

HUNTER REGION HANG GLIDING CLUB

– MEETING MINUTES

Date: 30 April 2025

Time: 8:32 AM

Location: Bar Beach bowling Club

Chair: Garry Herman

Minutes Recorded By: Kieran Black

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attending:

Gary, Courtney, Paddo, Ken, Camo, Adrian, Donny, John (online), Joel (online), Kieran, Harry (arrived late at 7:30 PM)

Apologies:

Jamie (at the farm), Shane Duncan (flooded in)

2. Meeting Opening

- Meeting commenced with a casual icebreaker: an interactive Kahoot! quiz on hang gliding trivia
- Participants joined using personal devices, and the top scorer was John. Kieran's lack of understanding of the basic rules of hang gliding were highlighted.

Paddo was encouraged to take up hangliding

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

- Previous meeting minutes were tabled.
- One correction noted: to add Donny's name to participants.
- Motion to accept the minutes: Moved by John, Seconded by [TBD].
- Motion carried.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Recognition of contributions from John, Donny and Dustin during competitions was discussed.
- Courtney committed to finalising setup for the bank account and installing club-related videos on the clubhouse TV.

5. Safety Issues

- Discussion on right-of-way rules for ridge soaring; emphasis on improving awareness among paragliders.
- Suggestion to include safety refreshers or quizzes in future meetings.
- Concerns raised about e-bike visibility and speed near the launch zone at Dixon Park due to bushes being too high.
- Council should be contacted regarding safety issues posed by bush visibility at Dixon park. There is too much Bush!

6. Site Reports

- Ongoing maintenance and visibility issues discussed.
- Need for windsock installation at Camo's.
- Weather station updates provided for Bungan and Dooleys.

Dixon Park - Challenges with council and vegetation management discussed following a meeting with Council representative Andrew:

- Impressions of Andrew is that he is an unhelpful and lazy government drone and probably the kind of guy that chronically masturbates over illegal dark-web material in his spare time.
- Andrew appears to be unmotivated in any way to assist because it is just too difficult for him.
- Andrew lowered club member's expectations by saying that it will probably take him several years to get around to finding the correct form to fill in and concerns that their could be native plants amongst the weed (saltbush) that we would like to not kill but simply trim.... it's a lengthy process Andrew stated before checking his phone.

Frustration expressed by club members over Andrew's insipid lazy attitude, lack of action and vague language regarding commitments. No one wants to break their back because of Andrew's lazy incompetence.

Suggestion made to send meeting minutes in email summarizing key discussion points in attempt to prompt some accountability for lazy darkweb browsing Andrew.

7. Competition Reports

- NSW State Titles dates discussed:
 - Preferred: Last week of February (8–14 March not confirmed by Godfrey).
 - Decision: Proceed with late February date as it suits Tinks and is acceptable to majority.

8. New Business

- None raised.

9. Flying Reports

- Informal sharing of recent flying experiences at Dixon Park and other locations. Jamie and Bill Pan had awesome fly on Saturday.

Kieran mentioned dune gooning flights in poor weather conditons. All agreed that Kieran cant fly and is a dickhead.

- Jamie and others reported strong flying conditions over the past week.

10. Treasurer's Report

- Invoices sent to NSW HBI for slashing and NE Heaton—still unpaid after 30 days.
- Balances:
 - Savings: \$12,993
 - Spending: \$417
 - PayPal: \$1,376
 - Total: ~\$14,786
- Noted: Expenditure currently exceeds income.

11. General Business / Other Items

- Shane Duncan was nominated in absentia to organise a club weekend at Glennies. Kenny was keen to come, same with Kiero.
- Request made for members to submit quiz questions for next month's meeting.

12. Meeting Close

- Meeting concluded with thanks to all attendees.
- Recording and transcript to be reviewed and distributed.