



Chicago Glider Club Minutes of the Annual Meeting of April 11^h, 2026

1. The Formalities:

Meeting called to order: 2:05 pm
Meeting adjourned: 3:30 pm

2. Matters Reported by the Club's Officers:

- President
 - Various
- Vice President
 - --- (VP was not present at the meeting)
- Treasurer
 - 2025 Financials and new membership fee proposal
- Operations
 - 2025 Operations Report
- Facilities
 - Various maintenance and facilities related matters
- Secretary
 - 2025 Annual Meeting report
- 'At Large'
 - --- (Dir. At Large was not present at the meeting)

3. Old Business:

- The president reviewed a number of 2025 activities which continue to be vital for the successful operation of the club, including but not limited to:
 - flight instruction
 - towplane operations
 - web-site maintenance
 - aircraft and facilities maintenanceSome members were specifically mentioned:
 - 'helpful hands all around' Jason Standish, Mike Smith. Also Don Kroesch, Gerry Molidor, Jim Davis.
- John O'Connor who has overseen supplies and event organization for a number of years would like to step down from that responsibility. A volunteer replacement is needed.



4. New Business:

4.1 Secretary's Report

- Skipped this time

4.2 Financial Report

- the club's treasurer gave an overview of the club's financial situation
- there was a proposal to increase the membership fee by 4%.

(see attached Financial Report as presented by the Treasurer)

Motion to approve: Dave Galowich

Second: Mike Shakman

- All agreed - Motion Carried (report accepted and membership fee increase approved)

4.3 Operations Report for the 2025 season

- 2025 saw the continuation of an upward trend in operations which started in 2019.
- usage of club gliders has been increasing while the number of flights of private gliders decreased somewhat.

(see attached Operations Report as presented by the Director of Operations)

4.4 Facilities Report

- the director of facilities provided a report covering these topics:
 - runway maintenance
 - tree clearing at the CGC property
 - landscaping around the clubhouse, etc.
 - trailers:
 - status of the Duo Discus trailer struts
 - status of completion of the custom-built ASK21 trailer
 - hangars:
 - (North hangar) roofing work is required to keep the birds out.
 - (both hangars) the lines on the hangar floors need to be repainted.
 - picture(s) will be put on the wall to show where gliders belong in the hangars
 - weather station:
 - operational, except for the wind measurement (anemometer needs to be replaced)

Motion to accept the report: Dave Galowich

Second: Jeff Mack

- All agreed - Motion Carried



4.5 President's Report

4.5.1 Insurance for the club's gliders

- no fee increase expected for the club gliders' insurance in 2026

4.5.2 Glider maintenance

- due to inclement weather conditions this past winter, only a part of the polishing/waxing work could be completed. (Duo Discus and Discus CS completed, red 21 partially completed)
- an offer was made to install 2 x Cambridge 302 in the Duo, as an interim solution until a decision can be made on a more permanent replacement for the glider's defective Cambridge NAV. The 302's will be provided by Mark Akerley and Holger Klotz.

4.5.3 Crew Chiefs for the club's aircraft

- Crew Chiefs are needed for the club's gliders and towplanes. It will be the Crew Chiefs' responsibility to keep an eye on the condition of the aircraft and to serve as point-of-contact for members who wish to report an issue with an aircraft. The Crew Chiefs are not expected to perform maintenance or repairs.
- Mike Smith volunteered to be the Crew Chief for the Duo Discus.
- the president will reach out to members for the other Crew Chief roles.

4.5.4 Pawnee spars

- no news yet from the FAA
- we have replacement spars, in case they are needed (spars were donated by the president)

4.5.5 Ride Policy

- the club will encourage passengers to make a monetary contribution which will be pooled during the season and subsequently donated to a suitable cause.

4.5.6 "VASI" system for runway 09 approaches

- there was some discussion about making the system's installation stronger and more permanent (i.e. metal frame instead of wood).

5. Other Matters:

5.1 Cross Country camp at Sky Soaring in August

- Ron Ridenour will check and see who, from the Chicago Glider Club, intends to participate.

5.2 Schweizer 1-26 Nationals in May

- if a need arises, the CGC will support with tows, using the Husky.

5.3 IT matters

- Dan Mannisto has been working on the re-development of the SSA website which turns out to be a substantial project.
- Dan has also been doing some work on the CGC website.