**Minutes of the HGPAWA AGM held at the Department of Sport and Recreation, Leederville 29th October 2019.**

**Meeting Commenced:** 1915

**Present:** Rod Merigan, Luke Flecknell, Peter South (Chair), Sam Clark, John Salmon, David Leith, Rick Williams, Shaun Wallace, Dan Binks, Leon Guy, Austin Meyer.

**Apologies:** Richard Breyley, Fritz Newman

**Presidents Report - Peter South:**

* Attached.

**Treasurers Report – Sam Clark:**

* Attached.

**Financial Plan for 2017-2018:**

* The financial plan is attached.

**Election of the Committee for 2017-2018**

All positions declared vacant. Nominations were as follows.

President – Peter South

Vice President – Dan Binks

Secretary – Richard Breyley

Treasurer – Rick Williams

All positions filled unopposed with the exception of ordinary committee member, which is now vacant.

Peter South moved a vote of thanks to Sam Clark for his contribution as Treasurer over the last five years.

Affiliate Club representatives are currently:

Cloudbase: Rod Merigan

Hillflyers: Rick Williams

Albany: Simon Shuttleworth

Skypirates: Fritz Newman

Western Soarers: Mike Duffy

SW Airsports: Luke Flecknell

Peter South will approach clubs to confirm representatives

**General Business**

Peter South gave a brief overview of the recent changes to HGFA, now SAFA.

There was some discussion regarding maintaining landowner relations at Mt Bakewell. Peter South will be meeting with John Salmon to discuss opportunities for mutual development.

**Meeting Closed:** 20:20h

**HGPAWA PRESIDENT’S REPORT TO AGM**

**August 2019**

**MEMBERSHIP**

HGAWA currently has 217 members, 88 hangies, 117 paragliders, 15 weightshift microlights, 31 PPGers.

We also have a new constitution and a new name; now Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association of WA (HGPAWA).

**SITES**

Status of sites managed by HGAWA and affiliated clubs is as follows:

**Cottesloe**

Agreement with Council is in place.

**Mosman Park:**

Agreement with Council is in place. There have been reports of rangers claiming the site has been closed. There have been no further developments since last year

**Bunbury:**

Agreement in place and relations with Bunbury council continue to be very good, site modifications are being undertaken and negotiated between the council and SW Airsports club.

**Mt Bakewell**

Considerable work has taken place on the middle take off area. Top landing now possible for PG. No reports of any HG attempting top landing. A westerly take off has been developed.

**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.

**Quinns**

Quinns has been secured with an agreement with City of Wanneroo. A new takeoff has been developed. Ensure you are familiar with all requirements and comply with them before flying.

**Sites secured by Skypirates**

* + Lark Hill (2 sites; a main site and an alternative site)
  + Salt lakes
  + Woodman Point
  + Wedge Island

**SW SITES**

Bunbury, Yallingup and Injidup are providing good flying opportunities. SW Airsports are also opening up a few inland sites in the region including Kirrup.

**SAFETY.**

Tragically, Bevan Taylor died in an an aerotow accident at the WA competitions. HGAWA worked with HGFA to complete a comprehensive accident report and made recommendations to the HGFA regarding aerotow endorsements and training.

This accident was particularly traumatic to the witnesses and first responders. The HGPAWA worked with the HGFA to make sure everybody was offered mental health support after the event. A number of people took advantage of this.

Another WA based pilot, Chris Tarry, passed away in a paragliding accident in Turkey.

**TRAINING**

Jiri’s Paragliding schools remains in operation. Shaun Wallace reports that he will complete his flight instructor certification for the start of summer and will be operating a satellite hang gliding training facility under CFI Rohan Holtkamp, Dynamic Flight.

**COMPETITIONS**

The State Hang Gliding Championships at Westonia were once again run very successfully by Dusties. The event was marred by a fatal accident. Great credit is due to several of our members who provided first aid on the scene, dealt with authorities and media, and provided assistance to the family.

**SUPPORT**

During 2018-2019 HGPAWA provided financial and technical support to the following projects:

* State Hang Gliding Championships (Goldfields Dust Devils)
* Rents for Sandpatch (Albany Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club)
* Rents for Bunbury (South West Airsports)
* Clearing of the Middle Launch at Bakewell
* Road maintenance and improvement at Bakewell
* Rents for Quinns
* Support for the Pootanup aerotow training
* First aid training for SSO’s
* Parachute repack night

**CLUBS**

The following clubs are affiliated with HGPAWA:

Albany HGC

Dust Devils

Hillflyers

Cloudbase

Skypirates

Southwest Airsports

Western Soarers is now active again.

HGAWA maintains affiliation with SAFA. Peter South is the Western Australian representative on the SAFA Board.

Treasurer’s Report

HGAWA AGM 28 August 2019

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