

GENERAL MEETING 2018 REPORT

DD 23/03/2019 AT LAST REFUEL IN SPA AIRFIELD.

Meeting starts at 07.00 pm.

President's Address:

President welcomes the Members attending the General Meeting related to the year 2018.

First point of the agenda is the approval of the General Meeting Report 2017. This report has been forwarded to all, together with the convening for the General Meeting 2018. It was also available on-line, in both French and English and was displayed in the packing hall, also in French and in English.

The General Meeting Report 2017 is approved without one dissident voice.

Activity summary for 2018

The very favorable weather conditions have allowed us obtaining outstanding jump figures as well for sport skydives as for Tandems. The first days where we were forced to put a limitation for those with less than 500 jumps only started in October.

The first Pop's Belgium Meeting has run smoothly and the feedbacks from foreign competitors (from France, Germany, UK and even Switzerland) were more than nice to hear.

As promised, the two planes were available every week end from May through September except one only (scheduled and announced at the occasion of the General Meeting 2017). In spite of this possibility to start the activity from 09.00 am (provided 8 jumpers be ready), we have almost never started before 10.00 am and just a few times at 09.30 am. We have noticed that the second plane was really needed from noon time only.

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We had decided to organize again, early in the season, the FS3 Competition that was a success in the previous year. It hasn't been done for several reasons. We have however been able to rely on Johannes Lee who has given much of his time (and patience) to organize small FS groups (FS3, FS4, ...) and, by the end of the year, start to organize some FS8 loads. That means that the proficiency level starts to raise. We will for sure, encourage him to go further.

We also realize that FreeFly at a beginner's level is not as developed as it should. We will talk about it later on in the Project 2019 section to give a possibility to the young FreFlyers of having the same benefits as the FS adepts i.e. a Coach "available".

We have bought a few WingSuits for beginners. Yves and Adrien have given an introduction course to a few new WingSuiters. They have also coached some middle level jumps and we are happy seeing that this discipline encounters some success, the amount of Wingsuit jumps has doubled with relation to the previous years. We will carry on encouraging this kind of jumping by sometimes freeing Yves from his Tandem duties to give him more time to coach the Wingsuiters. You can also follow him through his Messenger Group.

We have made less CSC jumps this year (see below the figures in the DT's Report). This is most probably due to the fact that some AFF students have not completed their course or do not have enough jumps to start with the CSC. It should be better this year.

One FreeFly Event has taken place and it worked quite good but only one day on the two scheduled. The second day, the weather conditions were not good enough (clouds) for this group activity. We will talk about it later on in the Projects 2019 section.

As in 2016 and 2017, we have welcomed the Dutch Jumpers from Rotterdam. They will come back in 2019 by the end of July, beginning of August.

Just like last year we have been able to provide free jumps during the week ends, this time from mid-September and also in October and November. More than 1.500 jumps were made by about 100 Members, thanks, from one side, to the exceptional weather conditions that prevailed until mid-October and also, for sure, to the financing provided through the Tandem business.

We have also brought up a new Technical Director, under Jonathan Delges' supervision : Nicolas Minjauw.

Skydive Spa has received the Town of Spa Mérite Sportif Award 2017/2018 – Comitee's Award – thanks to the outstanding results obtained by our two Teams Aéroportam's and Jetmax, in National as well as International Competitions. We will be pleased organizing the ESL Finals by mid-September.

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We have been sorry to register 5 major accidents involving seasoned jumpers and 1 involving an AFF Student. That is really too much for a Center like Skydive Spa where the Safety is an everyday concern.

As a conclusion, the President discuss the topic : Is Skydiving dangerous ? His answer is all together : YES as, most of the time, faults will be paid cash, and NO as our sport is one of the most safety controlled activities one can perform !

We than want to answer NO but we must remain aware that leaving in flight a perfectly good airplane is definitely not a natural nor banal activity, and that it requires a permanent and close attention ! Should that be forgotten, catastrophic or even deadly situations could be encountered.

Once we have left the plane, we, and we alone, are responsible for our coming back safe to the ground ! And, sometimes, also for the coming back safe of our fellow jumpers. Attention and awareness must be the key words for all at every moment.

The President wants to thank everyone from the staff, technicians, logisticians, manifest as well as all those who took part, in a way or another, to the success of this nice jumping year.

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John Delges, our excellent Technical Director presents here the detailed figures of the activity 2018

Jumps Comparison 2018-2017.

Jumps Skydive Spa	2018	2017	18-17	%	Comments
	22662	18249	4413	19%	
CSC	244	302	-58	-24%	Instructor jumps included
AFF Students	450	401	49	11%	12 AFF students + FlyIn
AFF Instructors	625	590	35	6%	
Canopy Course	0	147	-147	100%	
Démo	5	0	5	100%	
Hélico	40	0	40	100%	
Hop'n Pop	293	205	88	30%	
FS	3367	3432	-65	-2%	
FreeFly	3204	2341	863	27%	
Wing Suit	312	155	157	50%	
Track	656	381	275	42%	
Member's Free Jumps	1569	601	968	62%	
Staff	139	121	18	13%	
Load Organizer	321	84	237	74%	Rooster Boogie in 2018
FS Teams	955	1103	-148	-15%	
Pop's	134	0	134	100%	
Tandem Instructors	4142	3401	741	18%	
Tandem Passengers	4142	3401	741	18%	
Video Tandem	868	729	139	16%	
Misc.	101	309	-208	-206%	
Dutch Extérieur	15	0	15	100%	AFF/Tandem
Dutchs PH-LBR	1080	546	534	49%	

Total Free Jump	2029	806	1223	60%
AFF Students	66	52	14	21%
Members	333	316	17	5%

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Here is an example of the influence of the amount of free jumps on the average price of a jump at the end of the year, for someone who jumps a lot and someone who makes just a few jumps.

	Prix des sauts avec les sauts GRATUITS			By the jump	By 10 jumps	Real price	
	Total Jumps	Free Jumps	Jumps Paid	20,00 €	18,18 €	By the jump	By 10 jumps
Pierre Chouak	250	66	184	3.680,00 €	3.345,45 €	14,72 €	13,38 €
Christophe Louis	36	6	30	600,00 €	545,45 €	16,67 €	15,15 €

Werner Delges, the Treasurer, recalls that the real cost for an individual jump is 35,00 € and that the activity of the sport jumpers is, on a big part, financed thanks the returns of the Tandem activity.

Treasurer's Report by Werner Delges : Balance 2018

Our accounting is in the hand of an official Accounting Office : STEUERBERATUNG WEYNAND UND PARTNER in Eynaten

Pieces were checked by the Account Controllers : Dominique Lawaree and Pierre Chouak.

	2018	2017	Difference
Returns	1.352.467,07 €	1.135.938,13 €	216.528,94 €
Expenses	1.332.189,84 €	1.108.202,80 €	223.987,04 €
	20.277,23 €	27.735,33 €	- 7.458,10 €

Which gives a reported positive asset of 133.311,60 €

The decrease of gain when compared with 2017 can be explained by :

- The purchase of the Skydive Spa shelter.
- The 1569 free jumps this year, to be compared with the 600 free jumps in 2017
- The purchase of the WingSuits
- Skydive Spa Contribution to the following events :
 - Rooster Boogie
 - Wing Suit Camp
 - Pop's

The General Meeting approves the accounts without one dissident voice and grants the Board with a discharge for 2018.

Two Account Controllers are nominated for 2019 :

- Dominique LAWARREE
- Joel EVENS

Board of Administrators : Resignations /Applications

- Resignations
 - Last August, the Board has been notified with the resignation of Heike Roschanski. We have accepted it and we want to thank her for her support and activity during all those years. She however carries on helping us efficiently for the future.
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- We have noticed that Vanessa Sauer has not renewed her Skydive Spa membership for this year. That implies that she will not be entitled to be part of the Board for 2019. We take note of her *de facto* resignation. She is for now a Member of the Paraclub de Namur.
- Applications
 - Pierre Chouak has presented and motivated his application to be a Member of the Board. We present it to the General Meeting and we ask you to accept it. A new and young blood in the Skydiving activity can only be beneficial to the Club.

Even if we are sorry that he was not able to attend this General Meeting, his application is accepted without one dissident voice by the General Meeting.

Projects 2019

- Eastern Monday (22/4) : traditionnel Lâcher d'œufs.
- 24/04 : CSC Course
- 05/05 : Demo Jump at the Saive Barraks at 02.00 pm.
- 28/06 to 30/06 : FS4 Belgium Chhampionship.
- 08/07 to 16/07 : AFF Week with Canopy Course
- 27/07 to 04/08 : Dutch Holiday Camp.
- 29/07 to 02/08 : FreeFly Camp, Track with Tim Porter. Entry fee : 50€.
- 05/08 to 13/08 : AFF Week with Canopy Course
- 05/08 to 09/08 : FreeFly Camp, Track with Tim Porter. Entry fee : 50€. (Except for Spa Members who will enjoy free registration.)
- 15/08 to 18/08 : Belgian Pop's 2019.
- 19/09 to-22/09 : ESL Finals (European Skydiving League)

Load Organizing :

- Johannes Lee will be available for FS Load Organizing.
- We have been in touch with Dominic Mewissen and he has accepted to take care of Load Organizing for FreeFly jumps.
- Yves Petit and Adrien Legat will be in charge of WingSuit organizing and coaching.

End of the General Meeting : 07.40 p.m.

André Vanhudenard
President

Jean-Pierre Dechène
Secretary

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