



## **VICTORIAN SOARING ASSOCIATION INC: ACT A0026788B**

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### **VSA Committee Minutes, July 4, 2013**

**Venue:** GFA Offices, Somerton commenced 12:10 finished 15:20

**Attendance:** Ian Grant (IG), Harry Page (HP), John Styles (JDS), Peter Buskens (PB)  
John Switala (JS) David Cleland (DC).

**Apologies:** John Rule (JR)

Minutes of May 23 meeting approved

1. **Action log:** Refer updated separate excel document

2. **New agenda items:**

2.1. **Support to establish a VSA Airworthiness Course**

It has been a long time since the last course and some of the original presenters (Edwin, Eugene Blunt) cannot assist. Consider funding assistance from inter-state eg Stuart Addinell from Qld. **Action PB**

2.2. **Tasmanian Instructor shortage:** It was agreed to provide support for training Instructors from Tasmania. To be discussed with their President on Aug 3. One possibility is to increase the allowance for interstate students from \$300 to \$500, alternatively send a L3 instructor to Tasmania. **Action IG**

2.3. **Funding Request:** July 1<sup>st</sup> request from Bacchus Marsh Gliding (all 3 clubs) for assistance to upgrade clubhouse toilets. Total cost estimated to be \$8,000 Approved in principle for 50%. Paperwork required. **Action IG**

2.4. **SRV Volunteer Innovation Program (VIP) \$5,000.** Item 1 Development reward and recognition awards and hold an awards night. \$2,000 Item 2 Instructor training package payment of \$2,200 to Chris Thorpe and \$800 for extra 'Guide to Gliding' brochures. Overall cost for item 2 \$3,000 (PB)

2.5. **Volunteer Recognition Awards:**

2.5.1. **Re-establish Living Treasures:** Clubs to be advised of the awards events and to be asked to nominate 1 or 2 for individuals for recognition. VSA memento plaques to be provided \$50. **Action IG/JS**

2.5.2. **Major individual contributor awards** for broad VSA contribution, committee to identify a number of worthy individuals to consider, say 3 to 4 awards. Discussion held on type of awards, generally felt recognition on awards night with an appropriate trophy would suffice. **Action PB**

2.5.3. **SRV to fund award/trophy nights** consider partners for those getting awards, budget \$2,000. Timing Sept/Oct **Action PB**

2.6. **VSA website** now ready to launch next week. Marcia has done an excellent job. Coaching calendar outstanding. Member survey incentive proposals discussed. It was agreed to have a 'draw prize' of say up to \$500. Committee members to review draft website, Peter to distribute link **Action IG/PB/JDS**

2.7. **Formulation of VSA 2013/14 budget** outlook for review at the August Presidents meeting. Total income estimated to be \$22,600 including \$15,000 of SRV grants, \$6,000 of fees and interest of \$1,600. Expenditure estimates: Instructor training \$5,000, airworthiness \$5,000,

WIG \$1,000 Admin \$2,500, infrastructure funding \$10,000, youth \$4,000, coaching (surplus), awards & awards dinner \$3,000 total \$30,500 hence \$7,900 from reserves

3. **RTO reports:** nil reports
4. **Simulator:** Will be ready for the AGM
5. **AGM/Presidents meeting:** All matters in hand, draft agenda updated. Still need to find succession plan for Treasurer and Vice President.
6. **General Business:**
  - 6.1. Mangalore club request for loan to purchase a Twin Astir. It was agreed to offer \$10,000 at 5% variable each year (term deposit plus 1%) with a min of 5% interest rate and a fixed payback of 5 years, principle and interest payable quarterly. Exchange of letters would be sufficient. Proposal required from VSA **Action DC**
  - 6.2. **Bernard Ekcy books to be** sold at a subsidized price of \$50 per book for VSA sponsored events.
  - 6.3. **Ben Loxton** assistance approved for \$1,500 for "Flapped Preworlds" August 2013. Payment for a participant is only one world gliding event. In future, participants should be working a year ahead for SRV grants with help from our RTO sports. Our policy needs to be rewritten. **Action DC** to ask Ben to send a request to us.

**Next Meeting:** AGM and President's Meeting at BM on Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Committee to be available from 10am.

2013 remaining meetings: To be arranged by new committee

### **VSA Committee Member Buddy Club Contact F13 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 Geelong

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

**Grant (3):** VMFG, Mount Beauty and Goulbourn Valley Soaring

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

**Switala (4):** GCV, Murray Valley, Melbourne Motor Club and Albury/Corowa

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

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