**Minutes of HGAWA Committee Meeting held at Peters Bungalow, Bayswater 9th March 2013**

Meeting Commenced 7:00pm

Present Committee: Peter South, Grant Bond, Richard Breyley, Chris Bennett, Rick Williams

Appologies: Mike Duffy, Greg Lowry

1. **Minutes from last meetings:** Minutes from the last committee meeting held February 27th 2013 were accepted. Moved by Rick seconded by Grant.
2. **Correspondence In:**

* Junk mail (heaps).
* Bank Statement $57,698 to be forwarded to Greg.

1. **Actions Items Previous Minutes:**

Greg L: Invest $40,000 at the best available rate for any period up to 12 months. **Best rate available is 4.2% monthly or 4.45% yearly. Need a letter of authorization from the president to set up the account and withdraw funds from the check account.**

Check up on payment to Forbes. **Paid**

Peter S: Follow up with Dan the HGAWA website update. **Richard to contact Drew to see if he wants to do the job, it was suggested that we compensate him $200 for the work. The website needs an up to date site guide, links to CASA safety to be provided by Rick, feedback on IRIS reports and a communication email list or forum.**

Write to PG pilots regarding accident reports and post a general reminder on the forums. **Not done, this action to be deleted.**

Prepare reminder about the site conditions for Mosman. **To be done and posted on the website and western soarers list.**

Contact Shelley RE the new HGAWA Logo. **The logo has been signed over to the HGFA, that is good enough for us.**

Discuss time and place for the HGAWA friendly meeting. **Middle Saturday in July 13th? At Gregs.**

Arrange with Sun to publicize the Mt Bakewell update in Sky Sailor, Airwaves and the Western Soarers list. **No longer relevant.**

Rick W: Provide info on Sports Federation membership. **Not done as yet but**

**will be.**

Organise safety officer workshop. **Done.**

Mike D: Approach Ashley about purchasing an access corridor or easement through his property to launch. 1 more phone call. **Ashley is proving very difficult to contact.**

Barry and Peter: Letter to Ashley.

Rod M: Track down the email address of the 2 PG pilots. **Done, and forwarded to Peter.**

Talk to Sun about a letter from CASA giving us VHF exemption at Sand Patch, Serpentine and Geraldton sites.

G.L. & M.D: Contact Simon to get the ball rolling on a new ramp for Shelleys. **Waiting on Simon to return the call. Greg has talked to another Albany committee member and Jiri outlining our plans. Will map it out with Mike and test the waters with the DEC.**

Richard B: Post the Sky Pirates petition on the Western Soarers website. **Done.**

1. **Finance:**

* Report attached.

1. **Safety**

* Safety and site ratings have always been the responsibility of the safety committee and this will remain so.
* The safety committee chose not to change any of the site ratings at Mt Bakewell at their last meeting.
* The Bakewell site ratings are advance for HG’s apart from Lou’s launch which is intermediate. For PG’s Lou’s and the south launch are intermediate and the top launch is advanced.
* Rick W will prepare an email for the WS and PG lists reminding pilots about the site ratings at Bakewell.
* The safety committee minutes to be included in the HGWA minutes.

1. **Mt Bakewell**

* The sign has been vandalized . $200 approved to repair it.
* We do not want to wait another 6 years for council approval before we undertake any site work. Rick to follow up replacing the astro turf on all launches and consider other options as well.

1. **Cottesloe**

* Peter to send an email to the CEO querying survey marks seen at the South Cottesloe site.
* We need to discuss whether HGAWA should seek a more formal agreement with the Cottesloe Council.
* Richard and Peter to look through their records to see if we have the Cottesloe or Warnbro agreements negotiated by Shaun.

1. **HGAWA friendly meeting**

* Will be held at Greg’s on the middle Saturday in July. That would be Saturday 13th.

1. **WA Comps**

* It will be happening at Westonia. Richard mentioned we are thinking of holding a couple of endorsement/cross country clinic weekends prior to the comp. This would give all pilots and particularly supervised pilots the opportunity to refresh their static line towing skills, gain any required towing endorsements and complete check flights for HGFA membership prior to the heat of competition.

Richard said we would like HGAWA support for this.

The HGAWA board was unanimously supportive suggesting one weekend at Kerry Downs before xmas followed by another at Westonia prior to the comp. The board even discussed possible financial assistance for SSO’s to attend.

1. **Dusties tow car funding request**

* The Dusties have applied for $5,000 funding from the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder and would like HGAWA to cough up the remainder. There was some discussion with PS, GB and CB thinking that the funding request was already approved to cover 100% of the cost. The Dusties should know how they go with the CKB by the end of June and will come back to HGAWA then.

1. **Other Business**

* **State Levy**. Rick suggested reducing the WA state levy to $5 to help retain HGFA membership with the recent large insurance increase. HGAWA would deplete its cash reserves in order to meet its budgeted expenditure. No vote was taken but there was a discussion held with board members both for and against the proposal. Rick will have a chat with Greg before our next meeting in June to discuss the viability of doing this. This proposal will be put up for discussion and a vote at the next meeting.
* Muz is taking a terminally ill child for a tandem flight this weekend.
* Chris would also like to do a tandem HG flight.

Meeting Closed

**Actions:**

Greg L: Invest $40,000 at the best available rate for any period up to 12 months.

Peter S: Prepare reminder about the site conditions for Mosman.

Call next HGAWA meeting in June to meet our constitution requirements.

Call the HGAWA friendly meeting for the middle Saturday in July at Greg’s.

Write a letter authorizing Greg to open a fixed term deposit and withdraw the $40,000 from the check account.

Look for a Warnbro site agreement.

Rick W: Provide info on Sports Federation membership.

Mike D: Approach Ashley about purchasing an access corridor or easement through his property to launch. 1 more phone call.

Barry and Peter: Letter to Ashley.

Rod M: Talk to Sun about a letter from CASA giving us VHF exemption at Sand Patch, Serpentine and Geraldton sites.

G.L. & M.D: Get the ball rolling on a new ramp for Shelleys.

Richard B: Contact Drew, see if he is interested in updating the website.

Check through the secretarys records for Warnbro or Cott site agreements.