



AIRWAVES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF PINE RIVERS AERONAUTICAL MODEL SOCIETY

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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24TH AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON THE CORNER OF TODDS RD AND ELLIS RD, LAWNTON COMMENCING AT 8PM.

THE DATES OF THE NEXT TWO WORKING BEES ARE SUNDAYS MARCH 5TH AND APRIL 2ND STARTING AT 8AM.

Thank you to all the members who helped on the last working bee – we got a load of cleaning up and painting done, as well as making a start on the fence repairs. Makes it easy with so many willing helpers – thanks guys!

COMING EVENTS:

Sat 18 March Fun Pylon Day. Starts 12 noon. Closed field from noon onwards.

The Old Timer/Glider club comp that was cancelled due to bad weather has been rescheduled to Sat 27 May. Normal flying won't be affected.

Sat and Sun 29/30 April is the 4th Annual S & B Model Aircraft Electric Fly-in. Electric models only on these days!

COMMITTEE BYLINES

At the recent committee meeting the following items were discussed: there has been a safety problem which occurred while the strip was being mown during the week – see the CFI note below.

Steve Glasson has volunteered to help President Mike with the Airshow promotions – thanks Steve!

We now have a bar fridge in the clubroom, kindly donated by Don Barber. Cold drinks will be kept in there at \$1 per can, working on an honour system for payment. If the system is abused, it will stop – please keep it honest! Thanks very much for the fridge, Don!

We thought we had a desk lined up for the computer/flight simulator in the clubroom. That seems to have fallen through – can any member out there help us out with a computer desk? Contact any committee member if you can...

We're still having problems finding change for people wanting to buy fuel from the club. PLEASE bring the right money if you want your fuel!

Therese tells us she is very happy with the new kitchen, and the new saucepans etc now in use have made preparation and keeping food hot easier and better. Keep up the good work, Therese!

Moves are afoot to improve the instructor situation – see the CFI note below, but we still need more instructors. Please talk to Peter Summerfeld if you can help in any way.

The library should be available every day of the week now we have three other 'assistant librarians'. The willing three are Keith Bartlett, Bob Moore and Darren Robinson. There is also the Library Returns box on top of the library cupboard in the clubroom for returns.

FROM THE CFI...

LAWNMOWING : All pilots are advised that when airfield mowing is taking place, please discuss your intentions with the drivers, before proceeding to the take-off area.. If your time on the airfield is limited, then the mowers will give you priority, if you have plenty of time then please let the mowers know, they might ask you to delay your take-off for a few minutes depending on the grass length and the area concerned.

INSTRUCTORS and INSTRUCTING ASSISTANTS

There will be a meeting for all instructing personnel on Wednesday March 1. The meeting will be at

the Airfield at 7:30pm, please bring insect repellent. Discussion will involve the current training situation within the club... Bring a cake, biscuits or cheese and crackers...

Minutes of PRAMS Club Meeting for 27th January 2006

Meeting opened at: - 8.05PM. 42 Members present.

Apologies: - Bob Moore, George McLucas, Dave Anderson, Gordon Grant, Joyce Rowland, Col Parry, Barry Weaver, Bill Hall.

Visitor's welcome: - Duke Ellis, Jean Fagan, Jason Kemp, Steve Millikin, Noel Kerr, Ross Bate, Keith McNutt, Graham Powers, Luke Logan, David Paine, Bob Downey, Mark Donnelly.

Minutes of previous Meeting: - As Per Airwaves

Proposer, Steve Glasson Seconded, James McAllen.

Matters arising from previous Meeting: -

1 Wording of rules regarding Instructors, Peter is just finalising this subject.

2 Proposed by Dave Harper that Club numbers be limited, this proposal has been withdrawn.

3. The proposal by James McAllen of a reciprocal agreement between 4 local clubs. James is still waiting for feedback from these Clubs.

Proposer: - Barry Evans, Seconded: - Darryl Thomas, accepted by the meeting

Secretary's report: -

Correspondence In: - JJ Richards A/C 2, Motorcharge A/C 2, Commonwealth Bank A/C 2, Suncorp Current A/C 2, Some Application forms, Minutes of General Meeting for MAAQ, Letter of thanks from Salvation Army and Children's Foundation for generous donation from Airshow, Letter from Page Electronics re new Bandwidth testing Station, Letter from Neighbourhood centre confirming dates of hire of hall for 2006, Affordable Trophies A/C.

Correspondence Out: - Cheque to JJ Richards, Cheque to Waste Busters, Cheque to Affordable Trophies.

As announced in Airwaves I shall be stepping down from this office at the end of this year. Now is the time to look for a successful new Secretary, good luck.

Complaints have been received by the committee about Engine testing being done in the pit area. Club Members are reminded that engine test Facilities are provided for the convenience of members at the far end of the pits, in a shaded area, please use this facility so keeping noise levels to a decent level.

Mowing of air strips, it has been pointed out to the Management Committee that the Kubota Ride on Mower has been receiving some rather harsh treatment lately. This machine is a lawnmower only and must only be used to Mow the Main Strips. It has been suggested that it be limited to certain members to use as was originally intended. It has been costing the Club quite an expense of late.

Next Club Meeting will Friday 24th. February 2006.

Proposer: - Geoff Stopher, Seconded: - Bill Rowland. Accepted by the Meeting.

Treasurers Report: - The financial statement was read to the meeting by James and he stated everything is just fine. He pointed out the Bank Statement was on show at the top table for members to check.

Proposer: - Steve Glasson, Seconded: - Garth Smith, accepted by the Meeting.

CFI Report: - Peter reports that the safety issue is now good so please keep it up. As far as stick time for Students with the Buddy Box is concerned, Gold Wings Standard will be the norm with the CFI's permission. You must have the CFI's permission to do this Duty. This must be adhered to in order for your Insurance to be Valid, CFI is going to be very strict about this condition, ignore it at you peril. Peter also wants to start a roster for Instructors and also for them to wear some sort of recognisable article of clothing i.e. Coloured head gear or shirt with Instructor printed on it, this is open to suggestion, let Peter know your Views.

Field maintenance Report: - Bob sends his apologies for not attending the working Bee but unfortunately he has to earn a living, Dave Harper will be deputising for him instead. The fence needs tidying up, the mower shed to be tidied up, The toilets to be cleaned up and whipper snipped. A general cleanup and tidy all over the site.

Fuel Report: - Geoff reports, people are still not returning empty containers and the club has had to buy some more, you will be charged \$5.00 on each and every container you draw from the Club stock. The fuel shed in future must be kept locked, as people have been seen removing containers from it.

Catering Report: - The new Canteen is doing very well, I will make a full report next month, as I have been very busy this month.

Airwaves Report: - Airwaves is running very smooth at present. I expect members have noticed the Library is now situated at the Members Club Room and will be kept there in future. It does make things a lot simpler for all concerned. There are lots of DVD's, Videos, and Magazines available for everyone. We should have the TV set up properly in the very near Future for all to enjoy. We have 3 club subscriptions going at present for current magazines.

New Members: - Ross Bate, Mark Donnelly, Peter Edmonds, Duke Ellis, Brad Jory, Jason Kelly, Neil Kerr, Luke Logan, Milan Markovic, Keith McNutt, David Paine. Welcome one and all; this brings the total membership to 210 members.

Pro Report: - Mike reports there is now a new Promotions board, this will be posted on the notice board at the hall when club meets are in progress. Any questions or suggestions regarding the promotions side just have a chat with Mike, he would welcome your feedback.

Any other Business: - There has been a Proposal by The President, that the General Monthly Club Meetings be held every 3 months i.e. February, May, August and November. This is allowed for within the Constitution. This will free up the other months for social activities. During the free months, at the beginning of each session new members will be catered for and voted in accordingly. An agenda for each social evening will be drawn up one month in advance. The new schedule to start at the February 2006 meeting.

Proposed: - Dave Harper, Seconded: - Dean James, carried by the meeting.

There had been a Proposal by Peter Summerfeldt that the Working Bee Hours be changed from the present 0800 AM to 1000AM. The reason being that the early morning is better flying conditions. A Free Sausage Sizzle would replace the traditional breakfast and a Free can of drink. This was put to the vote but was defeated almost unanimously, there were only two votes for the motion.

The subject then came up regarding increase in Club Fees and increase of Maintenance Levy. A very heated discussion then ensued, a few members seemed to be very indignant about the proposal and to say the least started venting their wrath at the top table. The Treasurer tried to calm the situation by explaining the reasons for it, they appeared to be having none of it. Because of the bad feeling it caused and to further the calm, it was proposed by Dave Harper that it be passed back to the Management Committee, who would work out a Budget to come to a reasonable figure of increase.

Seconded: - Ian Rae, passed by the meeting. There were no votes against.

A suggestion has been made that to encourage Instructors and to reward them for their efforts, that they be accredited Working bees.

Graham Kennedy has reported that permission has been granted by the farmer whose property adjoins the Flying Site, Don Gynther, 2 Korman St. Griffin, 4503. For models to be retrieved from his property, it would be appreciated if you would accord him the courtesy of phoning him first. His no. being 3886 4545. Graham also suggests how about a bit of PR and inviting him over to see our operations. Carry on Graham, you do that.

.There being no further business the Meeting Closed at: - 1010PM.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Firstly, I'd like to thank all the members who mucked in at the last working bee. We got a whole lot of painting and cleaning up done and also made a start on the fencing repairs. It was easy with such a willing band of workers – thanks guys!

Secondly, there are now three other members with keys to the library cupboard, who I guess could be called Assistant Librarians. The idea is that there should be someone at the field just about every day who can issue and return library items. The three are Keith Bartlett, Bob Moore and Darren Robinson. So you weekday fliers can now use the library, too! Thanks to Keith, Bob and Darren for volunteering their help.

There are a few long outstanding items that I would like to see returned – there's a returns box in the clubroom, too, if there's no-one there to accept items....remember, the library is there for all members, not just you!

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