
**GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING 2019 REPORT
THAT TOOK PLACE THE 12/9/2020 IN THE PACKING HALL AT SPA AIRFIELD**

Meeting starts at 08.02 pm.

President's Address:

The early months of this year were hardly perturbed by the COVID-19 pandemic and it has completely disorganized our year 2020. And, if we are not yet out of it, the Board is more than happy welcoming you, in top shape, for this General Membership Meeting, closing the 2019 Skydiving Year.

The first point at the Day's Agenda is the approval of the General Membership 2018 Report. You have received all the necessary information on how to get it on-line on our website and it is also displayed, in both languages, in the packing hall.

The General Membership Meeting 2018 is carried unanimously.

A summary of 2019

Our Technical Manager - John – will present you the detailed figures in relation with the activity 2019 and our Treasurer – Werner – the financial balance. These accounts have been approved by the auditors .

The weather conditions in 2019 have not permitted to reach the scores of 2018. Anyway, we have made more jumps than in 2017. The number of Teams Jumps has sharply increased, with the training sessions of HayaBusa and the Qataris and also the ESL that we have organized.

Were also scheduled for this year: the FS Belgium Championships, the International Pop's Meeting as well as the ESL Finals. Both the Belgian FS Championships as well as the Pop's International Meeting haven't taken place. The reasons for this are :

1. The Belgian Championships were scheduled too early in the season, so too few Teams, if any, registered.
2. Pop's : No registrations despite the fact that both Dominique and the President attended the Pop's France Meeting in Nancy. To be honest, the weather conditions we have had at the scheduled date (August 15th week-end) were so bad that a Competition couldn't have taken place.

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Only the ESL kept his promises with 31 Teams registered (A record for this Competition). The weather was also on our side and made possible to run enough legs to make the competition attractive to all attending. If we have been warmly requested by the winners to organize the event again in 2020, that this due the work done by our team of Staff Members, independent or employees, as well as by our volunteer members who have given 100 % of their time for this Event. The biggest inconvenience with this kind of event is that it refrains our members to jump, the airplanes being reserved for the competition. There is no Tandem jumps either which represents a financial loss for the Club and for the independent staff members. Then, after discussions, it has been decided of not organize the ESL again and we have asked to the VVP to take the relay (which was finally not possible due to the COVID-19).

By the middle of the season, we have faced an important technical with the SPA aircraft that blocked her to the ground. Skydiving Promotion has made every effort to find a second aircraft, which was really difficult in the middle of the season.

During 2019, we have organized courses covering AFF up to 25 jumps. As the attendance to those courses was a real success, we have decided to renew the experience, with 4 sessions split from May until September. During the 2019 sessions, we have faced problems due to the lack of student and post-students rigs. Gaëtan and Manu were very efficient to make sure that each candidate had an rig available as well as the other skydivers. We have then bought 5 brand new student complete rigs. Those 5 rigs were bought with the help of the ADPS covering 75 % of the amount. The money is still to be received, even if we have already paid the full amount in 2019. This full amount paid (€ 33.896,35) has a negative impact on the financial balance of this year.

Despite of the important expenses of this year we had decided to carry on with the free jumps for our members in October and November. 550 jumps were made by 91 members, including some freshly AFF - qualified ones who had the patience and the spirit, supporting sometimes weather conditions that were not optimal. We remind you that those free jumps are offered to the members who have made at least 20 jumps in the course of the year to thank them for their fidelity.

Some have said that we are offering those jumps at the time when weather conditions are difficult and that it is preferential for those with more experience or qualifications. We agree that it may happen, but as I have told you earlier, some Skydivers, recently AFF- qualified were able to take benefit of this action. To make it short : the one who is there has a chance to jump, if you do not show, for sure you will not jump. The second problem is that we are not in the position of offering free jumps as long as we do not know if we have enough money to do so and, by the way, we need to have had a good start of the year as well as a

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good summer. That is the reason why we can only offer free jumps by the end of the season. I strongly believe that everyone one has the possibility of enjoying free jumps if he really wants so. You must also be aware that all the events we organize have a cost for the Club and those taking part also take benefit of them as, for them, registration is free.

As a conclusion, the President wants to thank all the Staff, technical, logistical, Manifest as well as those who helped, a way or another in making of this year 2019 a real success.

John Delges, our excellent Technical Director – presents the detailed figures of the 2019 activity
Comparaison Sauts 2019-2018.

| Sauts Skydive Spa | 2019 | 2018 | 19-18 | % | Commentaire |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | 20881 | 22662 | -1781 | -9% | |
| CSC | 186 | 244 | -58 | -31% | Including Instructors = 50 students AFF + FlyIn |
| AFF Studentss | 346 | 450 | -104 | -30% | |
| AFF Instructors | 526 | 625 | -99 | -19% | |
| Canopy Course | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | |
| Demo | 0 | 5 | -5 | -100% | |
| Héli jumps | 36 | 40 | -4 | -11% | |
| Hop'n Pop | 430 | 293 | 137 | 32% | |
| Belly Flying | 2909 | 3367 | -458 | -16% | |
| FreeFly | 3116 | 3204 | -88 | -3% | |
| Wing Suit | 479 | 312 | 167 | 35% | |
| Track | 424 | 656 | -232 | -55% | |
| Free Jump Members | 566 | 1569 | -1003 | -177% | |
| Staff | 112 | 139 | -27 | -24% | |
| Load Organizers | 337 | 321 | 16 | 5% | |
| FS Teams | 3421 | 955 | 2466 | 72% | Incl. 1315 ESL |
| Pop's | 0 | 134 | -134 | -100% | |
| Tandem Instructors | 3233 | 4142 | -909 | -28% | |
| Tandem Passengers | 3233 | 4142 | -909 | -28% | |
| Video Tandem | 665 | 868 | -203 | -31% | |
| Misc. | 12 | 101 | -89 | -742% | |
| Dutchs Extérieur | 50 | 15 | 35 | 70% | AFF/Tandem |
| Dutchs PH-LBR | 800 | 1080 | -280 | -35% | |
| Total Free Jump | 1015 | 2029 | -1014 | -100% | |
| Elèves AFF | 50 | 66 | -16 | -32% | |
| Membres | 349 | 333 | 16 | 5% | |

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Werner Delges, the Treasurer reminds the members that one individual jump costs actually 35,00 € and, by the way, the jumps of the individual skydivers are, on a large extend, financed thanks to the income created by the Tandem jumps.

Report of the Treasurer Werner Delges : Financial Balance 2019

Our book handling is monitored by an independent accountant: Andrea Weling.
Documents were checked by the auditors : Dominique Lawaree et Joel Evens.

| | 2019 | 2018 | Ecart |
|---------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Income | 1.177.841,67 € | 1.352.467,07 € | -174.625,40 € |
| Outcome | 1.194.945,14 € | 1.332.189,84 € | -137.244,70 € |
| | -17.103,47 € | 20.277,23 € | -37.380,70 € |

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| Reported Result | 116.208,03 € | 133.311,50 € |
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The loss of 17.103,47€ for 2019 can be explained by :

- Purchase of 5 complete rigs for the AFF students (33.896,35€) for which we are still waiting for the participation of the ADEPS (+-25.000€ to be received)
- Less Tandem income (Less Tandem jumps - -900 – due to the bad weather conditions and the ESL).
- Less jumps during the year : -1.781 for a total of 20.888 i.e. less 9 %.
- The organization of the ESL creating a loss of approx. 18.000 €. That is the reason why we will not organize it in 2020 as we were requested by the Brits.
- Cancellation of the Belgian Championships : Travel costs for the judges to be refunded and purchase of useless T-shirts (+/-1.500€).
- Ground work under the tent (7.560€)

Two auditors are nominated for 2019.

- Dominique LAWARREE
- Adrien DECHENE

After report of those auditors, the General Membership Meeting approves unanimously the Financial Balance as presented and gives discharge to the Board for 2019.

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Board Composition : Resignations/Elections

- Resignations

- Last March 7th we have received from Jean-François Caby his resignation. It was accepted by the Board.

- Elections

- Jérôme Janssen has presented and motivated his application as a Member of the Board. We present this application to the Assembly and we ask you to accept it. Young blood can only be a real asset for the Club.

Jérôme's application is unanimously accepted by the Assembly.

Compliance for the statutes

New regulations require that we modify our statutes to be in compliance. Only the General Membership Assembly may proceed so. We have up to January 1st 2024 to do so, but we have decided to take the opportunity of the sanitary confinement to prepare the necessary changes. This fastidious work has been done with the help of Jef Carabin who had done the same operation for the FWCP.

To validate those modifications a quorum of 2/3 of the total membership was needed, which we do not have to-day. For this reason, a new General Membership Meeting will be called in a minimum time of 15 days.

Projects 2021

Free Jumps : The way they will be organized is explained.

VIP Card giving a discount of 2 € per jump and 75 € per tunnel hour.

Events :

- Friendly boogie, we could schedule it for the week end of May 1st, should be confirmed in the course of November.
 - Johannes Lee will be available to organize FS loads and for coaching.
 - Jérôme et Pierre will soon receive their F-License for Free Fly, which will make them eligible for coaching and organizing Free Fly jumps.
 - Yves Petit will be available for wing suit coaching and organizing.
 - We will organize a training /selection week from the week end of Ascension to the week end of Pentecost (May 13th to May 24th). Coaches will be Vincent (le Blond) and Marine Descoles. Some of you have already met Vincent and have maybe made some jumps with him this summer.
 - Jef Carabin mentions that a C-License course will be organized within a few weeks. Details to follow.
- The General Membership Meeting 2019 is closed at 20.40 h.

André Vanhudenard
President

Jean-Pierre Dechêne
Secretary

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