



Victorian Model Aeronautical Association Inc.
Agenda for General Committee Meeting
held on the 09th of May 2019

At the VARMS Clubrooms, Wantirna South

1. Meeting Opened 7:30 PM

2. Present:

President/Chairman	Reeve Marsh
Vice President:	Jon Goudge,
Secretary:	Joe Finocchiaro
Treasurer:	Dr Arthur Bablis,
Registrar	Paul Webber (Via Phone)
State Flying Inst:	Geoff Herbert
Contest Dir:	Joe Finocchiaro
Editor:	Vacant
Video Librarian	Ivan Chislett

3. Apologies: **Education**, David Nichols **Comm Member**, Mark Sills, **Comm Member**, Brian Dowie

4. Visitors: Mr. David and Tony Axom

5. Minutes of the Previous meeting held on: - 10 April 2019

Secretary moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted

Seconded by: Arthur Bablis **Carried: - Yes**

6. Matters Arising from previous minutes: -

6.1 Mt Wallace Leasing arrangements (VMAA/MAAA):

6.1.1 President and Secretary submitted a submission detailing the steps taken in the creation of the lease between MAAA and the said farmer leasing the remaining property not been used by the host club. Final conformation will be completed over the next few days. The investigation indicates that an administration error has occurred. Have provided solution to resolve this issue based on land availability. Will be presented at the MAAA Council Conference.

6.1.1.1 Action: President and Secretary to complete. Document to be sent to committee members for review.

7. Treasurers Report-

Opening Balance	\$97,450.35
Receipts	\$1,746.56
Payments	\$7,403
Closing Balance	\$91,793.01
Term Deposit	\$222,305.48
Term Deposit (2)	\$18,720.34

7.1 Main expenses:

7.1.1 As per tabled report.

7.1.2 AKT Trophy Invoice \$720 presented.

7.1.3 Purchase of new stop watcher for VMAA Trophy- To replace old stopwatches that are not working. Existing ones have been in use for a number of years.

7.2 Consumer Affairs Financial statement – Waiting for feedback from Brian Dowie and auditor has not been available. Items outstanding will be taken to the auditor to complete.

7.3 Loan repayments – Loans are paid on the anniversary of signing.

7.3.1 Action: Treasurer will monitor loans repayment.

7.4 VMAA Funds – To be looked at for reinvestment and reduced working capital. \$30 to \$40K additional to be placed in term deposit.

Treasurer moved that the report be accepted

Seconded by: Jon Goudge

Carried

7. Correspondence in:

7.1 Emails from various Clubs. Ongoing in regards to area approvals and the recertification of height limits. – received 09 May 2019 ongoing

7.2 Email from MAAA Sec in regards to MAAA Conference Agenda – received 06 May 19

7.3 Email from Bill Wheeler YVA Sec on Noise Issue (Presentation provided) – received 02 May 19

7.4 Telecom from Tony Wilson, BADMAC Sec in regards to HM Inspector – received 01 May 19

7.5 Email from Bill Wheeler in regards to 2019 F3A Trans-Tasman Event Report – received 28 Apr 19

7.6 Email from Bill Wheeler in regards to 2019 F3A Masters and World Cup Report – received 28 Apr 19

7.7 Email from Rod Mitchell, WMAC Sec in regards to MAAA Assistance scheme - received 28 Apr 19

7.8 Mail from Kevin Howard, BAM Sec in regards to MAAA Assistance Scheme – received 28 Apr 19

7.9 Email from, Peter Coward, KDMAC Secretary in regards to Mt Holloback – received 27 Apr 19

7.10 Email from John Bonnici President WMAC in regards to “**Try Fly days**” – received 27 Apr 19. **Action:** (VP to investigate this issue as a follow up)

8. Correspondence Out:

8.1 Email notification sent to all Club Secretaries using MailChimp for VMAA April 2019 – sent 29 April 2019

8.2 Email to Tony Wilson BADMAC Sec. HM Inspector MOP006 & application form – sent 01 May

8.3 Email to Peter Coward KDMAS Secretary in regards to Mt Holloback – sent 28 Apr 19

8.4 Email to John Bonnici in regards to Try Fly days – sent 28 Apr 19

8.5 Email to all Secretaries in regards to Club and alternative flying sites – sent 27 Apr 19

- 8.6 Email follow up to all Secretaries in regards to Club & alternative flying sites – sent 06 May 19
- 8.7 Letter to MAAA Sec. in regards to HM Inspector Greg Estcourt (Resend) – sent 22 Apr 19
- 8.8 Letter to MAAA Sec. in regards to VMAA SFI Report for MAAA Conference (Resend) 22 Apr 19
- 8.9 Email to all Association Members in regards to CASA New Registration/Regulations – sent 16 Apr 19

9. Matters Arising from Correspondence:

- 9.1 **Area approvals** - Are ongoing with a number of Clubs submitting documents to address the issue. Existing instruments/NOTAMS that are older than 5 years are revoked and require to be reviewed and reissued. ***To date, 30 plus Clubs have been successful with area approvals.*** Height approvals have been between 900 to 2000 ft AGL. There is still a number of approvals to be reviewed and will be completed as soon as possible.

9.1.1 SAM600/ Old Timer SIG submission has been submitted for consideration by CASA/RPAS. Waiting for reply on which option may suit height requirement. Under review with option 3 is a possible solution that will suit.

- 9.2 **Club Assistance scheme submissions:** WMAC and BAC has been sent. Question has been raised in regards to financial report to go with the submission. Clubs are submitted what is needed based on the current writing. To be raised with the MAAA.

9.2.1 **Action:** Secretary to query submission document to confirm what is needed.

- 9.3 **MAAA Conference:** – Agenda has been received for the council conference.

10. Display Applications:

- 10.1 None

11. Registrars Report:

- 11.1 Processed registrations to date are:

Senior	2343
Junior	101
Life	3
Total:	2447

- 11.2 Od membership coming through. Still have funds received with no reference to which club/member.
- 11.3 **Envelopes:** Have organised 2500 (\$270 approx.) envelopes these been bought for new FY. Closing off of the year for the membership registration is up to the MAAA. They will advise Clubs this includes new fees for 2019/2020.
- 11.4 The new training section has been changed. There are some concerns in regards to using the new workflow.
- 11.5 The workflow and FAI cards before new year starts will be placed on the website.

11.5.1 **Action:** Secretary to complete upload of workflow.

12. Contest Directors Report:

- 12.1 **VMAA Calendar** - Has been updated on a regular basis and continues to be used to promote events/display. Ongoing process.
- 12.2 **VMAA Trophy** – Collating feedback from participating clubs to improve current events. Suggestions will be for the changes to rules/conditions. Underway with some submissions received already.
 - 12.2.1 **Trophy weekend** - Will be held at P&DARCS on 18/19 April 2020 which has been confirmed.

13. Editors Report:

- 13.1 Next bulletin will be May Edition. Some reports have been received. Delay in sending the bulletin has been due to area approval/MAAA Conference preparations. Hope to complete next week.

14. Web Master's Report:

- 14.1 To assist the “**The Find a Club**”, a listing of all clubs in PDF format has been uploaded to the site which can be downloaded from the VMAA website. Additional work will continue for further improvements and includes workflow documents.

15. Safety Report:

- 15.1 Incident at the control line championship (Combat). Model broke lines and landed on top of a vehicle parked in the car park. Investigation continues with the incident reported as per MOP.

16. Education Officers Report:

- 16.1 I am teaching two guys to fly who are keen to become new members. Both came from the Airshow/Sandown list. There are two more from the same area who I will work with also. I was contacted (through Joe) by the President of the Werribee club who wanted to know how to conduct a try and fly day. I will help him with this and will probably put him in contact with the Geelong club as I have some leads in that area also.
- 16.2 Still working my way through the list that was collated.

17. Video Library:

- 17.1 Library videos are not been borrowed due to a number of reasons such a YouTube/USBs. Videos are still useful for displays for promotional activities. All that is needed is a CD/Video player and TV.
- 17.2 Possibility to sell library to the MAAA so the library becomes available Australia wide to all modelers.
- 17.3 Have not bought any new DVDs/videos due to slow down of use. May need to cull library and only keep small number for promotional activity.

18. SFI Report:

- 18.1 All wings are up to date. Spending more time correcting data on the database. BADMAC has requested an instructor's course which includes members from the Sale and Latrobe club.

18.2 Letter to all instructors (265) indicating the requirement to complete a refresher course. To be sent after a draft review via mail.

18.3 Need more wings (stock). MAAA contacted to supply.

19. State Field Reports:

19.1 If anyone has issues in regards to state fields, then they should be flagging the issue in the reports which can be presented via email or at a VMAA meeting.

19.2 Reports from the state fields will be requested for AGM.

19.3 **President table:** Club and alternative flying locations spreadsheet have been sent to the MAAA. This provides a full list to RPAS as part of registration process.

20. General Business:

20.1 **2020 MAAA Nationals** – Mr. David and Toni Axon tabled the consideration to run the Nationals at West Wylong for 2020. The intent is to hold the nationals in one location each year were the facilities are available and ready to go. The property of 700 acres has been purchased and trying to put all events on the property. Has been successfully in 2018 and 2017.

20.1.1 Funds have been expended on different location only not to return to that location. Having one site has merit. The local council and township are very supportive and like nationals back in West Wylong on a permeant basis. The location is reasonably in a central area in NSW.

20.1.2 The Albury/Wodonga catering was not good plus the change of council has seems to have reduced the support from previous nationals. Discussions were invited:

20.1.2.1 SIGs were asked to run their own events for the nationals if the infrastructure is available and ready to go. Plus, the organizing organisation receives \$10K to assist in running the nationals. Time of year when the nationals are conducted need to be looked at. (November?)

20.1.2.2 NSW Free Flight own the field (700 acres). Not an owed by the MAAA. Number of SIGs do not like the West Wylong site. This is due to surface availability and type. The site needs to be developed, but need the interest, commitment by SIGs. The MAAA needs to commit and have ownership of the West Wylong so funds and facilities can be built. In the past, SIGs needed to attend the Nationals to take part in World Championship.

20.1.2.3 **VMAA President** tabled that an open letter from the MAAA was sent in regards to Nationals and their future. To be discussed at the MAAA Conference.

20.2 **LDMFA:** New procedure and conditions in regards to flight operations

20.2.1 Action Item: VMAA Secretary has discussed the issue with MAAA Sec. Original correspondence to be sent. Additional risks identified. VMAA to provide outlines of risks and possible solution. President will follow up with the MAAA Secretary for additional information.

20.3 Loan Equipment: All equipment needs to be catalogued with location. VMAA Secretary is to review.

20.3.1 Equipment was borrowed by one of our clubs but parts of the equipment was damaged and unusable

20.3.2 Action: VMAA Secretary to produce a process for borrowing and returning equipment. If damaged or lost, then replaced by borrower. **Underway**

20.4 Keys to Darraweit Guim State Field: Keys are available however; the host club needs to be present for access.

21. Next VMAA Committee Meeting: Will be held on Thursday, 13th June 2019 at VARMS Clubrooms starting at 7:30 pm.

22. Meeting Closed: 10:30 pm