

VICTORIAN SOARING ASSOCIATION INC: ACT A0026788B

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VSA Presidents' Meeting Minutes, July 28, 2012

Venue: BM Club Rooms Start: 13:30 Finish 16:00

Apologies: Louise O'Grady. John Ashford, Marta Najfeld, Phil Henderson, Ivan Boyd, Eugene Blunt and Francesco Bruinsma

Attendance see pagex

1. **Minutes** of April 28th 2011 meeting were approved
2. **The year Ahead:** Ian Grant covered the challenges ahead and stressed that the clubs need to support the projects being funded by the SRV (Sports and Recreation Victoria), further details below. He also called for volunteers to fill the RDO and webmaster positions
3. **SRV Project funding.** Peter Buskens presented a summary of the VSA funding request from the SRV "Victorians More Active 2012 to 2015" program of which we have been successful is achieving a further \$15,000 pa for 3 years. Well done Peter and Ian. In fact with this new grant of \$45,000, the VSA will have been given over \$90,000 in grants in recent years! These grants are a result of the President's endorsing the VSA strategic plan in Sept 2010 and agreeing in April this year to adopting the SRV key pillars as VSA planning methodology and committing to an Operation Development Plan. The four pillars are.
 - 3.1. **Participation:** The program is to provide long term encouragement and development of young pilots, increase the activity of existing pilots and to increase community at large participation through "come and try" days and partnerships with community groups and other sporting bodies.
 - 3.2. **Membership:** Continue to focus on Women in Gliding, progress retention initiatives, introduce a role model program for younger members and drive membership growth through participation activities.
 - 3.3. **Coaches and Officials:** Instructor refresher courses, update training manuals and adopt modern media techniques and implement a succession plan
 - 3.4. **Club Capacity:** Rollout Victorian Sporting Association (VSA) health checks, develop key gliding centres for training and comps and improve communication across/between clubs
4. **Comments from Presidents:** *Rolf Buelter* said we are not meeting members expectations especially new members. We need to survey existing members, be honest in telling new members what we can honestly deliver and to ask what the new members are getting out of gliding. *Alan Patching* said there is poor communications to club members. Peter Buskens said a survey of members has been done on member satisfaction and found that it is not all about flying, eg BBQ, social events etc such as the successful Mount Beauty model. The revamped website will address many of the member communication issues. *Colin Adam* asked how well does the new simulator work, what is it success and do we need to build another one? The Aust Gliding Museum mentioned they will be building a simulator and should start within 6 months. Rolf Buelter said that all BM clubs should introduce their young pilots to other young pilots in the other two clubs. The VSA needs a face book program for juniors.
5. **Proposed VSA Fund Allocation:** Peter Buskens tabled his proposed allocation and an updated one with changes as discussed at the meeting is attached with these minutes. There was general agreement with his proposal.
6. **Mount Beauty Youth program:** Andrew Evans gave a run down on the club and the successful youth program, copy attached. The club has 50 members of which 38 are "home" members. The youth program success has been help by the regional community at school level in Mt Beauty (population 1,600) and Tumbarumba. The scheme is \$ for \$

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and applicants have to be under 18 when applying and not in full time employment. It does not cover club fees. They make sure their juniors are having fun!

7. **Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC).** John Rule outlined the program, copy of his presentation attached. It is interesting to note that these cadets are not part of the Air Force or Army cadet schemes. The Air Force sees gliding as positive training and it is a massive opportunity to tap into youth. There are 14 scholarships pa. The aim should be to get as many as possible into life long gliding memberships. There are 5 cadet gliding service providers to the Air Force: Bendigo, Geelong, Tocumwal, Grampians and GCV All clubs can be accredited and the training program is funded by the Air Force. The Air Force is looking to buy some gliders of their own, John has recommended the ASK21M
8. **Avalon Airshow staring late Feb:** Ian advised that the GFA, Women in Gliding and the Australian Gliding Museum were all interested in supporting Avalon. Ian stressed the need for a Project Manager to co-ordinate the display and David Goldsmith volunteered. It was advised that there is also the SRV Health and Recreation Expo at the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds which finishes just 2 days before the Avalon show starts. Details of the SRV expo will be distributed to Presidents **Action David Goldsmith and David Cleland**

Next meeting: It was agreed to have two Presidents' meeting each year, one with the AGM and one around April. Suggest Saturday April 20th 2013 at a venue to be decided.

VSA Presidents' Mtg Attendees July 28 2012			
1	FS Stephen	Ellis	AAFC
2	Phil	McCann	ASO
3	David	Goldsmith	Australian Gliding Museum
4	Ian	Burrows	Ballarat Gliding Club
5	Colin	Adam	Beaufort Gliding Club
6	Frank	Van de Hoeven	Bendigo Gliding Club
7	Kevin	McGowan	Geelong GC
8	Phil	McCann	GFA VP, Victorian Airsacer Officer
9	Jim	Barton	Gliding Club of Victoria
10	Robert	Dorning	Gliding Club of Victoria
11	Roger	Saretta	Golburn Valley
12	John	Rule	Grampians Soaring Club
13	Arnold	Niewand	Horsham Flying Club
14	Andrew	Evans	Mount Beauty Gliding Club
15	Noel	Vagg	RTO/O (Beaufort GC)
16	Phillip	Goss	Soaring Club of Tasmania
17	Tim	Belcher	Southern Gippsland (VSA MPIO/SMS)
18	Eddie	Madden	Sportaviation Tocumwal
19	Alan	Patching	Victorian Motorless Flight Group
20	Roger	Druce	Victorian Motorless Flight Group
21	Peter	Buskens	VSA Government Liaison (Beaufort GC)
22	David	Wilson	VSA Head Coach (VMFG)
23	Ian	Grant	VSA President (VMFG)
24	David	Cleland	VSA Secretary (Beaufort GC)
25	Harry	Page	VSA Treasurer (GSC)
26	John	Switala	VSA Vice President (GCV)

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