

VICTORIAN SOARING ASSOCIATION INC: ACT A0026788B

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VSA Presidents' Meeting Minutes, August 3, 2013

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

Apologies: David Goldsmith, Eddie Madden, John Tribe, Arnold Niewand and John Rule

Attendance see last page

1. **Minutes** of July 28th 2012 meeting were approved
2. **SRV Funding F14:** Separate report distributed at meeting. Sports Recreation Victoria direct funds to increase **participation**, grow and retain **membership**, develop and train **coaches** and **officials** and improve **club capacity** to better manage their affairs. Our funding continues with a three year \$15,000 pa grant. SRV Club health checks are working their way through the clubs. Clubs are encouraged to participate in come fly days.
3. **Review of GFA Operations:**
 - 3.1. Chris Thorpe has commenced his new role, Executive Manager of Operations, reporting to the GFA board. Peter Gray is now Chairman of Operations Panel, also reporting to the board. There will now be one Regional Manager of Operations in charge as the manager of each region with assistants as required.
 - 3.2. At the June Operation Panel meeting, it was decided to issue a student GPC for those undergoing training. A, B & C certificates will still be required to obtain the full GPC. Pilots will need to apply for a GPC if they don't already have one or will be given a student GPC. So pilots are encouraged to obtain their GPC. It is planned to have ratings included on the GPC card. On line student training will be introduced which will be rated and students will be required to reach a certain standard. Other tasks will be of course ensuring SMS are introduced throughout the GFA and the GFA clubs.
4. **Website:** Peter Buskens demonstrated the new website with its many new features and navigation and encouraged all members to get familiar with it. The changes were well accepted and our thanks to Peter Buskens and Ian Grant. Address remains unchanged www.glidering.asn.au
5. **VSA Developments:** John Styles handed out the Guide to Gliding brochures, updated stocks will be available shortly. Retaining full time members and growing membership are huge issues, the churn rate is high. Current average membership length is 4 years. Leaving reasons is usually not money especially for males, but time or family commitments. Growth in full time membership does not come through AEF's as these have poor success rates in getting new members. Junior membership is important. Current GFA membership is 2,200 and shrinking. In 10/15 years we will lose 25% of members through age. Opportunities: World comps in 2015 to 2017. Clubs need to have their own development officer acting as a conduit for change (15 VSA clubs don't have one). WIG is an opportunity as the VSA only have 34 female members. Consider family memberships for clubs. John's presentation will be available on the VSA website.
6. **Airspace and Radio frequency:** In north east Victoria, the use of 122.5 and 122.9 as CTAF's caused congestion on the one remaining gliding chat frequency of 122.7. A temporary frequency for chatter, being the Sports safety frequency, has been made available, namely 122.025 for North East Vic. CASA have been requested to change any CTAF's frequencies that use 122.7. Airfield gliding markers (double white crosses) may be a thing of the past.
7. The VSA President stressed the need for Club Presidents and Club Secretaries to ensure they push the information from the VSA to their members. **Action all Presidents**
8. Check VSA insurance covers the use of facebook and also using the simulator in say a shopping centre **Action Treasurer LC**
9. Awards night to be held September, details to follow over the next few weeks **Action DC**
10. **Presidents discussions:**
 - 10.1. Air force cadets will have more money allocated to them so take advantage of this.
 - 10.2. When will GCV and VSA be requesting volunteers? Pre worlds is the first event in Jan 2016 so some time off. Max number of gliders 120 could cause a tug availability issue in Victoria.

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Next Presidents' meeting: Expected to be around April at a venue to be decided

VSA Presidents Mtg Attendance August 3 2013		
1	Jim Barton	Aust Gliding Museum
2	Colin Adam	Beaufort
3	Gordon Pope	Beaufort
4	Jim Henkel	Beaufort
5	Nick Messinis	Beaufort
6	Chris Thorpe	Beaufort
7	Peter Buskens	Beaufort
8	David Cleland	Beaufort
9	Phil McCann	Bendigo
10	Frank Van de Hoeven	Bendigo
11	John Welsh	Beverly Soaring WA
12	Graham Garlick	GCV
13	Bernard Barry	GCV
14	Leo Canteri	GCV
15	John Switala	GCV
16	Robbie Burns	GCV
17	John Tribe Proxy	GCV
18	Wayne Mackley	Geelong
19	Kevin McGown	Geelong
20	John Ashford	Geelong
21	John Styles	Geelong
22	Geoff Vincent	Grampians
23	Michael Sudholz	Horsham
24	Max Hedt	Horsham
25	Tim Belcher	Latrobe
26	Roger Saretta	Mangalore
27	Peter Gray	Mlb Motor
28	Eddie Madden Proxy	Sportavia
29	Philip Goss	Tassie
30	Alan Patching	VMFG
31	Ron Fox	VMFG
32	Roger Druce	VMFG
33	Murray Stimson	VMFG
34	John Buchanan	VMFG
35	Ian Grant	VMFG
36	Marcia Cavanagh	Webmaster