



# ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT SOARERS

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD IN H.E.B. SOCIAL CLUB  
ON MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER 1981

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Present: Teun Van Waart  
Graham Philip  
Mike Pirie  
Gerry Mitchell  
John McCarville  
Norrie Kerr  
Alan Morrison  
Jim Anderson

1. Teun gave a brief account of the year's activities. He then voiced his concern over the apparent drop in interest and especially the fall in the number of new people wishing to join the club. He thought that the problem might be that newcomers, on buying their first model, are finding it difficult to contact the club because information given to them is too scanty. Invariably, the result of not seeking initial help, is a crashed model and a very discouraged flyer. In an attempt to resolve the situation he has put up an informative notice in the Model Shop.
2. Jim suggested that a hand-out sheet of information on A.D.S. could be made up and distributed to potential new members via Brian Sherriffs. It was thought that this was a good idea and will be followed up. The same sheet will be used to hand out at the Music Hall Exhibition on 7th November.

- 3 Norrie suggested that we could make use of the 'club page' in the Evening Express. This was also thought to be a good idea - especially as it costs nothing.
- 4 Graham reported on the financial status of the club.
- 5 There were no new candidates put forward for election on to the new committee so the last year's committee i.e. Teun Van Wæart, Graham Philip and Mike Pirie were re-elected.
- 6 The absence of a regular "social evening" during the winter was discussed. It was generally thought that such a get-together in a lounge bar was a good idea. Suggestion was Ferryhill House Hotel once per month. During the summer the White Horse Inn in Balmedie after, or instead of, flying on Tuesday evenings could be a suitable venue.
- 7 Competitions were discussed. There will probably be four S.A.A. thermal competitions and two on the slope. In addition, A.D.S. would hold its usual Tuesday evening competitions at Balmedie. Dates of the S.A.A. competition will be finalised at the S.A.A. Northern Area annual general meeting (provisional date 22nd November) and the dates of the A.D.S. competitions are yet to be decided.
- 8 The question arose of what effect the competitions had on the turnout of club members on the regular flying days. Competitions are held almost one a week at different locations throughout the season. Does this have the effect of splitting the membership and maybe discouraging beginners from coming at all? The idea that all four Northern Area S.A.A. competitions should be held at Balmedie was accepted. A.D.S. will organize one of these competitions, and so will the other clubs (Forfar, Montrose, Elgin), Similar to last year there will be a second competition (non-S.A.A., but open to everybody) on the "A.D.S.-day". (See also item 10)
- 9 Jim suggested that a simple questionnaire could be put to club members to find out their feelings about competitions etc.
- 10 There are moves afoot for the organisation of a two day soaring event in Montrose. Nothing is definite yet but you will be kept informed.
- 11 Norrie put forward the idea of holding a regular 'fun' competition (both thermal and slope) on a regular basis, say once a month, throughout the summer. It was generally thought that this would create extra interest and perhaps boost the flagging attendance at flying meets.
- 12 Norrie also suggested that a quarterly newsletter would be more satisfactory than the present three per year. Mike replied that he thought three was enough because of the work involved but would endeavour to pass on information to members by means of news-sheets as soon as it came to hand.

- 13 The items on the agenda of suggested uses for the club money were discussed briefly. It was decided that a peg-board (S.L.E.C.) would be purchased for club use.
- 14 Graham reminded us that there is still the possibility of combined Dinner & Dance with the Hang-Gliding club. Nobody, as yet, has volunteered to do the organising.
- 15 Jim felt that the judging of aerobatics at the slope competitions should be standardised and would like to see independent judging. Although more a S.A.A. matter it was agreed that this would be ideal but difficult to implement.
- 16 John commented on the cancellation of the A.D.S. display at the Echt Gala and asked why members were not consulted. The committee explained that this point was dealt with at the previous annual general meeting. They were of the opinion that there was not sufficient room to maintain a reasonable safety standard. Unfortunately the decision had not been passed on to club members who missed the AGM.
- 17 On behalf of the club, Jim thanked the outgoing committee for the hard work put into the various club events of the season.
- 18 Teun thanked everyone for attending.

Mike Pirie.

#### GRAMPIAN CUP

The Grampian Cup slope soaring competition will now be held on 1 November. Try Norrie Kerr(324722) to find out whether it is on. Around 10 a.m. he, or one of the committee members, will know.

INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES

Partly as a result of the items discussed during the Annual General Meeting the following activities are announced:

"Leisure for Pleasure" Exhibition

Also this year the "Leisure for Pleasure" exhibition will be held in the Music Hall on 7 November 1981. Assistance in setting up the stand is greatly appreciated. Please contact one of the committee members or just come (with your model) on Friday, 6 November 1981 as from 7.30 p.m. in the Music Hall.

Ferryhill Get-together

Meet your clubmates every first Tuesday of the month in the Ferryhill House Hotel at 9:00 pm. The first evenings will therefore be:

3 November  
1 December  
5 January (New Year's night!)

Tuesday Evenings during Summer Season

Although all Tuesday evenings as from April are A.D.S. Flying nights, something different will be organized for the first Tuesday of the month. This could be a "normal" or "fun" competition, or some other activity. Further information to follow.

Winter Flying

Those stupid enough to continue flying during the winter should contact Mike Pirie (323640) on what's going on. If you can't get hold of him (sometimes he leaves very early) try Teun (894473) or Graham (20510).

C.B.

The committee will approach the C.B. clubs in the area to request them not to use the channels that are in use by us during the day.

ADDRESSES COMMITTEE

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S.A.A. : Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Northern Area of the S.A.A. is provisionally planned on 22 November in Aberdeen. Date and place are still to be confirmed. The Annual General Meeting is open to ALL S.A.A. members. If you are interested, please consult Norrie Kerr (324722) or one of the committee members on exact date and location.