

**Minutes of the  
Board Meeting of Walking on Air held on the  
20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 19:30 on ZOOM.**

**Attendees:**

Dave Tuttle	Chairman, Director.
Peter Clayton	Treasurer, Director.
Derek Storey	Director.
Jim Cook	Director.
Clare Johnstone	Director.
Alan Carbray	Director.
Andrew Gordon	Secretary, Director.

**1. Apologies:**

Garry Simpson	Director.
Maria Duncan	Director.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

**2. Approval of minutes of last meeting.**

Jim Cook approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2024. Seconded by Alan Carbray.

**3. Matters arising.**

- a) Secretary to ask Sally to adjust the WoA air ex cost on the website from £50 to £60.  
**Action:- Secretary.**
- b) Jim Cook forwarded the trifolds to the SIU in Glasgow.  
**Action;- Completed.**
- c) Treasurer reports pilot weighing scales are now unserviceable. Meeting agreed to purchase new charger and display unit at an approx. cost of £80.  
**Action:- Treasurer & Derek Storey.**
- d) Treasurer to place notice to keep the scales area clear for wheelchair access. Clare also requested a notice to keep the area around the simulator clear.  
**Action:- Treasurer**
- e) Treasurer still working on the draft letter to Reiner Kipp, SGU Chairman, proposing that front hand controls are fitted to LOV.  
**Action:- Treasurer, ongoing.**
- f) Treasurer reported the application for funding of a parachute for WoA to the Lady Marion Gibson Trust was successful. Treasurer also stated that we can apply for another grant in 3 years.  
**Action:- Treasurer.**
- g) Treasurer to check if the WA1 location is being displayed in the clubhouse TV monitor.  
**Action:- Treasurer.**
- h) Treasurer reports the gift aid documentation will be completed by the end of the tax year.  
**Action:- Treasurer.**
- i) Treasurer reported that the BGA have arranged a Disability access group initiative meeting on Zoom on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November. Treasurer and Secretary will attend.  
**Action:- Treasurer and Secretary.**
- j) Alan Carbray reported that a meeting is taking place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December between “Motability” and the “Scottish Disability Sports Organisation” where “Walking on Air” will be on the agenda giving WoA a wider audience and raising our visibility amongst the disabled community.  
**Action:- Alan Carbray (to monitor).**
- k) Clare reported new helper Alan Ballantyne is now helping as ground crew. Derek agreed to put Alan on the Rota (with Alan’s agreement). The Board expressed its thanks to Alan.  
**Action:- Derek Storey.**

l) Clare reported she is still to set up the Treasurer to be able to receive card payments.

**Action:- Clare Johnstone & Treasurer.**

m) The meeting considered the free flights offered to ground crew at the end of the day. The meeting agreed to keep "as is" the current system where the free flight should be at the end of the day if there is space and time allows. The Board felt it was too complex to set up a system where flights could be transferred to other days.

#### 4. **Chairman's report.**

The Chairman thanked all the Instructors, Board members and Helpers for their ongoing work in support of WoA. He hopes to be back soon.

#### 5. **Treasurer's report.**

Treasurer reported the following:-

- i. £37,000 on deposit.
- ii. Current Account: £4,520.
- iii. Awaiting Colin Steward's will bequest.

#### 6. **Secretary's report.**

No report this meeting.

#### 7. **Engineering report** (including current WA1 availability).

- Treasurer reported WA1 serviceable.
- Rear hook replaced by D Coats.

Clare asked about the Launch Assist that gives the winch driver the glider airspeed on launch. The board agreed to fit this to WA1 as the SGU aircraft are fitted with the system. Treasurer agreed to speak with John Dunnington who has fitted the Launch Assist System to the Duo Discuss to have the system fitted to WA1.

**Action:- Treasurer**

Derek reported that comms between the launch point and the winch are to be improved with the fitting of a 3-light system in the launch point caravan.

#### 8. **Future of Walking on Air post 2024 flying season.**

Clare has prepared a report (attached to these minutes) listing her findings and opinions of our members on the future of WoA.

The meeting only had time to briefly review the report, but the main area of discussion was the lack of a single seater glider modified with hand controls. One idea mentioned was to form a syndicate with a Junior as the syndicate aircraft. A previous syndicate with an LS7 glider G-TWAZ (WA2) had existed in the past, but due to lack of use and no hangar space, it was sold. The feeling in the meeting was that any new single seat glider syndicate would need a hangar slot. The meeting was informed that current hangar slots are £1,333 per annum due to rise to around £1,400 next year. Additionally, the Junior will need hand controls to be beneficial to all WoA pilots.

The meeting was aware that there may be an LS4 in South Africa with hand controls. It was believed that the owner may be thinking of upgrading to an LS7 (the former WA2) that may be available?

There was also some discussion as to should the single seater be purchased by WoA rather than as a private syndicate as was the case with WA2. The Treasurer reported that this purchase would double WoA's costs and the number of pilots that would benefit would be unlikely to be cost effective. He would not recommend purchase, but rather a syndicate approach.

The idea of visiting other glider sites was also briefly discussed. It was felt that a return to Feshie might be a candidate, but only for a weekend to keep costs manageable. There are other sites that could also be visited.

## 9 **PVG and Disclosures.**

Garry reported (pre meeting) that the disclosure process has started. Jim Cook reported that he has been onto the Disclosure website, but the link did not work. He has informed Garry.

## 10. **Any other competent business.**

At this point in the meeting, we were all logged off from the Zoom meeting. Alan Carbray was not able to log back in to the meeting.

### Zoom Contract.

Following the interruption to the Zoom meeting and the 9 minutes delay in the resumption of the meeting, the meeting suggested that Derek investigate the purchase of an annual Zoom license and/or look at alternative to Zoom that may be better suited to WoA's needs. **Action:- Derek Storey**

### Flying days in the winter. (Dec to Mar).

The Treasurer asked what shall we do between December 2024 and March 2025. Currently there is no formal flying days arranged with a ground crew of helpers and instructors. Derek said that it was a lot to ask our helpers and instructors to turn up in the cold and wet and that this rest period is needed. The meeting decided to keep Dec to Mar as a time when there are no formal flying days but can organise themselves if they arrange helpers and instructors as required. Peter Clayton and Jim Cook stated that they are happy to help on request.

### Fees for next year.

Treasurer asked the board for opinions on next years fees. He reported that we can manage with the current fees for a little while. Clare suggested that small incremental rises in the fees would avoid large increases in the future. The meeting agreed to make a definite decision before the end of March.

### Christmas Cards

Derek Storey informed the meeting that Grace agreed to address the Christmas cards.

### WoA policy for WoA flying membership.

The board agreed the policy for WoA flying membership at the last board meeting. Policy attached to these minutes.

## 11. **Date of next meeting.**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 19:30 via ZOOM.

Andrew Gordon,  
Secretary WoA,  
21<sup>st</sup> November 2024.