



## **VICTORIAN SOARING ASSOCIATION INC: ACT A0026788B**

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### **VSA Committee Minutes, February 18, 2013**

**Venue:** GFA Offices, Somerton commenced 12:10 finished 15:15

**Attendance:** Ian Grant (IG), Peter Buskens (PB), Harry Page (HP), John Rule (JR) John Styles (JDS), David Cleland (DC).

**Apologies:** nil

Minutes of December 20th meeting approved

Ian Grant welcomed John Styles as RDO Victoria/Tasmania

- 1. Update on implementation of the initiatives agreed with Sports & Recreation for 2012/13.** Peter presented an update on the "Victorians More Active Grant" which is \$15,000 each year for 3 years starting July 1, 2012 with a June 30 deadline for this year's actions. So far \$7,500 has been paid with the second \$7,500 due after the December progress report. **Participation** \$2,500: "Come and try" yet to start, PB to circulate Bendigo's report which includes lessons learnt. It was agreed to release a 10% off voucher to "come and try" at the Avalon airshow, check which clubs will participate (JDS). More action may be required after the airshow Coaching completed. **Membership** \$3,000: Develop trial programs for memberships focusing on juniors and women. We have a KPI to have 4 clubs having youth support programs. At present we have Geelong and Mt Beauty. Still holding discussions with the Air Force cadets (JR). Geelong continue with their good work with local groups such as Sunbury of the Air league. WIG is not happening in Victoria, can't get traction, consider National activity. JDS to review marketing plan. **Coaching and Officials** \$8,000: Refresher training for coaches and instructors. Chris Thorpe is going to implement instructor refresher on a rolling annual basis but would be every 2 years for each site. DW is working on coaching. There is now a shortage of active coaches. **Club capacity** \$1,500: Club health checks on the way. PB to attend a review meeting with SRV late Feb.
- 2. Website** will be available shortly (off line) with its new menu structure and with substantial additions and updates. The new content will be populated and the changeover date will be soon. An offline version will be available for the committee to review. Hosting will now be with Enoch Lavendar resulting in a reduction from \$150pa to \$90pa.
- 3. Planning and scheduling of forthcoming club visits.** It was agreed it is best to have two committee members for the presentation. Peter to circulate Bendigo "come and try day" report. Refer to action log for visit dates.
- 4. Circulation of a letter from the VSA President** to Clubs informing/reminding them of the support available from the VSA has been held over to February (IG)
- 5. New website update** Almost there (PB)
- 6. Changes to Associations incorporation Act.** A draft Rules of Association will be produced by DC and presented to the committee in time for eventual presentation to the next AGM for approval. There are no major changes. (DC)
- 7. WIG review of marketing plan** and action next steps. It was agreed we lack support from WIG VSA members. John Styles will review the marketing plan. Leonie Furze has provided a report on her trip to the Women's' Soaring Pilots Assoc meeting in USA and also to include the UK. It was agreed to provide \$1,000 towards total costs of some \$6,500.

Leonie to assist in preparing a VSA WIG action plan together with JDS taking into account the successful actions she learns from the USA and UK WIG groups.

8. **Avalon planning**, sufficient volunteers and aircraft are now available. Budget which includes clothing and a VSA banner is around \$1,500 less the banners for the museum less the simulator fees. GFA will pay half.
9. **ML Trophy** now to be arranged by IG
10. **VSA Facebook development**, John Styles to review. EG Website Development would be able to set up our Facebook 'technical' page on our website. JR could assist, consider copying Mt Beauty Facebook page. (JDC)
11. **VSA Scholarship offers for Post Solo Cadet** to get them to GPC Certificate stage. Meeting to be held this week with 4 Wing AAFC (IG/JR)
12. **Approach Air League & Scouting** / Guide Movement - to establish a relationship similar to the AAFC . Geelong recently held an event with their Sunbury Group which resulted in 12 flights. DC to set up a meeting with JDC and their Head of Vic Group, Adriane. They are interested in receiving a proposal from the VSA. (DC)
13. **VSA Flyer** (JS) membership demographics, youth scholarships update, Presidents letter on assistance (IG/JS). Wait till after the season.
14. **Treasure's report**: Bank balance \$16,000 (Feb 13). Investment balance is \$50,000 at 4.1% maturing 24 July. Full report to be circulated separately
15. **Instructor training**: Currently capped at \$4,000 pa to a max of \$400 per successful participant, although website states \$500. Capping system unworkable as monies can't be paid until the end of the year. **New set of rules**: Clubs to make application and no cap but \$300 per successful applicant. IG to advise clubs and CFI's (IG)
16. **Loans to VSA Clubs**. It was agreed to let this lapse
17. **Renovation of GFA Simulator**, completed with very little cost, well done Brain Woods and HP.
18. **GFA Survey update**. Still to come
19. **State comps at BM in December**: Acquittal still to come Action JA Half the result will be returned to the VSA and half to the BM Committee of management.
20. **Australian Sports Foundation sport incentive program**. ASF is a federal Government company. Donors to an approved projects can claim a tax deduction eg Duo discus purchase. IG to ask Roger Druce & JA to assist to prepare an article for the VSA website.
21. **AGM Guest Speakers**: Consider a speaker from the Aust Sports Commission for the August AGM (IG)

#### **Next Meetings:**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**: GFA Offices 12 noon, may need to be earlier

**Presidents meeting** at Bacchus Marsh (awaiting SRV planning dates from PB)

**AGM** Saturday Bacchus Marsh August 3<sup>rd</sup>

## **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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VSA Secretary

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