

## **VSA AGM Minutes, August 23, 2014**

**Venue:** Benalla Club Rooms Start: 11:03 Finish 12:30

**Apologies:** Marta Najfeld, John Styles, Tim Shirley, Phil McCann, John Ashford

**Recording of attendance and voting members:** A quorum was present with 10 Clubs (minimum 5) and in addition, 22 individual members. Detailed list on page 3.

1. **Minutes** of August 3, 2013 AGM meeting, moved David Cleland for approval, seconded Trevor Hancock, approved.
2. **President's report:** John Switala gave a synopsis of the past year. John thanked the committee for their support. Included in the synopsis was the successful awards night, an additional \$15,000 of government grants received (\$92,000 over last 4 years), the Safety Management Systems (SMS) rollout, \$8,500 infrastructure grants given to clubs, 3 youth scholarships awarded, upgraded VSA website, successful VSA comps at Bacchus Marsh with 22 pilots, six club health checks conducted, MYOB accounting system installed, Sponsorship of overseas trip by Ms Furze on an International view of Women in Gliding (WIG), \$10,000 loan to Mangalore to assist with a glider purchase, upgrade of VSA Rules of Association now called Incorporation Rules, VSA membership increase from 584 in June last year to 606 with average age of members dropping from 57 to 52.3, WIG up 9% but still only 6% of total members.
3. **Treasurers Report** was presented by Leo Canteri. Leo proposed the report be accepted and seconded by Frank Van de Hoeven, report accepted
4. **Regional Officer reports** (reports where available will be published on the VSA website:
  - 4.1. **Regional Manager Operations:** Noel Vagg detailed his annual report. Instructors will be asked to complete an update on their status. L2/3 Instructors now require a GPC to continue training. Only 28 out of 60 VSA L2/3 instructors have a GPC. Rules have changed for non-training clubs which now allow for a Chief Pilot instead of a CFI. Instructor refresher course trials held and full program will start in November which will be a requirement every 4 years.
  - 4.2. **Airfields, Airspace and Avionics report:** Was circulated
  - 4.3. **RTO/A:** Trevor Hancock advised a successful airworthiness course for 22 participants was held at Bacchus Marsh with various rating levels granted. Only 1 biannual airworthiness audit done, Trevor is looking for assistance on audits for the coming year.
  - 4.4. **RTO/Sports:** Ian Grant advised Tim Shirley now RTO/Sports. Another successful year including the alpine event with 25 pilots. Ian advised details of 9 events for the forthcoming season. David Wilson the retiring RTP/Sports has been awarded the GFA Wally Wallington award for services to gliding
  - 4.5. **Regional development:** no report
  - 4.6. **SMS:** no report
5. **Election of officials.** The following officers were elected/re-elected for the coming year. All Regional Officer nominations were ratified.

**VSA OFFICERS – 2014/2015**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>
President	John Switala	GCV
Vice President/Regional Dev	John Styles	Geelong
Secretary	David Cleland	Beaufort GC
Treasurer	Leo Canteri	GCV
GFA Board Rep.	Marta Najfeld	Horsham FC
Government Liaison	Peter Buskens	Beaufort GC
Committee Member	John Rule	Grampian GC
Webmaster	Marcia Cavanagh	

**GFA Regional Officers**

RTO/A Airworthiness	Trevor Hancock John Ashford	Grampians Geelong GC
Regional Manager Operations:	Noel Vagg	Beaufort GC
RTO/Sports	Tim Shirley Ian Grant (Coaching Coordinator)	GCV Melb Gliding
Regional Development, Vic	John Styles	Geelong

**Other Positions**

Regional Safety Manager	Alf McMillan	Geelong
Airfields, Airspace & Avionics Officer:	Phil McCann	Bendigo
Member Protection Information Officer:	Alf McMillan	Geelong
(MPIO)		
VSA delegate to SGCCOM	Leo Canteri	GCV
(State Gliding Centre Committee of Management)		

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<b>VSA AGM Attendance August 23 2014</b>		
1	David Goldsmith	Aust Gliding Museum
2	Colin Adam	Beaufort
3	Peter Buskens	Beaufort/VSA Gov Liason
4	David Cleland	Beaufort/ VSA Sec
5	Noel Vagg	Beaufort/RM Ops
6	Frank Van de Hoeven	Bendigo
7	John Robinson	GCV
8	Colin Collum	GCV
9	Leo Canteri	GCV/VSA Treasurer
10	Stu Smith	GCV
11	John Switala	GCV/VSA President
12	Alf McMillan	Geelong
13	David Fynmore	Geelong
14	Jenne Goldsmith	Geelong
15	Stephen Pemberton	Geelong
16	Kevin McGown	Geelong
17	Trevor Hancock	Grampians
18	John Rule	Grampians/ VSA
19	Andrew Evans	Mt Beauty
20	Philip Goss	Tasmania
21	Ian Grant	Melbourne Gliding
22	John O'Neil	Sth Gippsland

22 members 10 clubs

**Benalla August 2014 Awards presentations:** Presenter John Switala

1. **State Comp Open and 18m:** Tony Tabart (Corangamite)
2. **State Comp 15m and Std:** Gary Stevenson Grampians)
3. **State Comp Sports class** joint winners: John Buchanan (Geelong) /Stephen Pemberton (Geelong)
4. **Ron Roberts Trophy**-longest flight: Bob Nicholls (GCV) for a 1,105km flight on Jan 16
5. **David Hooper Memorial Trophy**-longest flight within 2 years of solo: no nominations
6. **Bob McCullough Instructing Trophy:** John O'Neill (South Gippsland GC)
7. **Maurice Little Memorial Trophy** for significant achievements in club development: Geelong GC in recognition of their successful cadet program. David Fynmore accepted the award
8. **President's Award** for significant contribution to the VSA and Gliding Peter Buskens. Peter has transformed the funding from the SRV over the last 3 years which has allowed the VSA to significantly boost its support to clubs and club members.
9. **Living Treasure:** Ingo Renner inducted as Living Treasure for services given to the gliding movement