinter, Alberta, Larry Croome, B.C.; Gil Bourhis, Quebec.

Prototype Rule: For a "Prototype" glider to fly in a sanctioned Meet, the owner should meet the following criteria:

- Be a member of the HGAC.
- The glider must be flown by a factory test pilot.
- No more than three gliders of that design built.
- Provide load testing, pitch testing and structural documentation to a certification committee member (a copy of this information must be filed with the HGAC by that Certification Committee Member).

Instruction

All certified instructors must register all students, regardless of program as "Associate" members of their respective provincial association. The instructor must forward the \$10.00 membership fee for each student, as well as the name, address and phone number of each student. The Associate membership will be for one year. Instructors not complying with provincial and national policy will be subject to possible suspension of instruction and competition privileges. A new instructors manual will be ready by March, 1981. A list of all certified instructors will be printed in the HGAC bulletin, on a provincial basis-including name, address and phone number.

Instructors Committee: Pat Boychuk, Manitoba; Larry Croome, B.C.; Cliff Kakish, Alberta; Michael Robertson (Chairperson), Ontario; Michel Tremblay, Quebec.

Competition

Don Miller resigned as Competition Chairman. A vote of thanks from representatives was carried. Andrew Barber-Starkey will take over as competition chairperson.

The 1981 Canadian Nationals will be held at Sicamous, B.C. during August and will be co-hosted by B.C. and Alberta. Each Province can send up to 10 pilots. The Meet Director can fill the spots not filled by some provinces. The National Champion will have a five year exemption in qualifying for the Nationals. Total number of pilots to be 60. Pilots must have insurance and rating (logbook) available for inspection by Meet Director.

1980 American Cup Team: If no Quebec or Ontario pilot qualifies through the formula determining the 6 man team for the American Cup, every consideration to be made to include a Quebec or Ontario pilot as one of the two alternative team members. Each province to pay a percent of a \$250.00 honorarium based on the provincial representation of the team, to the team manager. The Team Manager to be selected by the team pilots, by vote, from a list of volunteers.

1981 World Championships - Japan: The American Cup Team will be used as a basis for selecting the first 8 pilots. The selection committee of the HGAC determine a list of 15 pilots, in order of adjudicated standing of 1980 points, and, in order of selection, obtain a complete list of pilots able to compete. The selection committee to be the Competition Committee. Competition Committee: Andrew Barber-Starkey (Chairperson), B.C.; John Huddart, B.C.; Howard Vandall, Alberta; Alex Sweeney, Ontario; Bob Boilleau, Quebec.

The Competition Report by Don Miller follows these minutes. The report was accepted as read.

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Insurance

Effective to all HGAC members (through their provincial Assocs.) that a \$5.00 increase in insurance be added to their fee totalling \$15.00, and that this additional income be added to the provincial payment to the HGAC (to be used by the HGAC as operating funds). Insurance for hang gliding schools is available to certified instructors. A report from Insurance Committee chairperson, Cliff Kakish follows these minutes.

Ways and Means

All provinces with less than 50 members will pay \$50.00 for membership in the HGAC.

Amendment to the Constitution

The constitution to be amended to provide an additional vice-president of the HGAC (West), in effect, two vice-presidents. The President of the HGAC to be the official HGAC representative to the P.A.I. The new Vice-president of the HGAC will be Peter Napper.

Safety Committee

Andrew Barber-Starkey resigned as Safety Committee chairperson. A vote of thanks from the representatives was carried. The new chairperson of this committee will be Alex Sweeney.

Powered

A hang glider with a motor will be referred to as a microlight for the purpose of the distinction of the sport (Type B.).

HGAC Newsletter

The cost of the HGAC newsletter be held to a maximum of \$1.00 per copy, the provincial associations paying the cost for their respective memberships. Effective January, 1981 provincial newsletters will be included in the HGAC newsletter. Each section will be identified as to current newsletter name. e.g. Kingpost etc. Each province is to nominate an official contributor to the newsletter and notify Vincene Muller of their position. Jan Cameron will look after B.C.

Royal Canadian Flying Clubs Association

The largest payment of the HGAC is membership fees for the Royal Canadian Flying Clubs Association (\$749.53 for 1980). Benefits of membership with RCPCA will be ascertained as far as the HGAC is concerned.

HGAC Logbook

The logbook will remain as is however the exams will be upgraded. Revisions to the exams will be suggested at the next HGAC Directors Meeting. This will be looked after by Michael Robertson and Stewart Midwinter.

Tandem Flying

Tandem flying should be restricted to:

- Instructor and student or
- 2 rated pilots (Level IV + Level I)

An article on tandem flying by Larry Croome will appear in an upcoming HGAC newsletter.

Provincial representatives to the HGAC and Committee Members names, addresses and phone numbers (if available) will appear in this newsletter.

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COMPETITION REPORT, 1980

A very good points system was worked out for 1980 by the Alberta member, Howard Vandall. There were, however, not enough Class IV and V contests in Western Canada. Hopefully this situation will be better next year.

The selection process for the 1980 American Cup Team is as follows:

7 spots to top 2 places in the points system.
 2 spots to top 2 places at the Nationals.
 remaining positions and alternate to be selected by a committee composed of one delegate from each province, and the people already selected to the team by the points system and the Nationals Results. I am to "chair" this committee but will be unable to attend. Please feel free to phone for any assistance, and do call and give me the results.

Points System

Contact Howard Vandall for details. It is, in my opinion, the best system to date. Each pilot may count in the "system" his best three results for the 1980 season. It is my suggestion that the same points system be used for the 1981 season.

American Cup Team

The team(as of last reports)is to consist of 6 flyers, 1 alternate flyer, a team manager and a team launch assistant. To be effective, the Canadian delegation must have a minimum of three other people present with radios for pilot briefings, score checking, and other ground support. I hope these other people can be lined up at the nationals. The more ground support the better. It does make a difference.

Nationals

The top two places from the Nationals are guaranteed positions on the American Cup Team, only if the Nationals is deemed to have been a well run and meaningful Class V contest. If not, these positions will be filled by the "committee" consisting of the two points leaders, the provincial representatives and myself.

1981 Season

It is my hope that the 1980 points system will be used again in 1981, and that more level IV and V contests will be run. It has been my experience that each year contests and pilots improve. I hope that 1981 is no exception to this trend.

I hope to see in 1981 a Western and Eastern league run. In B.C. and Alberta I would like to see more Level I, II and III contests, with Level IV and V contests run in the following areas: Vedder, Lumby, Sicomous and Mt. Swasee. If such a "league" is to take place it must be organized now. I am unfamiliar with Eastern sites and contests, but hope to see a "league" formed there as well.

FINAL NOTE

After the Awards Presentation at the American Cup, 1980, I respectfully submit my resignation as the HGAC Competition Committee Chairman. Other commitments at home will prohibit my further participation. I hope you find a good person to assume this most important position. We have just begun to realize our potential.

Respectfully submitted

Donald A. Miller

INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

by: Cliff Kakish

Life and Disability Insurance: Most members of the HGAC felt that the annual premium payable in respect to the package policy for life, disability and medical benefits was too high, consequently the insurance agent is in the process of restructuring the program in order that premiums might be payable on a monthly rather than an annual basis. In that way monthly premiums would range from \$30.00 to \$50.00 depending on what coverage the member desired.

Liability Insurance: The policy period for our liability insurance now runs from January 1 to December 31 of any given year. It is unknown at this time whether or not the premium will be raised in January of 1981. However, it is likely it will remain the same.

FINANCIAL REPORT

By: Mike Dodd

Bank Balance	2189.33	
Outstanding cheque-not dep. (Royal Canadian Flying Clubs)	(745.53)	
	1443.80	1443.80
Outstanding: Membership fees OHCA	300.00	
Bills to be paid:		
Calgary Instant Printing (Newsletter #1)		1042.00
Muller Kites Ltd		224.33
Calgary Instant Printing (stationery)		34.85
	300.00	142.62

Remember, most people do not share your enthusiasm and have a totally different outlook on the sport. Understanding how they think and feel will make it easier for you to get positive results.

WHY IS THERE SO MUCH NEGATIVE PUBLICITY?

Because we haven't taken the time and trouble to do much of anything about it.

In addition the media does not know much of anything about our sport. What they do know is usually incorrect and has biased their attitude. It is an opportunity to get in good with the boss, to make money or improve circulation or ratings via cheap sensationalism. The sport has become victimized and we must pay the price.

In closing I wish to encourage all members of the Hang Gliding Association of Canada to work together and forget petty differences. Only if we all pull together will our results be effective. Offer a protective hand and patience to the beginner. Remember, we were all beginners once.

The Associations provide a crucial service to all participants. Join and support them and if the sport has given you something special, then offer your help in return. The volunteer workers who hold our associations together are all we have. They do an excellent job with the limited resources available. Don't just offer your criticism, offer your own hard work.

MINUTES OF A TELEPHONE CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF The Hang Gliding Association of Canada

PRESENT: Andrew Barber-Starkey, HGABC
Don Miller, HGABC
Peter Napper, HGABC
Michael Robertson, OHGA
John Farnan, OHGA
Pierre Verot, OHGA
Nayda Jeffery, OHGA
Cliff Kakish, AHGA
Keith Riddell, OHGA

being all Directors

WAYS AND MEANS

John Farnan indicated that the Federal Department he is dealing with is called "Sport Canada and Recreation Canada". It was agreed that Peter Napper would work directly with John Farnan on this committee and that this would probably involve the two

of them meeting with government representatives. Hopefully, the meeting will be able to coincide with Peter's trip to Quebec in August of 1980. The question of raising funds for the Canadian Association through insurance was brought up and it was decided that that particular issue would be dealt with at the meeting in August.

POWERED HANG GLIDING

John Farnan is head of the Powered Hang Gliding Committee. He indicated that M.O.T. was changing their A.N.O. in order that it would also deal with micro-lights. John indicated that there is a possibility that all powered gliders will be dealt with separately and apart from non-powered hang gliders.

COMPETITIONS

Andrew Barber-Starkey and Don Miller will attempt to standardize several competition tasks, which hopefully would be used by the various organizations in the running of hang gliding meets. That way, diagrams of the tasks could be handed out along with the rules of the competition and hopefully that will serve to avoid a lot of the usual delays we see at competitions.

The members of the Competition Committee are, Howard Vandall from Alberta, John Farnan from Ontario, Keith Riddell from Quebec and John Huddard from British Columbia. Don Miller is the Chairperson.

It was decided that the NGAC would require certified gliders at the Canadian Nationals, however, it would be up to the various Provinces to set their own standards as far as certification was concerned for the various provincial meets. There was some concern expressed about the fact that meet directors may not be qualified to determine whether a glider was safe or unsafe to fly and in all likelihood provincial organizations will probably tend towards requiring certified gliders.

It was decided that the team to the America Cup would be picked on the basis of the top two point totals, first and second from the Nationals and then the competition committee and the first four members of the team would vote for two other members. For the first and second places from the Nationals to qualify for the team, there would have to be a minimum of eight heats completed. It was also decided that there would be no points for international meets.

Keith Riddell is to look into the practicality of having trophies for the first ten places at the Nationals.

It was also decided that each of the provincial associations would attempt to contribute \$200.00 towards paying expenses of three meet officials. Quebec could satisfy its obligation by providing lodging for the officials.

INSTRUCTION

Michael Robertson is still head of the Instructor's Committee. He indicated that the re-certification courses for the time being will basically be nothing more than the standard instructor's course as procedures are presently in a constant state of change.

Mike indicated that the course does stress the transition from simple gliding flight to ridge soaring. There has been some concern expressed that a lot of accidents have occurred at that particular stage.

CERTIFICATION

The Birdman MJ-6 is now completely certified.

While the HGAC would require only certified gliders in the Nationals, it would now be up to the Provinces to determine what standards they would enforce for their meets.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mike Dodd, reported that after the membership fee of \$749.00 was paid to Royal Canadian Flying Clubs Assn. we would have approximately \$1200.00 left in our account.

HANG GLIDING ASSOCIATION OF CANADA OFFICES

It was decided that the Association would hire a permanent part-time secretary for the HGAC. We were to offer the position to Vincene Muller at a monthly salary of \$100.00 until such time as we were able to determine whether in fact that was adequate or otherwise. Hopefully, we will be in a position to make that determination at the August Director's Meeting. The secretary's duties would consist of dealing with all correspondence to the HGAC and also compiling and distributing the HGAC Newsletter. July 15, 1980 was set as the target date for the first newsletter which would be mailed to the Provincial Associations for distribution to their respective members. The secretary is also to prepare a brochure giving some general background information about hang gliding as well as listing the various hang gliding schools in Canada. This brochure could then be distributed to people seeking general information about hang gliding in Canada.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Andrew Barber-Starkey has completed a comprehensive competition manual. This has been distributed to each province and is now available to Meet Directors to assist with planning and organization. This manual will probably be revised during the winter months. Please contact your Provincial Association or Competition committee-member if you need this manual.

- a) throw him off the cliff and holler: "Go for it."
 b) throw him a 'hacky' ball, then proceed to kick his rear-end up to his neck.
 c) Explain that you also used to be a real jerk, but you're wiser now.
14. The good thing about female pilots is?
 a) _____
 b) That after a good day of flying (usually one sled ride) they run home to cook your supper, wash your socks and literally 'hop' into bed.
 c) most of them at least have a learner's licence and can act as drivers.
 d) they can be handy as pylons, boundary posts, landing targets and wind socks.
15. You are the local hang gliding expert and are at a drive-in with your girl friend. Your van is a souped-up 1952 International Harvester, with your high performance glider on top, and all your equipment is strewn randomly inside. Your girl friend says "you've got ring around the collar." you socially reply:
 a) "those dirty rings, I've tried washing and scrubbing..."
 b) "shut up and get back down there."
 c) "that's not my collar, witch, that's my hang gliding jock strap."

Please send \$50.00 and completed questionnaires to: R & D Enterprises, Acne, Alberta, and we will send you your Hang Gliding I.Q.

MINUTES OF HGAC DIRECTOR'S MEETING 1981

Elected officials of the HGAC for the next two years:

President Peter Napper, 2225 West-13th Ave, Vancouver, B.C.
 Vice-Pres. Stewart Midwinter, 402-330-2nd Ave NE, Calgary, Alta
 Sec-Treas. Jan Cameron, Box 2484, Invermere, B.C.
 F.A.I. Rep. Cliff Kakish, 10th floor, 441-5th Avenue SW, Calgary
 P.R. Harvey Blackmore, M2-1480 Esquimalt, West Vancouver, B.C.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OFFICIAL ADDRESS OF THE HANG GLIDING ASSOCIATION OF CANADA HAS NOW CHANGED TO:

Box 2484
 Invermere, B.C.

All monies now owing to the HGAC (e.g. advertising, provincial insurance money and lists) should be sent to Jan Cameron at the above address. Contribution to the newsletter go to:

The Editor, HGAC Newsletter/Bulletin
 Box 4063, Postal Stn. 'C', Calgary, Alta T2T 5M9

Committee reports were received from:

Financial Statement	Cliff Kakish
Presidents Report	Cliff Kakish
Certification Committee	Stewart Midwinter
Competition Committee	Andrew Barber-Starkey
National Newsletter	Vincene Muller
Insurance Committee	Cliff Kakish

Reports were not received from any other committees. New committee chairpersons were appointed. All provincial associations were asked in the minutes to appoint members to each committee. Committee chairpersons are:

Insurance	Jan Cameron, Box 2484, Invermere, B.C.
Ways and Means	Stewart Midwinter, 402-330-2nd Ave NE, Calgary, Alberta
Certification	Stewart Midwinter, 402-330-2nd Avenue NE, Calgary Alberta
Competition	Andrew Barber-Starkey, Box 2167, Invermere, B.C.
National Newsletter	Vincene Muller, 3443-12th St NE, Calgary, Alta
Instructors Committee	Martin Dennis, c/o HGABC, 1200 Hornby St, Vancouver, B.C.
Rating Committee	Stewart Midwinter, 402-330-2nd Avenue NE, Calgary

At the time of the meeting, several advertisers and some provincial associations were in arrears. Jan Cameron was asked to contact these people and ask for payment. To enable the HGAC to continue to function for the remainder of this year, Peter Napper suggested a levy would be put on all associations, and that an increase in membership dues for the HGAC be implemented in January 1982. Provincial fees to increase to \$500 for HGABC; AHGA; OHGA & AVLQ; an increase to \$100 for SHGA; MHGA & NFHGA.

At this time the only income for the HGAC is the provincial fees. The newsletter costs come directly from selling the magazine to the provinces. The HGAC has a yearly fee to pay Royal Canadian Flying Clubs Association so that we keep our standing with CIVL and the FAI. If we did not, our credibility with Transport Canada would be in jeopardy. Additional costs are involved in telephone calls, correspondence etc. In previous years many of these costs have been paid by the individual members of the board but this will not be able to continue.

Federal funding is not yet available. At least one more provincial association is required before it will be considered. Stewart Midwinter and the Ways and Means Committee will look into encouraging more provincial associations.

The complete minutes of this meeting was sent to all provinces and committee members of the HGAC. Copies should be made available to members upon request to the provincial association one is a member of.