**Minutes of HGAWA Committee Meeting held at Leederville, 21st November 2012**

Meeting Commenced 6:30pm

Present Committee: Peter South, Greg Lowry, Grant Bond, Rick Williams, Richard Breyley, Chris Bennett, Mike Duffy.

Present Observers: Barry Padman, Dan Roth, Sun Nickerson, Lex Jones.

1. **Minutes from last meetings:** Minutes from the last AGM and committee meeting were accepted.
2. **Correspondence In:**
* Letter from the DSR confirming funding of $5000pa for the 2012/13-2014/15 triennial.
* Received a letter and flyer from the DSR regarding volunteer run state sporting associations – professional development evening. It was held back in September.
* Received a draft revised policy from the City of Albany on leases and licenses. There does not appear to be anything of concern to HGAWA.
* Commonwealth Bank statement. Greg can also access these electronically now.
1. **Actions Items Previous Minutes:**
* Website: Jehan has still not made any changes to the website. Dan has offered his expertise, Sun will provide Dan with all the hosting information, passwords etc. A new website will be built using a HGAWA URL, people searching Fly WA will automatically be redirected. We will host and manage the WA site guide on our own website.
* Greg to look at investment options: Greg will firm up all the viable options and email the committee for a decision.
* PG accident reports: Peter S to write to the pilots concerned. Not done as yet.
* Possible membership of the Sports Federation: Rick to provide info to Peter S about this. Not done as yet.
* Safety Officer Workshop: Rick to organize one soon.
* Mosman: Peter S to prepare reminder about the site conditions for posting on all the forums and HGAWA website. To be done.
* Burns Beach Proposal: It is dead, all possible launch sites would be too expensive to develop.
1. **Mt Bakewell:**

Ashley’s place is for sale at $486,000 and some people have expressed an interest in purchase the property to ensure the security of the Bakewell site. The property does not cover the launches but does cover our access and includes possible alternate launches which are not as good as our current launches.

Our lease on the launches is held up partly because we do not have an access thoroughfare to the lease application. If we purchased this property it may help us secure a lease over the launches, then we only have to worry about a LZ.

The property is overpriced in our view.

A number of possible funding options were discussed.

1. A trust, not the way to go for a number of legal reasons.
2. An outright purchase by HGAWA, where do we get the money.
3. A syndicate of pilots. This would be a diminishing asset for those that invested.
4. A low interest loan from the HGFA.

We also need to consider holdings costs such as rates, land tax, fire breaks etc. If the HGAWA was the owner we would at least get concessional rates as an association.

We also need to consider fund raising opportunities.

It was decided that Mike Duffy would approach Ashley and discuss the option of purchasing an easement (with a caveat on the future sale of the property. Barry and Peter will collaborate with a letter to follow up Mike’s initial approach. Motion proposed by Rick, passed unanimously.

We also discussed the LZ, Lou has written into his will that we will continue to have access. This will be worthless to us once the property is sold.

1. **Other Business**
* **Bunbury Council** - We have been charged $754 by Bunbury Council for re-drafting the lease document. In future we will make sure leases are drafted for 5 years or more.
* **Sky Pirates** - Greg had a meeting with the Sky Pirates. They are negotiating with the City of Coburn to use the motor plex as a launch site in winter when it is not being used.
* **Logo** - A motion to adopt the new logo design by Sam has been passed unanimously. It is more colourful, stylish and inludes paragliding. We need to make sure we own the copyright.
* **Women with Wings** - An email received from Women with Wings saying they have not received our money, Greg to follow up.
* **Corryong Cup** - A proposal to re-imbuse the entry fees for the WA contingent in the Corryong Cup ($1300) was passed unanimously. Richard has been given the cheque.
* **WA Comps** - Dusties to run the WA championships in 2014.
* **HGFA Constitution** - Greg reported there will be a state forum meeting proposing an HGFA constitutional change whereby the board will be made up of 8 state reps and 4 national reps.

Meeting Closed 8.15 pm

**Actions:**

Greg: Look at investment options and email the HGAWA board.

 Check up on payment to Women With Wings

Peter S: Write to PG pilots regarding accident reports.

Prepare reminder about the site conditions for Mosman.

Rick: Provide info on Sports Federation membership.

 Organise safety officer workshop.

Mick: Approach Ashley about purchasing an access corridor or easement through his property to launch.

Sun: Provide Dan with hosting information on the HGAWA website.

Barry and Peter: Letter to Ashley.