



AIRWAVES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF PINE RIVERS AERONAUTICAL MODEL SOCIETY

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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON THE CORNER OF TODDS RD AND ELLIS RD, LAWNTON COMMENCING AT 8PM.

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

The Xmas Party this year has been proposed for Saturday yes Saturday 10th December at 4 PM to be held at the Flying Site. This year we will be using outside Caterers who will provide a Spit Roast with two meats, jacket boiled potatoes, and a choice of 5 salads, Tea and coffee and all crockery and cutlery provided. The total cost to each person will be \$10.00, children under the age of 12 \$7.00; entertainment will be courtesy of our very own CHICKEN STICKS. All orders must be in by 10th November 2005 and must be accompanied with cash for the full amount, no orders will be accepted after this date, as that is the latest date the Caterers are willing to accept. You can place your order with James or Jim any time from now.

WORKING BEE

Thanks to our regular mowers and the dry weather there appears little field maintenance needs doing this month. However, help is needed to continue working on the kitchen relocation. Bob won't be there on Sun 1st Oct but Dave Harper has the working bee book and will record those who turn up to help.

Minutes of the
PRAMS General Meeting held on Friday 26th August 2005-08-31

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Meeting Opened at: - 8.35PM

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

Welcome Visitors: - Gary Goodman, Kevin Clarke, Daniel Renaud, Tony Singleton, Frank Sutherland, Gary Gibson, Adam Gibson, Valt Bassi, and Oscar Vassi.

Minutes of previous Meeting: - As per Airwaves

Proposed, Dave Harper, Seconded, Bill Rowland, and Accepted by the Meeting.

Matters arising from previous Meeting: - Rewriting of PRAMS By-law, **Safety, and 1e.** To be ratified, now reads;

1 e. In normal circumstances all Pilots must be within 10 metres of the designated Pilot area for all take-offs and hand launches. In certain circumstances i.e. Bungee launches, new models or models which require longer take-offs, it is the pilots responsibility to ensure that all Pilots in the Pilot Safety Area are aware of his/her intensions.

Proposed, Ian Lay and seconded Garth Smith, accepted by the Meeting.

It has been proposed that all Instructors form part of the New Safety Committee. It is for them to instruct on Safety of all natures whilst a Pilot is in training. They will also be responsible in the future to see these Safety Rules are implemented.

Proposed, Bill Rowland and seconded Ian Lay, Accepted by the Meeting.

Secretary's Report: -

Correspondence In: - JJ Richards A/C, Flyer from Toowoomba Model club, Form12 Incorporated Associations from Queensland Government, Motor Charge A/C, Commonwealth Bank A/C, various Application Forms, Various renewal forms, Suncorp Metway A/C, Letter from Barry Evans requesting to address the Meeting, 2 E-Mail Letters from Chris Parker.

Correspondence Out: - Cheque to JJ Richards, Letter if appointment to Don Richards Accountant, Letter to Kerry Turton, Various club cards issued, MR1 to MAAQ. Written Warning Notice to Chris Parker, Letter to Barry Evans, Revised letter of warning to Chris Parker, Revised to Barry Evans. The next club meeting will be held on 30th September 2005.

Reminder, Xmas Dinner Party Tickets are now on sale from Jim or James, no orders accepted after 10th November 2005 so please get your orders in early. \$10.00 per adult and \$7.00 for child under 12 yrs old.

Proposed, Ian Lay and seconded Brian Bates, accepted by the Meeting.

Treasurers Report: - James says as the Auditor's Report was circulated which he was very pleased with, the only thing to report was the reconciled bank statements for end July. This reads the current A/C stands at \$18,358 and with the Term Deposits our total balance is \$44,170 very healthy indeed. Danny Hollis pointed it out and members should remember this for the future. The club cannot sustain itself on Club Fees alone, the factors, which help us along, are the "Sale of Fuel", the "Annual Charity Airshow", and the "Proceeds from the Canteen". Perhaps it would be a good idea for the Management Committee to look to an increase in Club Fees, as we appear to be one of the lowest Club Fees in the State. Some food for thought anyway. A vote was called for: - Proposed Danny Hollis, seconded Ian Rae, accepted by the Meeting.

New Members: - Valt & Oscar Bassi, Kevin Clarke, Gary & Adam Gibson, Daniel Renaud, Tony Singleton, Joe Springer, Ian Stewart, Frank Sutherland, Peter Tomkins. These new members were all voted into the Club, welcome to all you fellas. There were three other applications but the applicants did not appear so they will be held over to next Meeting. This now brings the Total Financial Membership to **179**.

Catering Report: - There is nothing to report this month as everything is doing just fine. What I do have to report to the Club that Ben Staines is recovering well from his recent Operation. Get well soon Ben we all wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him at the site before long.

CFI Report: - As I'm a new boy on the block I have nothing to report for now but will catch up with you by the next Meeting.

Field Maintenance Report: - They're being no Working Bee in September as the field is in such great shape. One of the Members reported that part of the fence needs repair this will be done as soon as possible. Of course the next big Job will be the change around of the Kitchen, this has to be done as soon as possible so we will not be waiting around for the working bees. Work will be carried out on it as soon as materials arrive, anyone helping out on this project will be credited with working

bees. The other project to come on stream will be the erection of the new shaded area to the left of existing shaded area.

Fuel Report: - There are plenty of supplies of Fuel. Once again a reminder we need all empty containers to be returned clean so we don't have to repurchase new ones unnecessarily.

Airwaves and Library Report: - Nothing much to report, except to remind new members that we do have a very good library and it is available to all. Lots of DVD's, Videos, and Magazines. We hope some members will get together and purchase some New Magazines see Dave about this.

PRO Report: - Mike read out a list of forthcoming events and hopes members of the Club will attend these both at home and away.

Letter of request from Barry Evans: - A letter from Barry Evans was read to the Meeting requesting that he be allowed to address the meeting.

The Secretary, then read to the Meeting a short history of events leading up to this matter. The Management Committee, according to the Constitution and By-Laws, sorted this out "in House", as far as we were governed by said Constitution and By-Laws A motion was proposed that as far as PRAMS are concerned this matter is now closed and no further discussion on this matter be made. Also the meeting here present endorse the Management Committee's decision on the handling of this matter.

Proposed Col Cruden, seconded Ian Lay, there were 6 Abstentions. The motion was carried.

Any other business: - The President then announced the sad passing away of Jim Smith from a Heart Attack and that he would represent the Club at the funeral, A Wreath would be given as a sign of respect to Jim from the Club. Proposed Peter Summerfeldt and seconded by Brian Bates, accepted by the Meeting.

The Secretary then told the Meeting of an incident that happened a couple of weeks before regarding an ex member of the Club. It was suspected that this person had been sleeping overnight at the flying site without a financial member being present. It was first reported to the Sec on the Saturday morning, he approached the person and told him he would be reported to the Committee, asking him not to do it again. The same thing happened on the Sunday morning. This time one of the members who was a friend of the family phoned his parents and told them what had happened.

The Management Committee now recommend that this person be barred from PRAMS Flying Site and a letter be sent to this effect. Accepted by the Meeting.

Purchase of a New water Pump: - Permission was asked of the meeting to purchase a Mains pressure Water Pump for use of the Shower Facility, also it can be used to pump water from one tank to another. The price of the pump is about \$450.00. It was also suggested at the time that the Committee's purchasing power be increased from the existing \$400.00 to \$600.00 without redress to the meeting each time.

Proposed by Col Parry and seconded by Dave Harper, the meeting accepted this proposal.

The Raffle: - Dave Harper won this month, a Meat Tray, congrats Dave Harper. There were 88 tickets sold.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.40PM

Committee Bylines

At the recent committee meeting the following matters were discussed: the pressing business of the moment is to finish rework of the far end of the shed so the kitchen can be moved into there. Jim Fagan is organising the work – any offers of help will be greatly appreciated!

We are still short of fuel containers – please return them clean and empty! It has been suggested that a levy may be charged on containers to encourage their prompt return...

The fuel key holders asked that members wanting to buy fuel please try to have the correct money on hand as change is not usually available, certainly not for \$100 notes! If you don't have the right money, you may have to do without your fuel....

Work is already in hand on next years events calendar, see Mike O'Brien if you have any suggestions. Mike is also working on a New Member's Welcome Pack, several sheets of information for new members, This is a great idea and Mike is to be applauded for this initiative.

Several members have been keeping the grass mown on the strips and with the lack of rain there has been little other growth, so there is no real need for a working bee at the moment. However, help is needed to complete the new kitchen area as mentioned above.

Library News

Three new DVDs have been purchased, Electric Revolution is a great new showcase of electric power and includes a very good tutorial on Lipoly batteries. Secrets of Thermal Flight is an excellent tutorial on how thermals are formed and how to find them. Great stuff for all the glider fliers! Endless Lift is a narrative of a guy touring the USA looking for good soaring sites – all who have seen these DVDs are rapt in them, so get in line for a look!

We now have three magazine subscriptions running – RCM&E and QEFI from the UK and Quietflier from the US. This works by several members paying around \$20-25 each for whichever magazine they are interested in. I organise the subs and those who have paid get to read the mags first when they arrive, then they go into the club library for all members to read. I'd like to see another US magazine on the list, RC Modeller would be my choice. We also need a few more subscribers to complete the list for the other mags – please talk to Dave Harper if you're interested in joining this group. We get the magazines anything up to three months before they appear on the newsstands, so the subscribers get the news first!

It has been suggested that we buy DVDs the same way, with several members subscribing. I'm happy to organise this if anyone is interested. Several members are also donating DVDs to the library which is much appreciated!

I am trying to restrict the library collection to mainly model subjects, mainly to keep the size within reason. However numerous members tell me they have large collections of videos and DVDs on full size aircraft, so if anyone is looking for particular information it may be worth keeping a note of who has what. Any volunteers? The same goes for plans, there must be hundreds of plans held by members, is it worth trying to keep a register of them? We do have several plans catalogues in the library, and many other listing are available on line...

Club Trailer

The club has recently had an old trailer donated for use around the field. This will be very handy for shifting top dressing etc., but is not suitable for towing on the public roads. Many thanks to Noel Orphan for this donation.

Upcoming Events

Sat 8th October.....Old Timer/Glider fun competition.

Sun 23rd October.....Bill and Ben's Life Member's fun fly competitions.

Sat 10th December.....Christmas Party