



VICTORIAN SOARING ASSOCIATION INC: ACT A0026788B

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VSA Committee Minutes, May 23, 2013

Venue: GFA Offices, Somerton commenced 12:00 finished 15:00

Attendance: Ian Grant (IG), Harry Page (HP), John Styles (JDS), David Cleland (DC).

Apologies: Peter Buskens, John Rule (JR)

Minutes of February 18th meeting approved

1. New agenda items:

- 1.1. **Grampians request for financial assistance** for Clubhouse renovations, 50% of \$5,710 clubhouse refurbishment ie \$2,855. With the Grampians conducting state events this submission meets VSA requirements, request approved. DC has advised the GSC.
- 1.2. **AGM and President's meeting** Planning including succession planning. DC to prepare draft agendas for the two meetings. AGM: Rules update, Succession planning: Treasurer Harry will retire this year, nominations to be sought. IG agreed to nominate as Past President, JS agreed to nominate as President, DC agreed to one more year as Secretary, PB one more year as Government Liaison Officer, John Rule agreed to nominate as committee member. Need a Vice President.
- 1.3. **The Presidents meeting** could include a presentation by Chris Thorpe on operations and safety or consider a keynote speaker perhaps from SRV (PB), simulator to be on show in an adjacent hangar. John Styles to present on development and JS to give a World Comp update (January 2017, Benalla)
- 1.4. **Appointment of Joe Luciani as RTO/A.** There maybe an issue with the Ops rules. IG to resolve.
- 1.5. **Financial support to clubs for First Aid Training.** To be Included in Presidents meeting. It was agreed the VSA would subsidise 50% of training and retraining costs with a limit of two per club pa and a budget of \$500 pa
- 1.6. **VSA role to support the GCV in hosting the Pre World and World Gliding Championships** at Benalla Jan 2017 (pre-world 2016). Main action communication to all VSA clubs. Benalla working with Regional Development for funding. VSA may be able to assist with the SRV grants eg supporting pilots getting pre-world training and qualifying.

2. **VSA Rules of Association:** As required by the Victorian Dept of Justice to update our rules of association based on their model rules a draft of the proposed new VSA rules will be presented for approval the August AGM. The committee agreed to propose that the existing rules of allowing individual members and VSA officers to vote and delegates be changed to just delegates ie not individual members nor officers. However the VSA President would have a casting vote if required. It was agreed that the number of delegates per club would be increased from 1 to 'up to 2'.
3. **GFA changes to membership fees and State levies.** The latter increased from \$10 to \$12 for the VSA. The ceasing of the family membership has caused some angst amongst the 68 families affected. It was basically a magazine saving, now that option is not available. JS to assist Terry Cubley in preparing a more informed answer.
4. **Action log:** Refer separate excel document.
5. **General Business**
 - 5.1. Letter of support for GFA loan to Golburn Valley Soaring Club May 3 to buy a Twin Astir from Belgium. GFA requesting further information but are taking too long to progress the loan request. IG to write to the GFA regarding speeding up funding for clubs.
 - 5.2. Traffic on chatter frequency 122.7 at times too high in North East Victoria. It was agreed to ask GFA to use 122.025 frequency for NEV unless there is a comp on (JS).

- 5.3. GFA have lost some CASA airworthiness delegations and are using temporary delegations which run out in mid July.
- 5.4. RTO reports: Update was circulated by IG. Coaching has a full program including G Dale coming for the second year in November. VSA to provide a contribution amount yet to be decided. Bacchus Marsh lecture series to start in June.
- 5.5. **GFA AGM** August 24 in Camden, NSW.
- 5.6. **8 page flier** is being sent to new members and cadets. The GFA may need to print more. (JDS)
6. **Trophies:** JS advised there are three trophies which have not been awarded recently, namely Ron Roberts (longest flight by VSA pilot); Bob McCulloch (VSA club with the most outstanding contribution to instructing) and David Hooper Memorial (longest flight by VSA pilot within 2 years of solo). Call for nominations. In addition there are the VSA State comps trophies and the Maurice Little trophy. It was agreed Mt Beauty would receive the ML trophy for club achievement. Action IG to have the trophy made
7. **Correspondence:**
 - 7.1. Application for a grant from the Grampians SC April 8th (50% of 5,710 infrastructure)
 - 7.2. Appreciation letter to Mt Beauty for successful mountain soaring course April 9
 - 7.3. Letter of support for GFA loan to Golburn Valley Soaring Club May 3rd
 - 7.4. Affiliation Renewal 14th May
 - 7.5. Dept of Justice reminder for annual statement lodging within 1 month of AGM and that the annual statement of VSA true and fair view of our financial position for FY 2013 must be certified by two committee members and provided to the AGM members with the VSA accounts, May 21.

Next Meeting: 10am prior to the AGM and President's Meeting at BM on Saturday August 3rd.
2013 remaining meetings: TBA

VSA Committee Member Buddy Club Contact F13 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 is as follows and obviously includes own clubs:

Buskens (4): Latrobe, Bendigo, South Gippsland and Geelong

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

Grant (3): VMFG, Mount Beauty and Goulbourn Valley Soaring

Page (3): Sport Aviation, Horsham FC and Southern Riverina

Switala (4): GCV, Murray Valley, Melbourne Motor Club and Albury/Corowa

John Rule (3): Grampians, Sunraysia and Corangamite

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