

VICTORIAN SOARING ASSOCIATION INC: ACT A0026788B

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VSA AGM Minutes, August 3, 2013

Venue: BM Club Rooms Start: 11:00 Finish 12:35

Apologies: Noel Vagg, David Wilson, David Goldsmith, Jenne Goldsmith, John Anselmi, Eddie Madden (proxy rec'd), Ed Grech Cumbo, John Tribe (proxy rec'd), John Viney, Arnold Niewand and John Rule

1. **Recording of attendance and voting members:** A quorum was present with 15 Clubs (including two proxies) and 44 individual members (minimum 5 and 15 respectively). Detailed list on page 4.
2. **Minutes** of July 27th 2012 meeting, moved John Switala for approval, seconded Alan Patching, approved.
3. **Increase in VSA fees** for FY 13/14 collected by the GFA from \$10 to \$12pa per individual member was proposed by Kevin McGowan and seconded Robbie Burns and approved
4. **President's report:** Ian Grant gave a synopsis of the past year and plans for the coming year. Ian thanked the committee for their support.
5. **Treasurers Report** was presented by Harry Page. The financial statement was signed as true and fair by Harry Page and David Cleland. John Ashford proposed the report be accepted and seconded by Peter Buskens, report accepted
6. The President congratulated Marcia Cavanagh and wished her happy birthday.
7. **Regional Officer reports:**
 - 7.1. **RTO/O RTO/A:** Ran a successful instructors course during the year. Form 2 Airworthiness being planned by Peter Buskens during FY14.
 - 7.2. **RTO/Sports:** Successful year, plenty of opportunities for pilots for coaching. The Benalla simulator been a great success as a powerful training tool and can mitigate risks. Benalla simulator available for all VSA members at \$10/hr. VSA now have their own mobile simulator which was demonstrated at lunch time.
 - 7.3. **SMS:** Tim Belcher gave an update on the GFA SMS. He stressed the need for clubs to circulate their risk analysis to all club members. The GFA SMS guidelines will assist clubs in preparing their own SMS which needs to take into account their sites. A template will be forwarded shortly and should not require much adaption for each club. It will include an emergency response plan. Clubs must appoint a safety officer and form a safety committee. The SMS club systems must be in place by December 31 2013.
 - 7.4. **Airworthiness:** The President reported that, due to sudden and severe illness of two of our senior Airworthiness engineers, the planned programme for airworthiness has been postponed until later in 2013. The meeting sent their best wishes for a speedy recovery to our senior engineers.
8. **Awards Evening:** An awards evening including Living Treasures will be held in September **Action Secretary DC**
9. **VSA Rules of Association:** The VSA updated rules follow the Department of Justice 2012 model rules and are in line with other updated regional soaring associations rules. Details of all the changes have been listed in the Agenda which was circulated to Clubs and individual members (twice). Main changes have been summarised and copies distributed to all attendees at the AGM (attached). The resolution to adopt these rules was proposed by Ian Grant and seconded by Phil McCann. The resolution passed unanimously. The changed rules will now be submitted to the Dept. of Consumer Affairs for their ratification. Clubs are required to update their own rules of association.
10. **Election of officials.** Nominations received for President (John Switala) and Treasurer (Leo Canteri) and as there were no other nominations for these positions, John and Leo were elected. John Styles was elected Vice President (proposed Ian Grant seconded Peter Gray). Secretary and Government Liaison Officer, Committee member and Airspace Officer positions will continue with the incumbents. It was agreed that the Government Liaison Officer will be a permanent position (proposed Geoff Vincent, seconded Ian Grant). All RTO nominations were endorsed for GFA approval.
11. The President thanked Ian Grant for his hard work and dedication and the great achievements during his time as President.

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VSA OFFICERS – 2013/2014

Position	Name	Club
President	John Switala	GCV
Vice President	John Styles	Geelong
Secretary	David Cleland	Beaufort GC
Treasurer	Leo Canteri	GCV
GFA Board Rep.	John Switala	GCV
Government Liaison	Peter Buskens	Beaufort GC
Committee Member	John Rule	Grampian GC

GFA Regional Technical Officers

RTO/A Airworthiness	Vacant	
	John Ashford (assistant)	Geelong GC
	Marta Najfeld (assistant)	Horsham FC
	Joe Luciani (assistant)	Ballarat GC
Regional Manager Operations	Noel Vagg	Beaufort GC
RTO/Sports	David Wilson	VMFG
	Ian Grant (Coaching Coordinator)	VMFG
Regional Development	John Styles	Geelong

Other Positions

SMS Facilitation	Tim Belcher	South Gippsland GC
Airspace & Airfields Officer	Phil McCann-Bendigo	
Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO)		Tim Belcher

David Cleland
VSA Secretary
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VSA Rules of Association Main Changes Proposed

All the changes have been listed and sent to all club Presidents, Secretaries and individual members

1. Financial reporting. Financial statements must be presented to the AGM and two committee members must sign off on these before submission
2. The committee is proposing the following changes
 - 2.1. Member clubs are allowed to appoint up to two delegates, previously one.
 - 2.2. The new rules clearly state the VSA can provide funds for projects approved by the committee and to be able to render aide or financial assistance to Members. This was previously allowed but not clearly stated
 - 2.3. Main change AGM/EGM voting: As the VSA is an association of Member clubs and not individual members, the voting is to be restricted to club delegates only and not club delegates and individual members of the clubs. This is in line with the other state gliding association rules The committee certainly wants as many individual members to be present at these meetings.
 - 2.4. Quorum of AGM/EGM's has been changed from 5 Member clubs and 15 individual members to 5 Member clubs (not 5 delegates as two could be from the one club) following the change 2.3 above.
 - 2.5. Alteration of Rules now follows the model rules, which state they can only be altered by special resolution of a general meeting with the quorum as in rule 4.4 above and only come into affect when approved by the Dept of Justice Registrar. Previously it stated a general meeting is required but with agreement by at least 75% of members' votes received and by not less than 20 individual votes.

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VSA Secretary
3/8/2013

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VSA AGM Attendance August 3 2013		
1	Jim Barton	Aust Gliding Museum
2	Colin Adam	Beaufort
3	Alex Kreti	Beaufort
4	Gordon Pope	Beaufort
5	Jim Henkel	Beaufort
6	Nick Messinis	Beaufort
7	Chris Thorpe	Beaufort
8	Peter Buskens	Beaufort
9	David Cleland	Beaufort
10	Jack Hart	Beaufort
11	Phil McCann	Bendigo
12	Frank Van de Hoeven	Bendigo
13	John Welsh	Beverly Soaring WA
14	Graham Garlick	GCV
15	Bernard Barry	GCV
16	Leo Canteri	GCV
17	Peter Carey	GCV
18	John Switala	GCV
19	Robbie Burns	GCV
20	John Tribe (Proxy)	GCV
21	Wayne Mackley	Geelong
22	Stephen Pemberton	Geelong
23	Rolf Buelter	Geelong
24	Kevin McGown	Geelong
25	John Ashford	Geelong
26	Jaroslav Mosiejewski	Geelong
27	David Fynmore	Geelong
28	John Styles	Geelong
29	Geoff Vincent	Grampians
30	Harry Page	Grampians
31	Michael Sudholz	Horsham
32	Max Hedt	Horsham
33	Tim Belcher	Latrobe
34	Roger Saretta	Mangalore
35	Peter Gray	Mlb Motor
36	Ian Cohn	Mt Beauty
37	Eddie Madden Proxy	Sportavia
38	Philip Goss	Tasmanian Soaring
39	Ian Grant	VMFG
40	Alan Patching	VMFG
41	David Howse	VMFG
42	Ron Fox	VMFG
43	Roger Druce (Proxy)	VMFG
44	Murray Stimson	VMFG
45	John Buchanan	VMFG
46	Marcia Cavanagh	Webmaster

44 members 15 clubs

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