

**HANG GLIDERS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.**

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**Minutes of the HGAWA AGM held at the Department of Sport and Recreation, Leederville 15th October 2013.**

Meeting Commenced: 1910h

Present: Richard Breyley, Chris Bennet, Sam Clark, Gary Bennet, Rob Holmes, Shaun Plummer, Gabe Bressan, Peter South, Mark Stokoe, David Longman, Rod Merigan, Peter Kovesi, Rick Williams, Sun Nickerson, Ella Ailenei, Tom Marwick, David Leith (Late).

**Presidents Report - Peter South:**

*Sites*

Status of sites managed by HGAWA are as follows:

*Cottesloe:*

Agreement with council is in place. The agreement is old and due for updating. This site is vulnerable.

*Mosman Park:*

Relatively recent agreement with council. Rarely flown but relatively secure.

*Bunbury:*

Recent agreement with council. Comprehensive management plan and yearly lease fee. Very secure.

*Mt Bakewell:*

No formal agreement in place. The bottom launch (Lous’) is flown with the permission of land owners and is relatively secure. The top launches are owned by council, HGAWA is seeking a lease with council for take off but we are hampered because we need an access agreement or easement from the current land owners. Site at risk.

*Albany Sites:*

All well managed by Albany Club. Agreements in place and secure.

*Warnbro:*

At this point, we MAY be ok to continue flying Warnbro (Rockingham) under our old agreement (according to Greg Carson) BUT this still needs to be checked with the appropriate person in Rockingham council and at least an email from them to confirm this arrangement, Rick will follow this up before we start flying Warnbro again.

*Quinns:*

We are hanging on by our fingernails. Need a meeting with council. The dog issue is threatening the site but it is being managed. We have made a submission for a take off and council have sent us a letter stating that me are to be included in the new coastal management plan. Working well with council.

*Cape to Cape:*

Cape to Cape submission has been accepted, Nothing gained or lost. Flying is happening without any problems.

*Safety:*

One serious accident this year culminating in the death of Grant Bond, our Vice President. A comprehensive investigation concluded that inexperience with the glider, wind conditions and take off technique were contributing factors. IRIS report completed.

A major concern is the number of accidents not being reported. Anecdotal evidence is that these are predominantly paragliders and PPG.

*Training:*

Mike Duffy’s school is still in operation and a large number of new pilots have been trained. Mike reports a significant fall in numbers recently, the school is at risk.

**Treasurers Report – Greg Lowry**

No grants were received this year to date.  There were issues with compliance and with the DSR complexity of the Grant funding model.

At the end of the financial year HGAWA held $57 701.  It was determined to invest $37 000 into fixed term investments and the remainder to be available for operating expenditure.

Incomings:

In the 2012-13 financial year $1842.96 was earned in interest and a further $1110 in merchandise sales.  $5058 was received in member fees via the state levy and a tax refund of $1267 was returned due to a banking error.   Total income for 2012-13 financial year:  $9280.63.

Outgoings:

$2090.38 on site leases, $3300 on competitions (support to WWW3, Forbes and individual competitor sponsorships)  $446 in club support, $4570 in advertising, promotion and gifts to landowners for private site access, $572 for site development, $1267 in over charged tax and $166.80 in internet charges, $99 in postal fees and $2409.80 for Grant’s wake..  Total outgoings for the Financial year $14921.71

A net loss of $5641.08.  This amount should be offset upon receipt of the $5000  Grant funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation once the DSR representative met with the Treasurer and President.  The funding was signed off and should be received in the near future.

**Approval of the Financial Plan for 2013-14**

Action moved by Mark Stokoe, seconded by Greg Lowry. Passed unanimously.

**Election of the Committee for 2013-14**

All positions declared vacant. Nominations were as follows.

President – Peter South

Vice President – Tom Marwick

Secretary – Richard Breyley

Treasurer – Sam Clark

Non Club Representative – Chris Bennet

Immediate past President – Rod Merigan

All positions filled unopposed.

**Other Business**

**Hampers and xmas gift for councils.**

It has been noted that every year we send hampers to private owners of our hang gliding sites but do nothing for public owners like the DEC or councils. Chris Bennet will organise framed action photos of our public sites to be sent to the managing councils and DEC as well as one for the DSR.

**WA State Rep**

Greg Lowry led a discussion on the election of a state rep at the next HGFA elections. Naturally we would want that person to b e involved with HGAWA and the HGAWA committee. We cannot compel anybody to be on the HGAWA committee but we can and should invite the WA state rep to attend committee meetings.

**HGFA Meeting**

The next HGFA meeting will be held in WA.

**HGAWA Social Meeting**

The next HGAWA social meeting will be held 8th March at Rods place in York.

**Meeting Closed 8.25h**