



AIRWAVES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF PINE RIVERS AERONAUTICAL MODEL SOCIETY

AUGUST 2006

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY SEPT 1ST AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON THE CORNER OF TODDS RD AND ELLIS RD, LAWNTON COMMENCING AT 8PM. PLEASE NOTE! THIS MEETING IS ONE WEEK LATER THAN NORMAL AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED! IT IS ALSO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WHICH WILL PRECEDE THE GENERAL MEETING. NOMINATIONS FOR THE NEW COMMITTEE ARE LISTED BELOW.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2006/7 COMMITTEE:

PRESIDENT: Pat Benson

VICE-PRESIDENT: Bob Moore

SECRETARY: Bob Ring

TREASURER: Gordon Grant

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Bill Rowland

A secret ballot will be held to decide those positions with more than one nomination.

Promotions Report – August 2006

As per my AGM notification, I will not be standing for this position for 2006 – 2007. I wish to thank the members that have participated or assisted with the various fun competitions and social activities over the past year. I look forward to these events continuing and being supported by the club membership.

The most recent event that the club has been involved with was the Annual Charity Air-Show held last month. I wish to personally thank Steve Glasson and Jim Fagan for their assistance with organising a large portion of the promotions leading up to the event. The event was also a success with the assistance of Graham Tattersall and his team for organising the pilots and flying displays throughout the day. It was great to see a large number of club members helping behind the scenes working hard to support the club. Well done everyone!

Our next club event is our Annual Fun Fly-In on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th September. This will be a weekend of casual fun flying with a basic aerobatic timed competition with 2 rounds held on Saturday afternoon and 2 rounds held on Sunday morning. There will also be a social evening on the Saturday night with fun entertainment by our own “Chicken Sticks.” For more information please refer to the flyer on the notice board or club web site.

Also on Sunday 22nd October is our annual Life Members “Bill & Ben’s” fun day. This day is dedicated to our current and past Life Members with 2 fun events hosted by Bill Rowland and Ben Staines. Bill and Ben are assured me that if you can take off and land then you will enjoy their events. For more information please refer to the flyer on the notice board or club web site.

As always our Annual Club Auction will be again held on Friday 24th November after the monthly members meeting. Bring along your unwanted aircraft and bits to sell, and maybe pick up a bargain to take home.

Don't forget that our Christmas party is coming up on Saturday 9th December and we need your nomination, or you can nominate someone else for the “Most Spectacular Crash

Award." This will be presented at the Christmas Party. Please forward your nominations to the club secretary.
Safe Flying,
Mike O'Brien
Promotions Officer

PRAMS AGM held on Friday 26th August 2005

Before the meeting started the Secretary handed the members present copies of the Financial and Auditors Report for the year ending 2004/2005 to be read at their convenience.

Meeting opened at: - 8.05PM

Attendance Book: - 41+10 Visitors.

Apologies: - Dave Buckell, Graham Tattersall, Don Barber, Patrick Benson.

Minutes from previous Meeting: - As read by the Secretary. Accepted by the Meeting.

Secretary's Report: - Mr. President and Fellow Club Members, this is my report for 2004/2005.

When I was elected to the position of Secretary I was both honoured and humbled to accept the position to a great Club. I remember announcing at the time that the Club had to move into the 21st Century. This I am glad to announce we have done in a big way, and we have got to thank in part for the tremendous efforts put in by Danny Hollis and James McAllen. Danny of course has designed our new Data Base, which is now in operation, and he will maintain this for us.

The system is unique to our club and makes all the Committee's jobs so much easier. A vote of thanks certainly goes out to Danny. This Committee took over the job one month later than usual owing to a hitch with our E-Mail system. We were thrown into controversy within ten minutes of accepting the Job, through no fault of our own, by one of the Members claiming Sexual Discrimination because she was not voted in as President. In the end it took the Committee six months to stem the flow of correspondence between both parties. What a pity that at the end of the day she did not have the decency to apologise for the injustice she had to Our Club, and injustice it was, as We the committee were only following the guidance of our Constitution and Rule Book. Still business must go on and sure enough it did. Extreme efforts were put in by a lot of Members to get the flying site to what it is today; particular thanks must go to the Field Maintenance Officer Bob Moore and also to the Canteen Staff of Graham and Terry Ross. Big thanks must also go to the Solar Energy Team who put in a terrific effort in getting the System up and running in a short space of time. The Airshow I feel was a great success, although lacking in numbers as against last year, but I feel that can be attributed to the weather, a great success all the same. It now appears that at the end of a very successful year in office we have come up with another bit of controversy. This we hope can be resolved in the very near future. Please Remember Fellow Club Members, the Management Committee do not make the Club Rules these are made by you the Club Members, the Management Committee are only the Custodians and Administrators of the Constitution and Rule Book. I wish to thank you all for the tremendous support you have accorded me during my first term in Office. I will be prepared to stand for another year in this position if you all wish me to do so, thank you all very much.

Proposed by: - Geoff Stopher Seconded: - Barry Evans. Accepted by the Meeting

Treasurers Report: - Well after hearing from Mike and Jim there's not much left for me to say. This has been a very busy year for the club.

We had had a lot of expenditure this year, but we are still showing a profit. That I feel is a great position to be in. We went over the budget a little with the Power Project, however I'm sure you will all agree that to have the benefit that we now have is very cheap at just over \$1000.00. We have also developed the rest of the site with the addition of another container for the Fuel and the roof to cover both containers. I constantly hear other club members mentioning

the facilities that we have. With the soon to be completed shower and the renovation of the canteen and clubroom I hope that the club continues to move onward and upward.

I personally want to thank you, the members, for all your support over the last year. I look forward to your ongoing support over the coming financial year. I want to make a special mention of Jim Fagan and Danny Hollis, without whom life would have been very difficult indeed at renewal time. I do think it prudent that we actively look for a club member who would be willing to be an assistant to the Treasurer with the view that this assistant would run for the position of treasurer at the next AGM. I think we need to have this assistant in place from about April next year. This will help create a smooth hand over.

I look forward to another wonderful, fun filled year in which we will continue to make PRAMS the greatest club in Australia. TA

Barry Evans asked a question as to why there was no show of Nitro being bought in on the 2004/2005 financial statements. James explained that the Nitro was bought just before the end of the last financial year and that lasted us till the end of this financial year, this was accepted.

The meeting was asked to accept the Auditors report, Proposed Dave Harper and seconded by Dave Anderson, the meeting accepted the report.

Vice President's Report: - G'DAY PRAMS.

Well what a year it's been for the Committee.

We have received letters claiming sexual discrimination and members complaining about members.

Perhaps the complainants could leave the Committee out of their personal woes and kept things one on one.

One member wishes to introduce a new rule.

However since the Committee has enough on its plate it would be appreciated if commonsense and logic were contemplated first to decide if this change is really necessary!

P.S.

Would members please realise the Committee is made up of volunteers trying to run a club of 190+ members.

We cannot be expected to know the answers to all problems. Let's see if this coming year can be filled with lots of satisfying flying and less bickering. Proposed by James McAllen and seconded by Jacques Boosten, the report was accepted by the Meeting.

President's Report: - The past twelve months have seen our club grow to the highest in the club's history. This shows that aero-modelling is a healthy hobby to be part of. I personally would like to thank the Management Committee and the appointed Sub-Committee members for all the hard work over the past twelve months and look forward to seeing PRAMS establish itself as a club that continues to grow and support the sport of aero-modelling.

One of our major milestones this year was the receipt of the Grant we applied for from the Community Gaming Fund. This has now enabled the club to install the Wind Generator, Solar Panels and Batteries to enable the club use of electricity for our current needs. This major accomplishment would not be a reality if we did not have the vision of the Previous Management Committee and dedication of tradespersons within our club. These people have donated not just many hours of labour, but also of their finances and business support to the club. A huge thank you from the Management committee and club membership is made to Dave Anderson, Jim Hill, Danny Hollis, Graham Ross, Dave Buckell from MPA Engineering, Geoff Hunwick, Paul Hopley, Derek Anderson from H.P.M. and John Roth for their contributions. The next major project for the club will be the moving of the Kitchen and the new 'Clubhouse'

facilities being upgraded for the use of members and their guests. This has already started and is due to be finished as soon as possible, hopefully within the next few months.

As far as the 2004/2005 financial year was concerned for the new Committee, it was upon our instant acceptance to the Management Committee of our first General meeting to this day that we have dealt with various issues of allegations of discriminations, poor conduct of club members and resolving disputes between members. I would like to say that it is these issues that do not make our volunteering to the club's operations easy to say the least. This also does not promote the clubs objectives, that being the promotion of healthy sportsmanship and the pursuit of aero modelling through our society. I would like to think that the majority of the membership of our society believes and maintains these fundamental principals and high morale as the main focus and characteristics of the club that held high by its members at all times.

On a positive note, it has been great to see our members take part of the various fun competitions that have been organised throughout the year, and also those that have competed in the various competitive disciplines outside our club. Other events that have been successful have been the S&B Model Aircraft Electric Day and our own Annual Charity Airshow. The S&B Model Electric Day has grown rapidly since it was introduced three years ago with Pilots now travelling from as far away as Melbourne and Albury to be part of the Nationally recognised event. This years Charity Airshow was a little down on last year, however was beneficial to our club and the supported Charities. The Charities that benefited from the Airshow were the Salvation Army (Lawnton), and the Royal Children's Hospital. We received comments of a well-presented Club by the Mayor of Pine Rivers Shire Yvonne Chapman who opened the show assisted by the Councillor of Div 10 Yvonne Barlow and other visitors of the day. These events also receive very favourable comments from local and interstate visitors that have on occasions spoken highly of our facilities as being one of the best flying fields in the country. Again these events are very well supported by sponsorship from our local hobby shops and manufacturers, so please support them also.

I wish you all safe and friendly flying for the New Year.

Mike O'Brien President

It was proposed that the meeting accept his report Proposed Eric Pond, and seconded Brian Bates, the meeting accepted the Report.

Appointment of Auditor: - It was pointed out by the Treasurer that it is a requirement in law that an Auditor for the current year 2005/2006 be appointed at a club's AGM. Therefore it has been Proposed by James McAllen and seconded by Danny Hollis that Don Richards Accountants and Auditors be elected to represent our needs for this period. A vote was taken and the Meeting accepted this.

Voting In of new Management Committee: - The present Management Committee were willing to stand for another year except the Vice President who stood down after this term in office. Voting was then conducted by a show of hands for all positions on the Management Committee: -

President, Mike O'Brien, Elected unopposed, accepted by the meeting.

Vice President, Bob Moore, There being only one nomination, Bob was elected unopposed, Accepted by the Meeting

Secretary, Jim Fagan, Elected unopposed, accepted by the Meeting.

Treasurer, James McAllen, Elected unopposed, accepted by the Meeting.

The Sub-Committee who are elected by the Management Committee were confirmed as follows: -

CFI, Peter Summersfeld.

Catering, Graham and Terese Ross.

Field Maintenance, Bob Moore.

Librarian/Airwaves Editor, Dave Harper.

Fuel Coordinators, Geoff Hunwick, Dave Buckell.

This now members, is your Committee for the coming year, we congratulate them wish them all the best of luck.

There being no further business the meeting closed at: - 8.20PM

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PRAMS General Meeting held on Friday 30th June 2006

Meeting Opened at: - 8.00PM

Apologies: - Dave Anderson, Geoff Stopher, Jason Kelly, Dave Buckell, Trevor Mills, Graham Tatts, Peter Ederle, Col Cruden, Glen Parsons, Ian Rae.

Welcome Visitors: - Jean Fagan, Dale Webber, Anthony O'Connor, Dave Bramwell,

Minutes of previous Meeting: - As per Airwaves

Proposed, Barry Evans, Seconded by Bill Rowland, and Accepted by the Meeting.

Matters arising from previous Meeting: - We had not catered for interstate visitors on revising the Club Rules & Bye Laws on 25th February 2005. I suggest we act on this now and make an addition to Bye Law 3d to read: -

The Society will allow non-Members to fly Radio Control Models at the Field subject to the following conditions;

- 1 The Visitor may contact a member of the Management Committee for authorisation to use the Field. Authorisation will normally be granted to visitors from other states or who live 200Kms or more from the PRAMS flying site. The Management Committee reserves the right to deny authorisation at any time for any reason.
- 2 Any Financial Member of PRAMS may invite visitors to fly at the PRAMS flying site. The Member extending the invitation must accompany the visitor on all occasions. Visitors from clubs that operate within 100 Kms of the PRAMS flying site may only be invited to fly on a maximum of two occasions excluding sanctioned events.

The Following applies to all Visitors:

Visitors must produce a current MAAA affiliated licence or other proof of insurance.

Uninsured visitors May fly under instruction on a maximum of two occasions.

Visitors must sign the visitor's book prior to flying.

Visitors must comply with all PRAMS Rules and Bye Laws.

Visitors may not invite others to use the PRAMS facilities without the approval of the Management Committee or the Member extending them the invitation.

Proposer, Barry Evans and seconded by Ian Lay, accepted by the Meeting

Secretary's Report: -

Correspondence In: - JJ Richards A/C, Motor Charge A/C, Commonwealth Bank A/C, various Application Forms, Various renewal forms, Suncorp Metway A/C, Statement from Northside Farm Equipment, A/C from Affordable Trophies, E-mail from John Knox re Flightline safety,

Correspondence Out: - Cheque to JJ Richards, Cheque to Northside Farm Equipment, Sent out Renewal notices to all Club members, please reply as soon as possible.

REMINDER, You are not insured until you have paid your Club Fees for 2006/2007 and displayed your Financial Status by showing your RED sticker on your TX Key. No red Sticker NO FLYING.

Next General Meeting will be after the AGM Meeting to be held on Friday 25th August 2006. All Positions except Vice President are up for grabs so get your votes in.

Treasurers Report: - As this now the end of the Financial year all looks fine and rosy, just got to get all the Books to the Auditor to prove what we are worth. All club members who wish to pay their Renewal notice please do so at the end of the meeting. Bank statement for end of May 2006 is on the top table for your Inspection.

New Members Welcome: - Dale Webber, Jason Kelly, Anthony O'Connor, Dave Bramwell.

Catering Report: - Nothing Special to report, but I still need helpers for the Airshow, please let me have your names as soon as possible. The Raffle tonight is 20Lt of Methanol.

CFI Report: - As I have just taken over from Peter please be patient with me whilst I get sorted out. There is a new folder for Instructors, now held in the Instructors cupboard. Please keep it up to date. The formula has now been worked out for Instructors working Bee Credits. 4 Hrs Instruction now equals 1 Working Bee.

Please be aware that Gliders need more room to manoeuvre when landing is called so give them a bit of space.

Field Maintenance Report: - To all you guys thanks for all you help whilst I have been away on Business, the field is looking really great what with all the new shade cloth and such. The last big job to be done will be the renewal of all the wiring on the perimeter fence but that will be at a later date. Graham Kennedy has volunteered to sort out the bottom Gate.

Fuel Report: - It seems to be that we are selling an awful lot of fuel and at times it is a little hard to keep up. We are now selling Coolpower Oil in 4 ltr containers and at a reduced price this equates to a reduction of \$5.00 on a 4ltr container. Please make sure you return your containers in a clean condition as this helps to keep costs down.

Airwaves and Library Report: - We now have two new books of Aircraft drawings; we hope you will all make good use of them. The subscription Magazine side of things is really in full swing so we are getting a lot of new literature in the club.

PRO Report: - Mike has asked that this part of the meeting be devoted to the organising of the Airshow and to make sure everyone is aware of what they have to do. Good luck to everyone and heres hoping we have a very successful Show.

Any other business: - **The** Secretary Reported that the Bolens ride on mower had a broken engine and that it needed repair at a cost of \$1250.00. At the same time we have been donated a Tractor Unit by Glen Parsons but needs a replacement cracked Bell housing, we have sourced one at a price of \$350.00. It has been suggested we source a second hand Slasher unit that Glen can rebuild to almost new condition. This has been sourced at a cost of \$400.00. So for a cost of about \$2500.00 we can have the Tractor Unit + Slasher + the Bolens Repaired. The Management Committee highly recommends that we take this course of action.

Proposed by Bill Rowland and seconded by Barry Evans the meeting accepted this recommendation.

The Raffle: - Darryl Thoma won The Raffle of 20ltr methanol

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.40PM

Thank you to Peter Summerfeld for filling the potholes in the road to the field, and to David Knight who just donated another trainer to the club.

Finally – if you want to buy fuel at the field – please bring the correct money!

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