



**Victorian Model Aeronautical Association Inc.**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**held on the 09<sup>th</sup> of June 2022**

**Via Zoom Videoconferencing**

**1. Meeting Opened 7:30 PM**

**2. Present:**

**President/Chairman:** Reeve Marsh  
**Vice President:** Jon Goudge  
**Secretary:** Joe Finocchiaro  
**Treasurer:** Dr Arthur Bablis  
**Registrar:** Geoff Herbert  
**Comm Member:** Mark Sills  
**Comm Member:** Phil Mohr  
**State Flying Inst:** Les Marriner  
**Video Librarian:** Ivan Chislett  
**Education Officer:** Vacant

**3. Apologies:** Contest Director, Keith Quigg, Editor, Ian Cole

**4. Visitors:** Nil

**5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on – 12 May 2022**

**Seconded by:** Les Marriner **Carried - Yes**

**6. Matters Arising from previous minutes:**

**6.1 State Field Mt Wallace Leasing** – The club asked for confirmation when the leasing arrangements commenced. The lease agreement was finalised and signed on 01 November 2019. The two-year gap from the purchase of the land (27 Oct 2016) was due to the discussion on how much land would be leased. The land was eventually leased to a third party, and the cost was associated with the allocated land. The administrative error taken to the MAAA Conference was tabled and finalised once the council identified the error.

**6.1.1 Action:** VMAA Secretary - CPI cost is the pro-rata from the signed agreement on 20 Feb 2020. Leasing figures to be reviewed and sent to host club. **(Letter prepared for Host Club).** Treasurer to complete final check.

**7. Treasurers Report:**

Opening Balance	\$116,980.81
Receipts	\$6,756.45
Payments	<b>\$2,120.30</b>
Closing Balance	\$121,616.96
Term Deposit	\$229,954.97
Term Deposit (2)	\$159,546.36
Total Loans to clubs:	\$23,450.00

**7.1 Comments:**

- 7.1.1** Accommodation for SFI Instructor's course TCMAC booked and paid for. Honorariums are to be paid before the end of the month. The treasurer will endeavor to pay all invoices before the end of the FY including any reimbursements.

**7.2 Additional Items:** *The following invoices are to be paid:*

- 7.2.1** Overdue loan repayments - Completed  
**7.2.2** EMMAC Lease payment - 02 June Received  
**7.2.3** SFI Reimbursement – Postage/stamps – Completed  
**7.2.4** BADMAC lease payment – In progress

**7.3 Treasurer** moved the report to be accepted

**Seconded by:** Geoff Herbert

**Carried - Yes**

**8. Correspondence in:**

- 8.1 Email from Geelong Rotary, Mr G. Robinson regarding Expo event – Rec 07 June  
8.2 Email from Mr M. Timms regarding VMAA flyers for static display – 5 June  
8.3 Email from GVRG COOP Sec, Notice of AGM – Rec 02 June  
8.4 Email from SEMAC regarding the information on membership – Rec 02 June  
8.5 Email from P&DARCS Sec, regarding Incident at Burnley Field – Rec 24 May  
8.6 Email from MAAA Sec, regarding Association fees – Rec 24 May  
8.7 Email from to MAAA Sec, regarding CAS application for MMRC – Rec 22 May  
8.8 Email from MWMAA Sec, regarding Auspicing Request – Rec 12 May

**9. Correspondence Out:**

- 9.1 Email to MWMAA Sec, N. Killeen regarding approval for shed construction – Sent 07 June  
9.2 Letter/Flyers to Mr M. Timms, flyers for static display – Sent 06 June  
9.3 Email to GVRG COOP Sec, acknowledging Notice of AGM – Sent 04 June  
9.4 Email to SEMAC regarding membership information – Sent 02 June  
9.5 Email/Letter to MWMAA Sec, Official letter of support Auspicing – Sent 30 May  
9.6 Email to P&DARCS regarding Incident and MAAA requirements – Sent 25 May  
9.7 Email to MMRC Sec, regarding CAS application – Sent 24 May  
9.8 Email to MWMAA Sec regarding loan repayment – Sent 17 May  
9.9 Email to SEMAC Sec regarding loan repayment – Sent 16 May

**10. Matters Arising from Correspondence:**

- 10.1 **Scale World Championships** – The Scale Team has requested support as we have done in the past. Four members of the team are Victorian members. It was agreed to support the event and the members attending. The Treasurer is requested to review the previous funding and inform the committee.
- 10.2 FAI Registrations will be required for the members to compete and is in motion to be completed
- 10.2.1 Action:** The VMAA Treasurer to determine the funding amount provided and inform the committee. Competitors to receive funding. Team manager to received findings on return and the submission of a team report.

- 10.3 **MT Wallace and Aero chutes** – Condition of use/operation will need to be documented to ensure all parties know the requirements and how the field will be used during the activity.
- 10.3.1 **Action:** Secretary to send a letter to MWMAA of the requirements. The operation is to start once confirmed by the VMAA Committee.

**11. Display Applications:**

11.1 Nil

**12. Registrars Report:**

12.1 All clubs are on new FY and active. The renewal uptake second half of the year is in progress.

May		June 2022	
Seniors:	2149	Seniors:	2150
Juniors:	77	Juniors:	77
Life Mbrs:	6	Life Mbrs:	6
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2232</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>2233</b>
<b>To be processed: 0</b>		<b>To be processed: 150 plus for 2023</b>	

12.2 **Comments:** No cheques will be accepted from FY21/22. All payments will need to be completed via EFT. The process is not difficult transferring funds. Any cheques for the next fee cycle will be returned to the club.

12.3 **MAAA Cards** – Will be available in electronic format and sent to members for printing. The functionality will not be available until the first week of July 2022. A new membership system is being tested for implementation in September 2022 if all goes well.

**12.4 Life Members**

<b>12.4.1</b>	1047	Mervyn Buckmaster;
<b>12.4.2</b>	38516	Christopher Caulcutt;
<b>12.4.3</b>	24518	Ivan Chiselett;
<b>12.4.4</b>	35563	Brian Dowie;
<b>12.4.5</b>	30134	Murray Ellis; and
<b>12.4.6</b>	24641	Peter Harris.

**13. Contest Directors Report:**

13.1 **VMAA Trophy Weekend** – The CD has been speaking with clubs involved with the VMAA Trophy event. Entries are slow in coming in, but it is not unusual. The event running later in the year could contribute to the event due to colder weather; however, preparation will continue. The CD will contact clubs to determine interest.

13.2 **VMAA Calendar Event** – The software application to enter events is in progress. The module will sit within the webpage, working on several issues.

**14. Editors Report:**

- 14.1 **VMAA Bulletin** – Next edition, End of June 2022. AGM notice to be included. The website will be updated to include all documentation for the event. The location of the meeting may be a face-to-face scenario. We need to find a suitable location to hold the meeting and determine the numbers. The GMAC club may be a suitable option if still on offer.

**15. Web Master's Report:**

- 15.1 **Website Update:** New content is being loaded up with additional links. Articles on disciplines are slowly being updated and replaced. Work in progress to complete the find a club with a new module.

**16. Safety Report:**

- 16.1 Accident at Burnley Field. The claim has been submitted. No injuries were recorded; however, there was some vehicle damage in progress with the MAAA.

**17. Education Officers Report:**

- 17.1 No report. Currently, the position is vacant.

**18. Video Library:**

- 18.1 **Comments:** Very quiet at the moment. Change of weather seems to have some impact on borrowings.

**19. SFI Report:**

- 19.1 **Wing Status: 13 Wings were** issued during the month of May 2022. This comprised **1 Gold Power, 1 Gold Glider, 9 Silver Power and 2 Bronze Power.**
- 19.2 **Qualified Instructors** We currently have 145 qualified Instructors for the 2021/2022 year.
- 19.3 **Instructors Course:** My next Instructors Course will be conducted on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at the Twin Cities Club Albury / Wodonga Club, where 5 student instructors from that club will be participating. I will be travelling to Albury on the Friday afternoon, and I am booked into the Boomerang Hotel in Lavington for Friday and Saturday night. On Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, on behalf of the VMAA, I have arranged to visit the Wangaratta club in the morning, where I plan to spend several hours and then travel home on Sunday afternoon from Wang.
- 19.4 **Continued Liaison with Clubs:** This is ongoing and an enjoyable part of my role as SFI.

**20. Pulse Jet Accreditation** – Discuss with the MAAA the best way to endorse a pulse jet pilot and accredit a current HMI to provide the service. They are discussing with previous HMI to determine the best approach and report back to the committee. MAAA President has discussed the issue with the VMAA Secretary.

**21. State Field Reports:**

- 21.1 **MWMAA (Field Development)** – Looking at grants to support ongoing project work. A newly amended Masterplan is being prepared for submission to the VMAA Committee.

The master plan is required for the permit and to continue with the development of the field. The host club is looking at grants with the master plan directly bearing on the outcome. Part of the work includes the tree issue on the western boundary.

## **22. State Field Requests:**

22.1 Nil

## **23. General Business:**

23.1 **VMAA Action Point Register** – Was distributed to all committee members for review on 10 June 2022. A status update is as follows:

22.1.2 **VMAA Constitution Revamp**: Being reviewed by the VMAA Treasurer. The first draft was presented for discussion; however, additional work is needed with certain sections. Work is continuing with the next draft to be prepared for discussion. The current workload has delayed completing the task. Look at this task after the AGM. Emails will be sent out to the committee with sections of the constitution for review.

23.1.1.1 Meetings have started to review what has been completed and a way forward. Reference to Model Rule 2012 will be included to see where the changes have occurred. Treasurer to arrange a meeting to discuss further.

23.2 **Area approvals** – Current applications are being reviewed or waiting for CASA approval. A new portal is to be used to submit applications. The portal is being amended and should be used shortly for new submissions. Current submissions are:

**23.2.1** MFWAC (Additional information provided);

**23.2.2** TCMAC (Additional review);

**23.2.3** LVMAC (Under Review); and

**23.2.4** NMAC (Under review).

**23.2.5 New CASA requirements:** GPS coordinates of the flying, digital map of the site, aircraft type, size and weight. A new submission form is required to be used with each application.

**23.2.6 Change of Payment Process:** To improve and speed up the approval process, the new MAAA process is to have the MAAA initial fee estimates paid and then charged back to the state/club. It is potentially reducing the timeline by possibly two to three weeks.

**23.2.7 Public Displays:** Public displays that have a flying schedule (structure) will require an instrument in place to hold the event, whether **below or above 400 ft**. Any instrument raised in this scenario is valid for five years. If the display has no structure and provides an opportunity for pilots to fly as available, then it is not considered a structured event, and no permit is required below 400 ft.

**23.2.8 General Displays:** Displays are open to the public for general viewing and have no set display times do not need to have a CASA instrument **below 400 ft**. These are considered general-interest events for the public to visit a field to observe RC Aircraft.

- 23.3 **Acknowledgment of Passed Members** - Association Members that have passed away over the past 12 months have been provided to the MAAA. The list will be tabled at the 2022 MAAA Conference as part of the standing item. The item's purpose is to recognise those modelers that have passed on over the past 12 months.

- 23.3.1 Stuart Dean
- 23.3.2 Peter Lindsay Rowland
- 23.3.3 Jim Ray
- 23.3.4 Paul Winter
- 23.3.5 John Gottschalk
- 23.3.6 Ian Milligan
- 23.3.7 Keith Moorhouse
- 23.3.8 Eddie Osbourne

21.5 **Additional Items:**

- 21.5.1 **VMAA AGM** – Notice of AGM will be sent for 08 September 2022. Documentation is being prepared with the website to be amended to include.

21.5.2 **MAAA Council Conference** – Summary discussion included the following:

- 21.5.2.1 **Communications** – Quality communication is needed to ensure information is passed to all members promptly.
- 21.5.2.2 **New MAAA Registration Membership system** – In testing. MAAA Cards/Self-printing process to be developed and used in the first week of July 2022
- 21.5.2.3 **Council Conference Elections** – As per the MAAA agenda items, this item was completed and will be detailed in the Council Conference minutes.
- 21.5.2.4 **MAAA New Secretary update** – A short list of three candidates has been identified. The MAAA Subcommittee will interview the candidates.
- 21.5.2.5 **Agenda items submitted by VMAA – Results**
  - 21.5.2.5.1 **Instructors** - Subcommittee to be reconstituted to provide a central body to discuss issues relating to instructors and any training changes.
  - 21.5.2.5.2 **Wings Framework** – The council did not accept the need to have the MOP changed. Current MOP is a guideline and will continue to do so.
- 21.5.2.6 **New CASA portal for aerial approvals** – In progress and will become available. The MAAA Safety Officer will provide training.
- 21.5.2.7 **Membership Survey** – Was presented with the results discussed with the council. Additional discussions are needed to determine the best approach to use the data to benefit the association. The information is known and will be looked at further.
- 21.5.2.8 **Marketing** – As part of the survey, the discussion included the best address this issue and provide effective output.
- 21.5.2.9 **Funding for Avalon** – The VMAA funding request for the event was approved

22. **Other Items**

- 22.5 **SFI Les Marriner** – Mentioned the dangers of Lipo batteries and to ensure batteries are treated correctly due to the potential of fire. The way Lipos are stored and how they are charged need to be considered and never left alone while charging. Need to charge in a controlled manner to contain a fire. The President requested if an article could be generated and included in the next newsletter.

- 23. VMAA Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022, via Zoom videoconference. The Executive Meeting starts at 7:30 pm.**
- 24. Meeting Closed: 10:00 pm**