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### **VSA Committee Minutes, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Venue:** GFA Offices started 12:00 noon finished 14:35 pm

**Attendance:** Peter Buskens (PB) David Cleland (DC), John Rule (JR), John Switala (JS), Ian Grant (IG) Alf McMillan (AF)

**By invitation:** Steve Pepper AAFC for initial part of the meeting

**Apologies:** John Styles (JDS), Leo Canteri (LC)

1. Minutes of Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting approved, moved DC, seconded IG
2. **Steve Pepper, AAFC Senior Aviation Officer.** The Air Force only want to operate through the GFA. Total AAFC cadet spend Australia wide is \$22.5m pa. There are 30 cadet units around Vic with 1,600 cadets in Vic, on the way to 2,000 by mid 2015. Bev Flannigan is Vic's OC. Steve is overseeing the only flying squadron in Vic. John Rule will be the CFI of this squadron. This Vic squadron will become a gliding club affiliated with the GFA as will other state squadrons. Point Cook will be one of the spots for the AEI type flights with aircraft based there. More advanced training and other AEI's will take place at Ararat, BM, Bendigo, Benalla, South Gippsland etc. Student cost is \$100pa plus the short term GFA AEI fees which have been reduced to \$15 for cadets. The GFA full junior membership fees will also be reduced to \$100. Looking for volunteers such as instructors. JR to write a flier type article for clubs plus a call for volunteers.
3. **Action log:** Refer updated separate excel document.
4. **New agenda items:**
  - 4.1. **Albury Corowa Gliding Club complaint** by Adam l'Anson. Constitution now obtained, contact will be made with club. **(Ian Grant)**
  - 4.2. There was general support for the VSA to assist with **50th Anniversary of Horsham Week** in Feb 2016. Proposal to be advised in due course **(Ian Grant)**
  - 4.3. It was agreed for the President to offer Tocumwal to host next season's **VSA State Competition**, timing will be difficult, suggest late Nov or late Dec **(John Switala)**
  - 4.4. **Update on GFA matters:** Ian Grant advised that clubs who don't have an acceptable SMS submitted to the GFA will be de-affiliated in April. Alf investigating. In addition GFA have stated that airworthiness audits are behind schedule and some below standard. Trevor Hancock working to resolve this issue for VSA clubs. Ian will ask the GFA how the GFA is going with the cessation on using gliding chat frequencies which are also CTAF frequencies **(Alf McMillan/Ian Grant)**
  - 4.5. **Communication costs** using GFA Mail Chimp, may be too low to worry about, if required the VSA will pay its share of costs
  - 4.6. **Update from RTO's:** One report received from Noel Vagg who reported that the next Instructors course is March 23 to March 27. The next GFA Ops panel meeting with club CFI's and L3 instructors will be in May.
    - 1.1. Request for an additional **VSA post solo scholarship** with the aim to get the student to GPC stage: The SRV does agree to limited amount of funding, say \$3,000/4,00 pa plus VSA own funds. Money goes to the club to manage. Current scholarship is \$1,000 per student. Clubs should make proposals. DC to write to Liam Crawley's (Geelong) & Callam Getty's club to seek their nominations. An updated policy to be prepared DC **(Action David Cleland)**
    - 1.2. Funding bid for the next round of **SRV grants**. Need to identify activities/projects to support the bid. Will be covered by strategic review being conducted by PB and IG, other thoughts to be sent on. **(Peter Buskens/Ian Grant)**
    - 1.3. **Junior Cirrus:** JDS is proposing the VSA provide some assistance for the newly purchased Cirrus for use by Juniors in the Southern regions of Australia. GFA are still to advise what their funding will be, if any. Ben Loxton & Roger Druce have purchased the glider. JDS is



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proposing we offer say 50% or more of their annual insurance. Will be happy to receive a proper proposal which will limit use to VSA regions. **(John Styles)**

- 1.4. **SRV Expenditures:** Approval in principle was given for recent and proposed expenditures on existing grant activities. Details to be dealt with off line when Leo returns, see below
  - 1.4.1. Simulator maintenance
  - 1.4.2. W&B Course - facility fee BM & purchase of tail weighing scale
  - 1.4.3. Trial instructor refresher course - out of pocket expenses for managing instructors
  - 1.4.4. VSA coaching course -Horsham - out of pocket expenses for Coaches and visiting Tug pilot
  - 1.4.5. AAFC Instructor ground training - facility fee BM
  - 1.4.6. Scholarships
2. **Bendigo Loan Request:** It was agreed in principle to grant a loan of some \$15,000 to \$16,000 to the Bendigo GC to top up their insurance money to replace their Eurofox. It would be based on the Wahrung loan. Bendigo have been advised and will submit a formal request later this month. The Wahrung loan document has been circulated to committee members for comment
3. **Buddies:** Only one report received from The Soaring Club of Tasmania. Committee members are reminded to contact their buddy clubs before each meeting.
4. **Club health checks:** Only doing clubs with over 10 members, so still outstanding and are needed before June 30 are: Ararat **(PB)**, Sunraysia **(JR)**, Southern Riverina **(AM)** and Mt Beauty **(IG)**. JR authorised to fly to Sunraysia. Peter will assist with check list
5. **CY 2015 meeting calendar:** Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>, Presidents, Trophies mtg & AGM Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August at Bacchus Marsh
5. **Next Meeting:** June 4th

## VSA Committee Member Buddy Club Contact updated for CY15 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 Melbourne Gliding

**Cleland (2):** Beaufort and Soaring Club of Tasmania

**John Styles (3):** Geelong, Mount Beauty and Goulbourn Valley Soaring

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

**Switala (3):** GCV, Murray Valley, and Mlb Motor Club

**John Rule (3):** Grampians, Sunraysia and Corangamite

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