

AIRWAVES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF PINE RIVERS AERONAUTICAL MODEL SOCIETY
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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 29TH October 2004 AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, CORNER OF TODDS RD AND ELLIS RD, LAWNTON COMMENCING AT 8PM.

Members are reminded that our meeting hall rules state that no alcohol will be drunk in the hall. Also that the hall must be left clean and tidy, so remember to eat outside or near the kitchen. Thank you!

THE NEXT WORKING BEE WILL BE ON SUNDAY 7th November. Clean up of the Tx pound will be one job – bring wire brushes and paint brushes! Also more work to be done on the fence.

Minutes of Special General Meeting held on Friday 24th September 2004

Opened at 8.05 PM

Apologies:- Graham Kennedy, Col Cruden, Geoff Stopher, Rod McCary, Jim Hill, Patrick Benson, Bob Porter

New Members:- Derek Henderson, Robert Burdett

36 Members attended as per attendance book.

Minutes as presented of Last meeting in Airwaves Carried

Election Of Officers for new Committee as follows:-

Before the meeting started all members present were asked to fill in ballot papers for election of new Officers which they duly done the results being,

President	Mike O'Brien	36 Votes	Joyce Rowland	2 Votes
Vice President	Don Barber	Unopposed		
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Rowland	14 Votes		
Secretary	Jim Fagan	34 Votes		
Treasurer	James McAllen	34 Votes		
Field Maintenance	Bob Moore	Unopposed		
Airwaves /Library	Dave Harper	Unopposed		

CFI	Darryl Thomas	Unopposed
Catering	Therese Ross	Unopposed
Your new Committee, now comprises :-		
President	Mike O'Brien	
Vice President	Don Barber	
Secretary	Jim Fagan	
Treasurer	James McAllen	
Librarian/Airwaves	Dave Harper	
Field Maintenance	Bob Moore	
CFI	Darryl Thomas	
Catering	Therese Ross	

Treasurers report James said the Financial situation is very good.
Proposed as passed by Ian Rae seconded by Bob Moore, accepted by the meeting.

CFI report, Darryl says the both club trainers are now fully operative, Darryl has possession of the low wing whilst Paul now has command of the Hi wing.

Correspondence in: Community Benefit Fund, Re Renewable Energy Sources, our application for grant of \$15,623.00 was unsuccessful in the first round from the Gambling Community Benefit fund. Danny Hollis is pursuing the matter further.

Caboolture Council Re Organisation Information.

Bundaberg Club are holding a Warbirds & Funfly & Swap Meet on 16/17 October 2004.

The public are invited.

Contact the Secretary Darren on 07 41529286.

Hot and cold showers available.

Camping available, they have a dam for Float Planes.

Hand letter of complaint read out by Joyce Rowland, re Sexual discrimination by the Club. It was felt by the meeting this was too serious a matter to be discussed there and then so it was Proposed by Dave Andersen to hand the Matter over to the Management Committee to deal with, this was accepted by the meeting.

Field Maintenance report, Next working Bee is 3rd October, Bob has to survey the scene to see what has to done in his new job and asks for a little patience as things will take a bit of time to settle down .Don Barber says he has a source of top soil to be investigated .

Library report by Dave Harper. We are gradually increasing our supply of new literature so if you want something of interest always ask Dave

Catering Officer report, Therese says everything is ticking along nicely.

New Members, Derek Anderson Proposed by Bob Moore, accepted by meeting

Jonathon Dunn Proposed by Dean James, accepted by meeting

Peter Reed Proposed by Bob Moore, accepted by meeting

Shaun Walker Proposed by Bob Moore, accepted by meeting

Robert Burdett Proposed by Don Barber, accepted by meeting

David Bowe was not present at meeting so it will be carried over to next meeting.

This now brings the club Membership to 169.

General Business.

Kerry Turton has proposed that Instructor safety be tightened up and Duty of Care be observed, it has been put to the Management Committee to be resolved, Proposed by Gordon Grant and seconded by Dave Andersen carried by meeting.

Kerry Turton also proposed a vote of thanks to Don's Flying School for the excellent competition put on by him, which of course was won by Kerry. Carried by the meeting

The Raffle was then drawn, and Therese thanked Bob Moore for the two prizes he donated, 1st Prize was won by Darryl which was an Esky.
2nd Prize was a Condiment Glass won by Kerry Turton.

Meeting was closed at 9.25pm

The new committee asks all club members to be a little patient with them as they settle into their new jobs and thank you all for your overwhelming support as shown by your votes of confidence in them.
Secretary Jim Fagan

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 14th OCTOBER 2004.

Firstly, I would like to thank the previous committee members and their assistants on a job well done on the behalf of all PRAMS members. Just some personal history of myself, I have been involved with radio-controlled hobbies from about 1985. I have been involved with aero modelling for over 10 years, and been a member of PRAMS for 6 years since moving to Brisbane from Cairns. Over the past few years I have been involved with the S & B Model Aircraft / PRAMS electric days, PRAMS annual air-shows and visited other inter-club fly-in events. My current employer is Quickwall Australia Pty Ltd where I am employed as the factory operations manager in Geebung. I am married to Jodie-Anne, and have two little princesses Christine-Michelle (2 ½ years) and Charlotte-Rose (14 months).

What do I see in the future for PRAMS? One of my visions for PRAMS is to see a healthy growing membership of people who love to fly and participate in aero-modelling from all the various avenues eg scale, fun-fly, helicopters, pattern, gliding, sport flying etc. One comment I hear regularly from other aeromodellers and I include myself, "I wish I could fly as good or build a model as good as that person." I guess it's up to us as a club to encourage, mentor and facilitate these areas as best we can. I know from personal experience that people will continue in doing things well when they are encouraged and when someone is willing to share some hands-on experiences to help them out. I would like to outline to our members that from visiting other clubs both locally and interstate, that PRAMS has one of the best fields and facilities in Queensland, if not Australia. It is a real pleasure to hear positive comments from visiting pilots and visitors on the club's facilities. It's up to us as individual members to take pride in our club and its continued growth. At the end of the day we're here to have FUN! Let's keep the FUN alive and well.

I look forward to the year ahead. I am contactable most evenings or I am usually at the field on Saturdays.

Enjoy your flying.
Mike O'Brien.

Committee Bylines.

The first committee meeting for our new committee turned into a bit of a marathon with much ground covered and many points discussed. The following is a very brief resume of the discussions!

New president Mike thanked the outgoing committee for their hard work and for leaving the club in very good shape.

As our fuel co-ordinator Jim Hill will shortly be moving interstate we have to urgently provide new storage facilities for our model fuel stocks. The old fuel shed is also in need of replacement. To this end the committee agreed that we propose to the membership at this coming meeting that a second storage container, similar to the first, be purchased and set up alongside the existing container. This will provide secure storage for the fuel as required by law. Quotes have been obtained for containers and will be detailed at the meeting.

It has been noted that a lot of old model bits and other rubbish is being dumped in the shed. This makes the place look messy and someone has to clean it up! Members are requested NOT to dump anything in the shed without first clearing it with the committee.

There seems to be some confusion relating to how many visits prospective members can make to the field prior to joining the club. Our club rule is that TWO visits are allowed, no limit to the number of flights on each visit. Then a membership application MUST be submitted to the secretary, with a financial member proposing. Once this is done, further visits are unlimited until such time as the membership application is put to the next club meeting. Assuming the application is approved, the fees can then be paid and the new member enjoys all membership rights.

The chairs at the shed are getting very shabby. Any member aware of a source of more, preferably stackable, chairs at the right price is asked to contact the committee. Please note the request above about NOT dumping things at the shed!

Remember the annual club auction will be held at the November meeting. Further details in the next Airwaves.

Members wishing to take any of the MAAA tests for Bronze, Gold or Instructors ratings are requested to contact our CFI Darryl Thomas. Any flying tests are to be witnessed by TWO instructors.

A list of club instructors will be posted in the CFI notice board in the shed.

The following members were singled out for special thanks for services rendered to the club:

Ben Staines for the new trophy shelf in the shed.

Graham Kennedy and his fencing team for work on the fence.

Rod McCarey for donating a fridge.

Don Barber for the manufacture and installation of gates to the pit area.

Nominations are sought for the Best Craftsmanship and Most Spectacular Crash awards to be presented at the Christmas Party. There are perpetual trophies for both these classes!

The Christmas Party will be held on Sunday December 12th starting at 1pm. Registration form is on the next page!

PRAMS CHRISTMAS PARTY

**WILL BE HELD AT THE FIELD ON SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER.
STARTING AT 1PM.**

A fully catered lunch will be provided, plus a visit from Santa. Parents are requested to bring a wrapped (and labeled!) gift value up to \$20 for each child for Santa to present.

There will also be a lolly drop for the kids, weather permitting.

Our previous parties have been very successful, and to help Therese give us an even better one this year please return this form to her ASAP with the fees.

CHRISTMAS PARTY REGISTRATION FORM.

Members Name: _____

No of adults attending: _____

No of children: _____

Cost: \$10 per adult, \$5 per child under 14. Children under 5 free.

Total fee submitted: \$ _____

Please make cheques payable to PRAMS. Therese will accept cash at the field or at the club meeting. Final date for payment will be the club meeting on November 26th.

Please return forms ASAP with fees to:

Therese Ross, 49 Eveshan Rd., Deception Bay Qld 4508.

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Member survey

Hi PRAMS Member,

Part of the committee's yearly planning is to assist in the organization of both flying and social events throughout the year. I would appreciate that each member fill in the short questionnaire and return it to the PRAMS Secretary (Jim Fagan) by next month's monthly meeting or as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Mike O'Brien

1. Name (optional): _____
2. Age group (please circle the one that applies to you).
 - (a) 0 – 12
 - (b) 13 – 20
 - (c) 21 – 35
 - (d) 36 – 50
 - (e) 51 – 65
 - (f) 66 and over
3. What areas of aero-modelling are you interested in? eg scale, helicopters, pattern, gliding etc.

4. What type of social events would you like to see organised?

5. Are you interested in full size aviation? If yes, what area?

6. How long have you been involved with aero-modelling? _____

Any other comments or suggestions? _____