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VSA Committee Minutes, June 4th, 2015

Venue: GFA Offices started 12:00 noon finished 3:00pm

Attendance: Peter Buskens (PB) David Cleland (DC), John Switala (JS), Ian Grant (IG)

Apologies: John Styles (JDS), Leo Canteri (LC) Alf McMillan (AF), John Rule (JR)

1. Minutes of March 5, 2015 meeting approved, moved DC, seconded IG
2. **Action log:** Refer updated separate excel document.
 - 2.1. **VSA Post Solo Scholarships:** Applications from Geelong for Messrs. Crawley and Geddes and from VMFG Keogh were approved at \$1,000 each. Both clubs have agreed to VSA scholarship rules including providing subsidised student flying rates, monitoring students progress and acquittals.
3. **New agenda items:**
 - 3.1. **Meeting dates and venues.** It was agreed if it suits the new 2015/2016 committee demographics to have the meetings at say 7pm at a venue more central than Northern Melb.
 - 3.2. **Strategic review:** IG and PB presented planning documents to enable the strategic plan to be reviewed at the proposed Presidents' meeting workshop planned for October. Details to be announced at the August Presidents' meeting. Main opportunities will be club membership, volunteers and facilities and equipment.
 - 3.3. **AGM/Presidents' Meetings:** Agendas were approved
 - 3.4. **VSA Committee Succession Planning:** The following positions will be declared vacant at the AGM: Treasurer, Government Liaison Officer and the AAAO.
 - 3.5. **New Gliding Clubs.** Flight 431 (AAFC) has been affiliated with the GFA and welcomed to the VSA. Their Operation audit is planned for July. Two new clubs for Tocumwal may be formed in the future.
 - 3.6. **GFA Airworthiness change** of refinishing to becoming a major change is being debated this weekend
 - 3.7. **GFA membership drive, GFA Project 3000:** Watch this space, will be raised at the Presidents' meeting **Action JDS**
 - 3.8. **Base radio station** for State competitions and coaching: Approval was given to purchase an ICOM or equivalent at a cost of around \$1,800 **Action IG**
 - 3.9. **HW 50th Anniversary 2016:** Work is proceeding on ideas including a class for original gliders. **Action IG**
 - 3.10. **VSA funding Juniors worlds and WIG at Lake Keepit:** Funding for Ailsa McMillan (GGV) and James Nugent (Sunraysia) for \$1,500 ea was approved (**Action JDS/Leo**) WIG will be requested to submit a formal request which is to include WIG strategic initiatives and actions outlined in Louise's report **Action DC**
 - 3.11. **Qld request to borrow Simulator:** It was considered the distance is too far, request not approved. **Action JDS to advise**
 - 3.12. **RTO/A report** received and circulated, 9 clubs have current full external audits, 4 have completed internal audits and 3 yet to be audited. 5 more external audits will be completed in June. Two new F2 refresher courses are planned for the second half of CY15. **Action RTO/A**
 - 3.13. **Albury Corowa Gliding Club complaint** by Adam l'Anson. It was agreed that we would contact Terry Cubley. **Action JS**
 - 3.14. **Trophies and Awards:** Call for nominees longest flights, request the RMO to present an Operations review at the Presidents' meeting and to make a nomination for the Bob McCullough Trophy instructors trophy. **Action DC** Maurice Little Trophy nomination **Action JDS** and Presidents award nomination **Action JS**



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- 3.15. **SRV Expenditures:** Approval in principle was given for recent and proposed expenditures on existing grant activities. State comps 2 seater entry subsidy \$200, HSM Coaching course funding shortfall \$274, Travel and accommodation costs of \$300 for IG and PB
- 3.16. **VSA Funding for Juniors:** It was approved to fund \$1,500 for both Ailsa McMillan (GCV) and James Nugent (Sunraysia) to subsidise their attendance by \$1,500 each.
Action JDS
- 3.17. **Mt Beauty Alpine Coaching week:** In future this will be run by the club.
- 3.18. **Buddy reports:** None submitted

Next Meeting: AGM/Presidents' meeting Aug 8th

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 (3): Bendigo, South Gippsland and Melbourne Gliding

Cleland (2): Latrobe, 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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