

Annual General Meeting, 2009

This is a summary of the salient points from the Annual General Meeting. Information considered member specific has been omitted from these notes. Complete minutes are available to members from Secretary Paul.

Meeting held at Brendan's Hangar at Bunbury City Airport, 7th February 2009. 17 Members present, 4 apologies.

1. WELCOME:

President Keith Mell welcomed members and thanked them for their attendance at the AGM which is the 15th of the club. Keith congratulated members Angus Horwood, Howard Watts, Roger Bunny, Rob Donaldson and Fiona Donaldson for taking part in the "You've got Wings" around Australia challenge to raise funds for the RFDS.

President Keith also congratulated Geoff Barratt and Jim Polinelli who travelled to the AirBorne factory in Redhead to pick up their new XT Tundra trikes and then flew them back unassisted from Maitland to Bunbury. Both these efforts were flights of epic proportions.

2. MINUTES:

Previous minutes were accepted as read.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer Julie presented the Financial Report which a small operating loss for the year. The report was accepted as presented.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The officers of the club for the next 12 months are: President: Keith Mell; Vice-President: Brian Watts; Secretary: Paul Coffey; Treasurer: Julie Watts; Committee-men: Brendan Watts and Geoff Barratt.

5. CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Club membership fees remain unchanged at \$48 for the coming year.

6. SECRETARY EXPENSES:

Secretary Paul will receive appropriate reimbursement for phone calls and out-of-pocket expenses.

7. CLUB SUBMISSION TO HGAWA:

Last year, the club made a submission to HGAWA (Hang Gliding Association of WA) for state funding for sealed GPS units and computer equipment to be used for Colibri badge flights, cross-country endorsements and cross-country competitions. In the submission we pointed out that the club has never received any funding from HGAWA in the 14 years of the club's existence despite all our members paying the State Fees every year.

HGAWA approved the application but a difference of opinion between their committee and us about the type of equipment allowable and needed has led to a stalemate and no funding has been received.

We will try to progress the matter this year but now we have been paying state fees for 15 years without receiving one cent in return. Estimates of the total amount of state fees paid by members of this club range from \$10,000 to \$14,000 and we believe this is manifestly unfair and unreasonable.



The early arrivals making themselves comfortable



8. HGFA MATTERS:

Bearing in mind that not all club members are members of the HGFA, the internal matters affecting the HGFA at the moment are not really of interest to all club members.

Most of our HGFA members have been keeping abreast of the happenings within the HGFA membership with unrest stemming from the increase in HGFA fees and the efforts of some groups within the HGFA to call Special General Meetings to “roll-back” fees to previous levels and to “spill” the entire Board and have interim elections held.

There are mechanisms within the Constitution for calling such meetings and should these groups be successful in formulating valid motions, the Board will have no hesitation in calling a Special General Meeting and organising a vote to decide the motions put forward.

What effect any of this will have on the club is unable to be determined at the moment and only time will tell.

9. MICROLIGHT INSPECTION COURSE:

Three club members, Rob Donaldson, Nigel Paine and Peter Simcock attended the HGFA Weight-Shift Microlight Inspection Course held in Maitland in September. President Keith congratulated these members for showing commitment to maintaining their own aircraft to the new standards which will take effect under CASA Parts 103 and 149 and well as the requirements for the new category of Light Sport Aircraft. The follow-up course will allow qualification as

a recognised WSM Maintainer and is proposed to be held later this year, possibly after mid-year.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Carnarvon Trip:

Dates: from Friday 1st May to Sunday 10th May.

Those wishing to take part should contact Brendan, Keith or Paul to register their interest.

Details in brief were discussed.

(Further details are to be found on pages 4 and 5 of this issue of Triker News.)

B. SAAA Chapter 10 Fly-In:

Mike Fletcher, President of SAAA Chapter 10, addressed the meeting about their Regional Fly-In.

(Further details are to be found on page 5 of this issue of Triker News.)

C. Busselton Aero Club Fly-In:

The Busselton Aero Club committee has extended an invitation to all members of the club to attend their Annual Fly-In to be held at Busselton Airport on Sunday 19th April.

Further details are to be found on page 5 of this issue of Triker News.

D. Club Badges:

New club sew-on patches are now available for purchase at \$15 each. See Treasurer Julie.

E. Close of meeting:

As there was no further General Business, President Keith thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:10PM.

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Keith Mell, *Club President*

Paul Coffey, *Club Secretary*

REMINDER: If you haven't yet done so, please pay your annual club fees (\$48) to Treasurer Julie as soon as possible.

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