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VSA Committee Minutes, November 26, 2015

Venue: GFA offices 11:00 finished 14:25

Attendance: Peter Buskens (PB) David Cleland (DC), Ian Grant (IG). Frank Van Der Hoeven (FH) attended by phone for the GFA Board report portion of the meeting

Apologies: John Rule (JR) and John Styles (JS)

1. Minutes of 12th Sept, 2015 meeting approved, moved IG, seconded PB
2. **Action log:** Refer updated separate excel document.
3. **GFA Board Rep report from FH:** Frank advised the recent survey was most interesting, members don't understand the GFA restructure, grumpy old man syndrome, quite a lot of reports on bullying/discrimination going on (Actions articles in "Gliding Australia" other actions being considered including what steps members can take). VSA does have a grievance procedure, which we should publicise. Another issue of the survey was there is no split of comments by regions. Other issues: Lack of airworthiness training, are the Regional Associations (RA) needed. The RA's should consider more communications directly to individual members. Encourage more support between clubs and RA's, greater social activities.
4. **Come and get it Trophy:** It is at present at Bendigo and the rules will be publicized
5. **HW:** Cable markers will be moved further out. Inspection to be done beforehand to note any existing damages (IG). Local rules have been updated. Welcome note to posted to website (IG) 50th logo approved, bucket hats will be supplied for free at registration, apparel to be ordered and available at cost at the event. Consider a trophy for best performing wooden glider. (IG). Tugs sorted. Banners are now not being considered to reduce public attendance at the airfield
6. **Treasurers report** was received and accepted. The CBA may offer a discount for NFP associations on bank fees. (PB)
7. **New clubs:** Three new clubs are in the throws of being formed, not yet affiliated with the GFA: **Outback Soaring** Tocumwal President George Schuit; **500 Squadron AAFC** Launceston, President Raelene Garwood) and **Soaring China** Tocumwal President Liming Shun- Andrew.
8. **SRV:** VSA strategy appears appropriate but we need to review it for today's world and it underpins our relationship with SRV. It allows the VSA to reflect on the progress. An EOI for next 3 ½ years of funding needs to be agreed by our SRV consultant and then submitted by Dec 14th. This will be a competitive process for tier 1 funding for up to \$125,000. Consider a part time paid person to provide resources to manage projects.
9. **Buddy reports:** None submitted

Next Meeting and venues: Committee 5:00pm (to beat the traffic) March 2, 2016 at Bacchus Marsh
Presidents' meeting March/April 2016 at Bacchus Marsh

VSA Committee Member Buddy Club Contact updated for 2015-2016 FY year

The committee member initiates and maintains a direct relationship with one eg the President or possible two key members of the selected clubs and be an easy point of contact for the club to contact the VSA. The clubs of course could contact any member of the VSA committee but relationships are important in dealing with different parties. With the spread of distances, much of the contact would be by phone and email but augmented at face to face meetings twice a year at VSA AGM's and VSA President meetings as well as competitions etc.

The split up of clubs for 2015/2016 is as follows and obviously includes own clubs:

Buskens (2): South Gippsland and Goulbourn Valley Soaring

Cleland (3): Latrobe, Beaufort and Soaring Club of Tasmania

John Styles (2): Geelong, Mount Beauty

Van der Hoeven (4): Bendigo, Sport Aviation and Southern Riverina

Grant (3): GCV, Horsham FC and Melbourne Gliding

John Rule (2): Grampians and Sunraysia

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