

# **Minutes of HGAWA Committee Meeting held at Leederville, 31st August 2011**

Meeting Commenced 6:30pm

Present: Peter South, Peter Kovesi, Greg Lowry, Gordon McCabe, Mark Wild, Mark Hayton, Rick Williams, Steven Galvin, Sun Nickerson, Alex Jones, Mike Duffy, Stephen Matthews, Mark Stokoe, Garry Bennet

- 1) **Minutes from last meetings:** Minutes from the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 meeting were presented and accepted. Moved Peter S, seconded Alex.
- 2) **Correspondence In:**
  - Invoice from Avon Aviation Alliance.
  - Invoice from Bunbury for Back Beach site licence.
  - Received funding documentation (what is this? PK)
  - Copy of Cottesloe Site Agreement received from Cottesloe Council.
  - No correspondence has been received from the bank lately. Greg to contact bank.
- 3) **Actions Items Previous Minutes:**
  - a) List of HGFA members based in WA has been obtained via Greg.
  - b) Letter inviting people to join HGAWA: Has been prepared, to be circulated by PeterK.
  - c) Membership of York Racing Club: deferred
  - d) Bunbury site agreement was tabled by Sun along with the HGAWA Common Seal! The Back Beach BBQ may be on this weekend 3-4 Sept if the westerlies hold.
  - e) SkySailor contact info for HGAWA and WA Clubs to be updated: To be done.
  - f) Cottesloe Site agreement obtained. Peter S to distribute electronic copies to committee.
  - g) Mosman signage: Mike + Peter S to sort out. It was noted that Mosman Park is now undertaking a risk assessment of all activities in the suburb. No immediate impact on us but it may do so in the future.
  - h) Rockingham Salt Lake: Galvo has been studying the park's management plan. The main issue identified is the management of possible fuel spills. Rob Holmes has agreed to help in the process.
  - i) Bakewell Site Guide: Mike + Rick to review existing guide.
- 4) **Safety:**

The IRIS accident and incident reporting system is now operating. There is an issue at the moment in that reports go back to clubs without necessarily going through the local state association. IRIS will be used on a trial basis for 12 months, after that HGFA will have to decide whether to pay the annual subscription for the service or develop its own electronic system.

At the moment there is a serious issue nationwide of accidents and incidents not being reported. CASA is very concerned and has issued a 57 page document of non-compliance issues for HGFA to respond to. Greg is putting forward a motion to the HGFA committee to ensure Instructors and CFIs properly report all accidents and incidents.

**5) AGM:**

The AGM is due to be held in October. Peter S to identify a suitable time mid-October and mid-week that does not clash with school holidays, Queen's birthdays etc.

**6) Site Issues:**

Bakewell: Rick reported that the property north of Lou's has just been sold. Our situation would be more secure if our lease agreement was in place but this is still stalled with DoE. Rick and Rod to follow up and establish contact with the new owners.

Albany: With the extension of the wind farm we may have an opportunity to gain access to a south facing site on the Sand Patch ridge down towards Mutton Bird Island. Peter S to contact Simon about this.

**7) 2010/2011 AKRS Financials:**

Peter S and Greg to finalise

**8) Compliance:**

There was an extensive discussion of various compliance issues. People have been posting some potentially self incriminating YouTube videos. These should be removed and we need to make everyone more aware of the need for compliance.

Mark Wild and Galvo reported that Sky Pirates has been working to promote a strong culture of attention to compliance issues. The club has been preparing a code of conduct for all members to follow. It also includes flying strategies to minimize noise impact. Sky Pirates has also been in contact with the Sky Sailor editors to organize a regular column within the magazine. It is intended to publish the code of conduct there.

There was some discussion about the fact that there may well be a number of people flying without being members of HGFA, breaking regulations and putting the sport at risk. We have no means of identifying whether there are any people doing this, and if there are, we have no way of contacting them to remedy the situation. It was agreed that we should contact HGFA to try to obtain a list of people who have not renewed their membership over the last few years. This may allow us to identify some of these people (if there are any) so that we can 'encourage' them to rejoin the HGFA. Greg to contact HGFA.

**9) Other Business:**

Mark Stokoe reported that WA will be sending a team to the Corryong comp with about 10 pilots from Perth and Kalgorlie planning to go.

Greg reported that our investment account is about to come to term. Moved PeterS, seconded Alex that the investment be rolled over.

Meeting Closed 8.10 pm

**Actions:**

- Greg: Get list of non-renewing/expired HGFA members based in WA.  
Finalize AKRS financials in conjunction with Peter S.  
Contact bank regarding lack of correspondence.  
Roll over investment fund.
- Peter K: Circulate new HGAWA membership invitation for comment/input and to then mail out to non-members.
- Peter S: Distribute electronic copy of Cottesloe site agreement from council.  
Contact Simon regarding access to Sand Patch ridge near Mutton Bird Island.  
Finalize AKRS financials in conjunction with Greg.  
Determine a suitable time for the AGM.
- Sun: Update state and club contacts that are listed in the Sky Sailor magazine.
- Mick and Peter S: Complete signage at Mosman.
- Rick / Rod : Follow up situation with new ownership of property north of Lou's.
- Mick and Rick: Review existing site guide for Bakewell.
- Galvo: Continue pursuing Rockingham Salt Lake as a powered PG/HG site.
- Galvo/Mark Wild: Compile Sky Pirates code of conduct for the Sky Sailor magazine.