



AIRWAVES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF PINE RIVERS AERONAUTICAL MODEL SOCIETY

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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23RD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON THE CORNER OF TODDS RD AND ELLIS RD, LAWNTON COMMENCING AT 8 PM.

THE NEXT WORKING BEE WILL BE ON SUNDAY 4TH MARCH STARTING AT 8AM.

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Minutes of PRAMS GM held on 26th January 2007

Meeting opened at: - 7.30PM

Members present: - 30 members attended.

Apologies: - Neil Tyler; Roger Wilson, Celia Wilson; Tony Williamson; Don Anderson; Geoff Thompson; Steve Godbold, Brian Bates.

Visitor's welcome: - Grant Clark; Robert Fiumara; David Morrison; Martin Vels; Troy Wolter

Minutes of previous GM held on Friday 24th November 2006: -

As published in October edition of Airwaves.

Proposer, Dave Harper, Seconded by Col Parry. Carried.

Matters arising from previous Meeting: -

Successful Christmas Party 71 paid attendees. Subsidised by \$452

Bungee purchase progressing.

Committee Meeting Report: -

New fuel delivery. New Airwaves printing savings of around \$105 per issue.

Library demand for DVDs. Field maintenance. Aged / disabled activities. Fees

structure for lessons and try-before-you-buy flights with club trainer. Helicopter

flying. Risks of flying 27MHz park flyers in club environment discussed. Ban on

non-MAAA approved types stays. Discussion on increasing visits by potential new members and bon-vide MAAA associates to four.

Secretary's report: -

Correspondence In: - JJ Richards Nov Account; Redcliffe Gas Nov Account;

Austbrokers- club's insurance broker advised change to organisation; JJ Richards Nov account

Redcliffe Gas Nov account; Austbrokers - insurance broker - change to

organisation structure; Muroc Muller college - re aircraft flying activities with

school; Minutes of MAAQ general meeting; Email re Pat Clark late membership

renewal; Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre - Use of Hall - Renewal of booking;

Resignation of Ian Stewart - health reasons; Email from David Roberston re

Sandgate Police Citizens Youth Club show on 3 & 4 Mar07; Resignation Rick

Brittain - heading north; Commission for Children - Changes in responsibility for

Employer and "Blue Card" - Risk management plan; MAAQ Newsletter 0107

Correspondence Out: - MAAQ re 2 junior and 4 senior members; MAAQ re 2 senior half year renewals Moved George McLucas, Seconded Geoff Hunwick . Carried.

New Members: - Jim McMorrine; David Morrison; Roger and Celia Wilson (Apology); Tony Williamson (Apology); Dan Anderson; Chris, Nadine, and Annie Lindner; Leigh Crooke; Robert Fiumara; Grant Clark; Martin Vels; Troy Wolter; Dan Anderson; Leon Moran.

Accepted. Victor Crooke application carried over to Feb meeting.

Treasurers Report: -. Gordon Grant delivered report. Account rearrangement complete. Changes to accounts for fuel and catering etc implemented. Moved Gordon Grant Seconded Jeff Stafer. Carried.

CFI Report: - Don Barber delivered CFI report.

Everyone need to be a safety officer. Changes to heli-flying. Helicopters flying downwind on the out of service runway is preferred. Fixed wing pilots to fly outside this area when helicopter pilot requests the area. Good communication between fixed wing and heli pilots is considered key to cooperative operations. Common courtesies to be shown by all. Helicopter pilots are to consider the experience of those at the flight line and are requested to avoid intense training times.

Wings awarded: Bronze fixed: Curtis; Garbutt; Phillip McCarter; Jason Claffey; John Roth. ***Gold fixed:*** Brenton Jory; Josiah Atkinson. ***Bronze heli:*** David Knight; Pat Benson; Paul Grant; Don Barber; ***Gold heli:*** Kerry Turton; Warren Dunn.

Instructor Heli: Rod Garrett. Accepted with acclamation.

Field maintenance Report: - Bob Moore

Working bee 4 Feb07. Shade cloth repair; gravel path; pilot area; upgrade to power panels, mast & batteries. Problems with generator operation causing surges can be minimised by use of funnel with filter when fueling.

Fuel Report: - Geoff Hunwick

Containers are still not being returned. Must be clean and PRAMS types. Charges will apply to supply of containers. 4 litre Coolpower now available but will cost more.

Catering Report: - Therese Ross

Problems with solar supply mean fridge is not reliable. The menu of snacks available on Sundays will be limited until the supply upgrade is complete.

Airwaves Report: - Dave Harper

_Dave apologised for some new members not receiving Airwaves due to late update of email list.

Pro Report: - Vacant

Looking for volunteers to assist with activities and planning particular with Air Show. The meeting was reminded of the Glider Competition events Saturday 24Feb07 and S&B Electric weekend 5 & 6 May07

General Business:

Bob Moore advised he was observing an increasing number of non-financial members and non-members using the clubs facilities. All members should recognise the problems this causes with non-insured incidents. Offenders are using our facilities without paying their dues. Red sticker on key is indicator of

current members. It is the role of all members to ensure non insured members are not putting club members at risk. Visitors are allowed 2 visits when signed in by a club member. Fill in all details in new visitor's register. This is necessary to support any possible insurance claim. Option is available to refuse application for membership from those not willing to comply with bylaws.

Discussions on why some flyers have "lots of crashes". All flyers must meet and be tested to PRAMS solo standard. Flyers are encouraged to seek the assistance of an experienced "helper" when first flying new models or at any time. This approach provides a second check and assists with confidence (avoid panic errors). Communications and second view important to assist avoid errors. The importance of bandwidth checking of equipment suspected of being defective or that involved in a crash (particularly receivers).

Sandgate PCYC show on 3 and 4th March discussed. Volunteers required.

Contact Pat Benson; Dave Robertson; John Kennedy.

Past Benson reported on Muric Muller College activities, and gained agreement to proceed with discussions for activities at club mid week.

George McLucas commented on changes required for "Blue Card" risk management. He asked for card holders to contact him with details of their card so the card register may be maintained. Assistance from members familiar with requirements of new regulations was requested.

George advised he would be absent from 17Feb to 4Mar07.

Graham Tattersall showed samples of the new club T shirt. Members asked to place orders on form included with last Airwaves as soon as possible. Shirts are \$18 each including pocket. \$12 for type without pocket. Neil Tyler (apology) supplied sample name tags with prices for consideration by the members. The oval design was preferred. Final options to be considered when Neil is available. Kerry Turton advised he was planned an activity for aged from the Regis Nursing Home on a Tuesday 10 am to 1 pm (date to be fixed). He request approval of the members for the visit and requested the use of the club house and BBQ facilities. Volunteers to assist please contact Kerry. Proposed Kerry Turton Seconded Graham Kennedy. Carried.

Dave Anderson advised he intended to conduct a similar activity with folks from Wesley home in March April. He will provide further detail and request formal approval when arrangements are clarified.

Dave Harper requested approval to spend up to \$100 on DVDs for the club library. Titles from a helicopter training series proposed. Moved Dave Harper Seconded Dave Anderson. Carried.

Graham Tattersall reminded instructors and students that AUS number is required on flight test reports. Forms cannot be processed until complete (including AUS number).

Raffle followed.

There being no further Business the meeting closed @.10:15 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday 24th Feb: Life Members Fun Sailplane Competition

Sunday 25th March: QPFA Aerobatic Competition – closed field.

Sat 5th and Sun 6th May – S & B Model Aircraft Electric Fun-Fly.

Further details of these and other events can be found on the club web site –

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COMMITTEE BYLINES

At the recent committee meeting the following matters were discussed:

The alternative energy system upgrade is complete and running – many thanks to all the members involved in the great job that has been done.

Life Members Glider Comp to be held on Sat 24th Feb – normal flying will continue during the comp. Mike O'Brien or Dave Harper will organise the event...

The S & B Electric event to be held over the May Day weekend will be run by George McLucas. Grant Clark attended a Blue Card seminar and reported to the committee on what he learnt – he also provided the notes from the seminar to the committee so a risk management policy can be prepared. A register of Blue Card holders will be started and maintained by the secretary, all members currently holding same are requested to give George McLucas their details and fill in a 'CH' form as well. All committee members and instructors are to be asked to apply for a Blue Card to comply with the new regulations.

There was a discussion on the occasional conflict between fixed wing and heli fliers – the heli group is currently flying on weekend afternoons in an effort to avoid conflict – communication and tolerance seems to be the answer to this problem...

Members are also reminded to observe the 20 minute time limit on having your frequency key on the board – common courtesy!

The small drink fridge in the club room will now be administered by the canteen staff – ie Graham and Therese. This is an auditor's requirement to enable the bookkeeping to be controlled.

The Sandgate PCYC is holding a Hobby Exhibition over the weekend 3-4th March, and we have been invited to put on a display there.

The Motor Charge card has been cancelled.

In the interest of economy and saving time for Therese, there will be no more sandwiches provided at our Friday monthly meetings – biscuits will have to suffice!

The new Heli DVDs for the library have arrived and are being well received. A new DVD set on Electric Flight School has been ordered.

Library Notes

There are still a few outstanding items awaiting return – you know who you are! A shame list will be published next month!