

AIRWAVES



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF PINE RIVERS AERONAUTICAL MODEL SOCIETY

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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY January 26th AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON THE CORNER OF TODDS RD AND ELLIS RD, LAWNTON COMMENCING AT 8 PM. YES, WE KNOW IT'S AUSTRALIA DAY – COULDN'T GET THE HALL ANY OTHER DAY!
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THE NEXT WORKING BEE WILL BE ON SUNDAY 4th Feb STARTING AT 8AM.
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Minutes of PRAMS AGM held on 24th November 2007

Meeting opened at: - 7.30PM

Members present: - 44 members attended.

Apologies: - Dave Anderson, Ian Rae, and Dave Buckell.

Visitor's welcome: - Darcy McCarter

Minutes of previous AGM held on Friday 24th October 2006: -

As published in October edition of Airwaves.

Proposer, Barry Evans, Seconded by Neil Tyler. Carried.

Matters arising from previous Meeting: -

Warbirds 26Nov06 - No general flying. Next Working bee 3 Dec06. Work to include pilot safety fence. Water pump upgrade work has been complete with fireman's aluminium pump (Stainless steel not available). Christmas Party- catered spit roast subsidised for members and families.

Reminder to bring presents for 12 and under. Lolly drop scheduled. Disabled persons activities carried over to Jan committee meeting.

Committee Meeting Report: -

Arrangements for Christmas Party. Discussions on 2007 calendar. Disabled persons activities.

Secretary's report: -

Correspondence In: -Statement Commonwealth Cheque account, Statement Suncorp, Motorcharge card statement.

Correspondence Out: - OFT- Change of Secretary, OFT amendment to annual return - bank account details. Advise change of secretary MAAQ MAAA.

Moved George McLucas, Seconded Barry Evans. Carried.

New Members: - Darcy McCarter (as junior, son of Philip); Curtis Garbutt. Accepted.

Treasurers Report: -. Gordon Grant delivered report. Small deficit reported for October. Accounts being transferred to new accounting package. Expected to be completed Mid January 2007. Budget including upgrade to fencing and upgrade of electrical services included. Any other proposed major work should be advised to Treasurer for inclusion in the budget. Funds on deposit being consolidated into interest bearing deposit with Suncorp. Moved Gordon Grant Seconded Dave Harper. Carried.

CFI Report: - Don Barber delivered CFI report. 2.4 GHz keyboard now installed. This facility sponsored by Don's Flying School. Spectrum DX6 approved for use. DX7 approval expected soon. Bronze wings awarded to Warren Morrison, Neil Tyler, Phil McCarter, Jason Clappy, Jimmy Blake. Gold wings awarded to Phil McCarter; Warren Summerton. Accepted with acclamation.

Field maintenance Report: -. Bob Moore

OK - See business arising.

Fuel Report: - Geoff Hunwick

Cool power has not been available in bulk. Current stock is US gallon and is more expensive.

Catering Report: - Therese Ross

OK

Airwaves Report: - Dave Harper

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

Pro Report: - Mike O'Brien

Calendar ready for publishing. Due to changes in Mike's employment, a new publicity officer required for 2007.

General Business:

Following discussion on the need at the field for an electric model launch bungee. Neil Tyler proposed the club purchase a bungee and release for up to \$50. Seconded James McAllen, Carried. Method of payment for purchase of hardware materials for working bees was discussed. Arrangement of purchases with quotes against advance from Treasurer remains the procedure. Danny Hollis advised the new host for the club web site was in place and working well. This host provided over 2GB storage and 3TB bandwidth. Danny has added forum and for sale pages. Latter is conditional to no involvement by PRAMS. Picture gallery is operational. Accepted with acclamation.

Information nights discussed. Proposed subject include synthesised transmitter operation, spread spectrum technology.

Neil Tyler proposed a standard name tag for club shirt. Seconded Barry Evans. Carried. Neil offered to gather examples for next meeting.

A Raffle and Auction followed.

Raffle winner was Neil Tyler. A range of preloved and new items changed hands.

There being no further Business the meeting closed @.9:45 pm

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COMMITTEE BYLINES

At the last committee meeting the following points were brought up:

We are running out of fuel containers – please return empty ones clean ASAP!

Members to be reminded of the club glider comp to be held on Sun Feb 24th – flier is on the web page.

At the next working bee (Feb 4th) the fence around the pilots area to be finished and the gravel path will be cleaned up. Bob Moore to organise.

Another metal lockup cabinet is required for the clubroom, similar to the two already there – no more of those available! If anyone can supply or point us to something suitable please contact the committee! The extra space is needed for secure storage of spare drinks for the fridge...

Suggestions are requested for DVDs or books to be purchased for the club library – please pass them on to Dave Harper at the meeting

A new order for club shirts is being prepared – see order form at the end of this newsletter or place your order at this Friday's meeting with Graham Tattershall. A new style of shirt of a lighter material is being proposed at a printed cost of \$20.

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CFI NOTES:

We now have several club trainers and radios which need the existing instructor's cupboard for secure storage. (See request for cupboard above..)

Don is getting fed up with being bombarded with complaints about other members' unsafe flying! If you have a complaint of this nature, please put it in writing naming names and times, with witnesses, sign it and pass it to the club secretary. This enables the committee to handle the problem in a timely manner...if it isn't in writing, it didn't happen! A copy of the letter should also be given to the member being complained about .

It has been suggested that a small fee be charged for use of the club trainers by new and prospective members – this to cover fuel costs and possible repairs/ maintenance. This will be discussed at the meeting...

Instructors are to be advised that if a club trainer they are using is damaged or requires maintenance, it is their responsibility to perform (either themselves or arrange with someone else..) whatever needs to be done and claim any costs from the treasurer. Otherwise we end up with a hangar full of wrecks! Please also clean the trainers after use – it may be instructive to have the trainees do this! Perhaps we need to keep some cleaning materials in the instructor's cupboard for this purpose...

Don will be available to answer these and other questions at the meeting...

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LIBRARY NOTES

For the benefit of new members, here is a brief run-down of the club library:

We have a collection of books, DVDs and videos that are available free to members. Loan period is generally one month. There are also three running magazine subscriptions for QuietFlyer, Quiet & Electric Flight International and Radio Control Models and Electronics. These magazines are held on the library shelves in the club room, and may be booked out as with the books etc.

There are many more magazines stored in the clubroom which may be borrowed or used for reading matter at the field. All I ask is that any magazines taken from the shelves be returned to the same binder when finished with!

Members wishing to book out materials should see myself or any of the assistant librarians – these are: Darren Robinson, Patrick Hetherman and Keith Bartlett. If there are any keen readers out there who would also like to assist with the library, please come and talk to me!

There is a Library Returns Box on top of the library cupboard where books etc may be left if there is no-one available to book them in.

If club finances allow (ie if we can persuade the treasurer!) new books or DVDs will be purchased from time to time. Suggestions for new (aeromodelling related!) items are welcomed – most can be ordered over the internet, so have a browse on the net and see what you can find....donations are also welcomed, of course!

Dave Harper

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 –

www.prams.asn.au

ORDER FORM FOR CLUB SHIRTS

The shirts will be of a similar colour and style to the old ones, but of a lighter material. Cost estimated to be \$20 each.

If you would like your own shirt screen printed, please contact Graham Tattershall Ph 3886 7558 and it can be arranged.

Please supply the following details and the number of each size required:

Member's Name.....(Please print!)

Contact phone number.....

Qty required of each size:

Sm..... M..... L XL..... XXL.....

Please bring your order to the meeting next Friday or mail this form to:
Dave Harper , 18 Gareth St., Bracken Ridge, Q 4017. or email it to
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