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VSA Committee Minutes, March 24, 2016

Venue: GFA Offices, start 10:30 finished

Attendance: Peter Buskens (PB) David Cleland (DC), Ian Grant (IG) Rachael Richards (RR)

Apologies: John Rule

1. Minutes of Feb 18th and Feb 8th 2016 meetings approved, moved IG, seconded PB
2. The President welcomed Rachael Richards (Beaufort GC), our first female committee member since Vivienne Drew over 10 years ago.
3. Action log: Refer separate excel document
4. Specific Agenda items:
 - 4.1. **SRV 3 year funding details:** The SRV advised they will continue our grants for specified projects for a further 3 ½ years at a rate of \$20,000 pa giving a total of \$70,000. This is an increase from the previous 3 year grant of \$15,000 pa but about 1/3 less than requested. However the grant, in addition to our own funds, will allow the VSA to provide needed assistance to clubs. This will be discussed at the forthcoming Presidents' meeting on April 16th at Bacchus Marsh. Clubs attending this meeting will be given priority.
 - 4.2. **VSA Marketing and Promotional Plan** prepared by John Styles was noted and accepted, our thanks to John. This will facilitate our future planning. External part time paid assistance is being sought.
 - 4.3. **Succession Planning VSA Officers:** Frank Van De Hoeven advised due to pressing family commitments he has resigned from the committee and also as the GFA Board Representative. Our thanks to Frank for his support and assistance to the VSA. Our alternative GFA Board Representative, Ian Grant, will take over this role for the time being. The appointment of our first female committee member today is part of our succession planning in appointing female members to the committee. We are seeking at least one more. We would also like to thank Alf McMillan for his support and assistance to the VSA as Regional Safety Manager and welcome our new RSM, Mark Styles (Melbourne Gliding). Mark will be attending the Presidents meeting. Currently we have a vacancy for the Regional Development Officer following John Styles resignation due to his GFA work. We thank John for his support and assistance to the VSA
 - 4.4. **WIG:** Rachael's report "To Increase Women in Gliding" dated Feb 9 was noted and discussed. It covered recommendations for Bacchus Marsh for field infrastructure such as shade structures, events, contacts with The Australian Women Pilots Association and seeding the younger generation. This report will assist our future planning to increase WIG participation as it applies to most aerodromes.
 - 4.5. Presidents' Meeting April 16th planning and actions prior to the meeting was covered
 - 4.6. Support for tug maintenance in Tassie. IG to take up at GFA board mtg April 17th
5. **Buddies reports:** Confirmed 2016 split of clubs. Gliding Tasmania has requested assistance with CASA in getting approval to repair their tugs. They also thanked the VSA for their instructor training support. Sth Gippsland buddy received.
6. **Treasures report** for the period from the last meeting, November 26, received and accepted.

Next Meeting and venues:

Committee: 10:30 April 16th at Bacchus Marsh

Presidents' meeting: 12 noon April 16 2016 at Bacchus Marsh

Committee: Saturday June 18th at 10:00am at Bacchus Marsh

Buddies:

The 2016 split up of clubs is as follows:

Buskens (3): South Gippsland, Sunraysia and Goulbourn Valley Soaring

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

Richards (3): Bendigo, Geelong and Southern Riverina

Grant (4): GCV, Horsham FC, Mount Beauty and Melbourne Gliding

John Rule (1): Grampians

Buddy guidelines:

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.

David Cleland

VSA Secretary