

**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 30th September 2014.**

**Meeting Commenced:** 1910h

**Present:** Richard Breyley, Sam Clark, Gary Bennet, Gabe Bresson, Peter South, David Longman, Rod Merigan, Peter Kovesi, Rick Williams, Sun Nickerson, Ella Ailenei, Tom Marwick, Alice Williams, Aron Crowhurst, Peter Simmonds, Walter Reeves.

**Apologies:** Chris Bennett, Mike Dufffy, Des, Barry Tonkin, Peter York, David Snowdon, Lex Jones.

**Minutes:**

Previous minutes read by Peter South, accepted by Sam Clark, seconded by Rick Williams, passed unanimously.

**Presidents Report - Peter South:**

Attached, same as the HGAWA Presidents report to the HGFA.

**Treasurers Report – Sam Clark:**

* A surplus of $3,000 for the 2013-2014 financial year.

**Financial Plan for 2014-2015:**

* Subtract $400 from “AGM and Summer GM”, and add to “Club Projects” for a new weather station at York.
* Warnbro, council will finance and build the ramp.
* The steeper parts of Lou’s track will be graded, Rod Merigan will organise, there is a grader in the area and it should come under budget.
* Revised HGAWA AKRS/BUSINESS PLAN 2014/2015 is attached.

Acceptance of the plan, action moved by Rick Williams, seconded by Tom Marwick. Passed unanimously.

**Election of the Committee for 2014-15**

All positions declared vacant. Nominations were as follows.

President – Peter South, moved Richard Breyley, seconded Rick Williams

Vice President – Tom Marwick, moved Richard Breyley, seconded Peter South

Secretary – Richard Breyley, moved Peter South, seconded Sam Clark

Treasurer – Sam Clark, moved Rod Merigan, seconded Peter South

Non Club Representative – Aron Crowhurst, moved Rod Merigan, seconded Peter South

Immediate past President – Rod Merigan

All positions filled unopposed.

Special thanks to Chris Bennett who has resigned due to family and business commitments.

**Other Business**

**Mt Bakewell**

* Rod Merigan has had a look at available grants, there are no grants available for land acquisition.
* Possibility of an HGFA lone to purchase a laneway?
* Rick Williams discussed possible HGFA grants and donations.

**Land Acquisition Fund**

Richard Breyley proposed that the WA state levy be increased by $20 with the funds raised being quarantined for land acquisition purposes.

* This would need to be approved by an SGM.
* Accessing the funds for land acquisition/loan servicing would also need to be approved by an SGM.
* To be discussed at the committee level and a proposal circulated.
* Sam Clark to draft a framework for the proposal for the committee.

**HGFA Affiliation**

* Affiliation is required for insurance coverage.
* Needs to be done ASAP.
* Greg Lowry is finalising an affiliation form and on completion HGAWA will affiliate.

**Social Events**

* Hyde Park Hotel Friday Week, 10/10/14.

**Comps**

* Will be held at Westonia 21st February – 28th February 2015.
* Rusty pilots fly-in in the previous weeks.

**Western Soarers**

* Mike Duffy and Greg Lowry are organising an AGM.

**Site Guide**

Peter Kovesi proposed that the flying site guide should be in the public domain of the HGAWA website. This had a lot of support from the floor.

* Peter Kovesi moved that the site guide be publically available and eventually included in the national site guide. Richard Breyley seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

**Meeting Closed:** 2005h

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

**September 2014**

**SITES**

Status of sites managed by HGAWA is 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. Flown with the permission of landowners. Recent sale of Ashley Morgan block has added urgency. HGAWA is investigating options to secure access by purchase. Seeking a lease with council for take off. Site at risk.

**Albany Sites**

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

**Goldfields Sites**

Lake Perkolilli and Westonia tow paddock are managed by the Goldfields Dust Devils club. Site agreement is in place for Lake Perkolilli and it is secure. Westonia is used with the permission of the landowner when the paddock is in fallow.

**SAFETY.**

Two serious paraglider accidents recently, one at Sandpatch and one at Mosman Park. Awaiting reports.

**TRAINING**

Mike Duffy’s Hang Gliding schools and Jiri’s Paragliding is remain in operation.

**COMPETITIONS**

The State Hang gliding Championships were held at Westonia between the 22/2/14 and 1/3/14. It was a “B” sanctioned competition and was attended by 17 pilots. The comp created a lot of interest and we are expecting a better turnout in 2015. In 2015 we have been granted a “AA Cat 1” Sanction.

**FINANCE**

HGAWA is considering an opportunity to purchase of land in 2015 which would secure access the Mt Bakewell, Western Australia's principal free flying site.

**AGM**

2013 Minutes attached.

2014 AGM to be held 30 September 2014.

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| **HGAWA AKRS/BUSINESS PLAN 2014 / 2015** | |  |  |
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| ITEM | OBJECTIVE | MEASURE | Proposed 2014/2015 |
| EXPENDITURE: KEY RESULT AREAS | | |  |
| Operations/Administration | Postage and PO Box | Renewall of PO Box | $100.00 |
|  | Domain registration | Registration of domain | $30.00 |
|  | AGM and Summer GM | Attendance at GMs | $900.00 |
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| Promotion and Communication | Gifts for site landowners | Order and delivery of annual gifts to  landowners | $1,200.00 |
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| Sites | Albany Sandpatch lease | Extend lease agreement | $942.00 |
|  | Albany ramp upgrade | Completion of ramp | $7,000.00 |
|  | Grading of Bakewell track | Engagement of council to grade track | $2,000.00 |
|  | Bunbury site lease | Renew lease agreement | $500.00 |
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| Competition | Pilot competition funding | More than 3 pilots apply for funding  and represent WA at national competitions | $2,000.00 |
|  | WA State Championships funding | State championships achieve > 15  competitors | $1,500.00 |
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| Club Projects and Maintenance | Support club activities | Tow vehicle registration, reserve  parachute practice, dolly, wind station Bakewell | $3,900.00 |
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| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | | $20,072.00 |
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| INCOME | | |  |
| Membership and Fund raising activities (inc t-shirts) | | | $5,500.00 |
| Grants and other sponsorship | | | $5,000.00 |
| Interest on reserves | | | $900.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | | | $11,400.00 |
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| DRAWINGS FROM CLUB RESERVES | | | -$8,672.00 |