



**Victorian Model Aeronautical Association Inc.  
General Committee Meeting  
held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2019**

**At the VARMS Clubrooms, Wantirna South**

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

**2. Present:**

<b>President/Chairman</b>	Reeve Marsh
<b>Vice President:</b>	Jon Goudge,
<b>Secretary:</b>	Joe Finocchiaro
<b>Registrar:</b>	Paul Webber (Via Phone)
<b>State Flying Inst:</b>	Geoff Herbert
<b>Contest Dir:</b>	Joe Finocchiaro
<b>Comm Member:</b>	Mark Sills
<b>Editor:</b>	Vacant
<b>Education:</b>	David Nichols

**3. Apologies:** **Treasurer,** Dr Arthur Bablis, **Comm Member,** Brian Dowie **Video Librarian,** Ivan Chislett

**4. Visitors:** Ron Hickman

**5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**Secretary** moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted

**Seconded by:** David Nichols **Carried - Yes**

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

**6.1 Consumer Affairs Financial Statement** – Accounts Ross, Wadeson have provided reports for 2017 & 2018. Secretary tabled the report indicated VMAA is in good shape with the certain recommendation in regards to recording of invoices, storage and payments. Recommendation will be adopted if practical to the association. Audit report for 2019 to be finalised.

**6.1.1** Actual financial reports for 2017, 2018 and 2019 will be provided to the Secretary as soon as 2019 audit report is available.

**7. Treasurers Report-**

Opening Balance	\$201,012.98
Receipts	\$6,375.03
Payments	\$68,314.04
Closing Balance	\$196,455.97
Term Deposit	\$225,726.76
Term Deposit (2)	\$19,048.40

**7.1 Additional Monthly expenses:**

**7.1.1** Reimbursement to WMAC for flags for the try and fly day

**7.1.2** SFI Expenses – GMAC Refresher Instructor course

- 7.2 New VMAA Budget for FY 2019/20 will be forwarded to the new committee for review and acceptance – **To be discussed at the next meeting.**

**Treasurer** moved that the report be accepted

**Seconded by:** Jon Goudge **Carried - Yes**

**8. Correspondence in:**

- 8.1 Email from MWMAA in regards to the club name change – Rec 07 Oct
- 8.2 Email from Mr David Law in regards to Chief HM Insp. – Rec 06 Oct
- 8.3 Submission for NFG in regards to the proposal for Rabbit-Proof Fence – Rec 04 Oct
- 8.4 Email from Mr Glenn Atkins in regards to FAI Card – Rec Oct
- 8.5 Email from CMAC President Peter Baker in regards to grant/loan requirements – Rec 30 Sep
- 8.6 Email from Mr Andrew Arapakis in regards to Aust. F3D & F5D World Champs Report – Rec 30 Sep
- 8.7 Email from MAAA President in regards to CASA new requirements – Rec 26 Sep
- 8.8 Email from MAAA President in regards to CASA “Fly Neighborly Infor – Rec 26 Sep
- 8.9 Email from MAAA President in regards to approval for Mr P. Agnew for FW50 – Rec 26 Sep
- 8.10 Email from MAAA President in regards to Diggers Rest area approval – Rec 26 Oct
- 8.11 Email from KDMAS Secretary in regards to commercial use of club field – Rec 14 Sep
- 8.12 Email from Mr Richard Blackam in regards to support for World championships – Rec 14 Sep
- 8.13 Email from VJAA Sec in regards to Jet Turbine club interstate interest – Rec 11 Sep
- 8.14 Email from Mr Jack Bhalla in regards to Instructor’s courses - Rec 11 Sep

**9. Correspondence Out:**

- 9.1 Email to CMAC President P. Baker in regards to grant/loan requirements – dated 08 Oct
- 9.2 Letter sent to Mr David Law in regards to the position of Chief HM Insp. – dated 06 Oct
- 9.3 Email to Mr Tom Dupuche in regards to latest RA – dated 29 Sept
- 9.4 Email to Mr Tom Dupuche in regards to Area Approval instrument – dated 27 Sept
- 9.5 Email to Mr Peter Agnew in regards to HM FW50 approval – dated 26 Sept
- 9.6 Email to MAAA President in regards to CASA instrument -dated 26 Sept
- 9.7 Email to Mr Peter Agnew in regards to HM Insp FW50 approval – dated 26 Sep
- 9.8 Email to MAAA Sec in regards to MAAA & VMAA lease agreement – dated 23 Sep
- 9.9 Email to KDMAS Sec in regards to information on commercial use of cloud field – dated 15 Sep
- 9.10 Email to Mr Richard Lackman in regards to financial support for World championship competitors – dated 15 Sep
- 9.11 Email to VJAA Sec Miss Karen Lock in regards to Jet Turbine fields in NSW – dated 14 Sep
- 9.12 Email to Mr Jack Bhalla in regards to instructor's courses – dated 13 Sep

**10. Matters Arising from Correspondence:**

- 10.1 **Club Name Change:** Bacchus Marsh club name change to Mount Wallace Model Aircraft Association (MWMAA) has been completed. Consumer Affairs has provided a certificate for the change. The MAAA Membership Registration system is updated.
- 10.2 **NFG Proposal:** There is a current issue with rabbits and the impact/effect they are having on the main runway. There is also an OH&S issue with so many holes around the area. The issue now in a plague proposition due to the low rainfall. Surrounding neighbors are not interested in poisons and shooting is the least viable option. The best option is to erect a “**rabbit proof fence**”. NFG will provide all labour and ongoing maintenance of the fence once installed. The

fence should remain viable for 15 to 20 years. NFG will have ongoing cost to keep the field/runway in a suitable condition expected around \$6,000. Has taken the club 12-month investigation to provide a submission.

- 10.2.1 NFG is asking for a material cost of \$6,200.11 as a grant to address the issue and to purchase the material requirements

**Motion:** The Secretary tabled the following motion

A grant is provided to NFG to cover the material cost to erect a rabbit proof fence.

**Seconded:** David Nichols

**Carried: Yes**

- 10.3 **Giant Model Inspector:** Mr Peter Agnew has been appointed as a GHMI by the MAAA after a successful application and recommended by the VMAA.

- 10.4 **VMAA State Heavy Model Inspector (SHMI):** The VMAA based on ongoing requirements in this area have identified a new position/appointment as a technical advisor and HM assessor for new inspectors in the Fw25 and FW50. The initial workflow will not change, as all requests submitted to the VMAA for review. On completion of a review, the application will be processed to the VMAA SHMI to continue the process, including assessment of suitability.

- 10.4.1 To meet the above requirements, the candidate would need experience in scratch building, ARFs and fly in various disciplines. Based on the criteria, Mr David Law has been nominated to fulfil the position. Mr Law has accepted the nomination as the SHMI. The nomination was tabled on 10 Oct 2019 and ratified. The President and Committee welcome Mr Law to this new position. Reappointment of the position is ratified at the annual VMAA AGM each year.

- 10.5 **Australian F3D & F5D World Championships:** Mr Andrew Arapakis submitted a report in regards to Australian pylon racing. Each Victorian VMAA member will receive \$250 for their participation to assist with expenses. This is the standard amount for any world team in any discipline. The VMAA Bulletin will contain the report.

## 11. Display Applications:

- 11.1 Display application for:

11.1.1 MMAC (Melton) annual display. Below 400 ft (**Approved**)

11.1.2 HMAAC (Hamilton) annual display. Below 400 ft (**Approved**)

## 12. Registrars Report:

- 12.1 Processed registrations to date are:

September 19		October 19	
Seniors:	2032	Seniors:	2094
Juniors:	79	Juniors:	83
Life Mbrs:	3	Life Mbrs:	6
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2114</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>2180</b>
<b>To be processed:</b>		<b>To be processed:</b>	<b>34</b>

- 11.2. The VMAA Website will be updated with the names of those LM to recognise their achievement.

**13. Contest Directors Report:**

- 13.1 **VMAA Calendar** – Is being updated with 2020 events with several inclusions and amendments have occurred. Ongoing inclusions.
- 13.2 **VMAA Trophy** – A final rules/conditions posted on the website. Email sent to all previous team captains. Previous clubs informed of changes made and the requirement to read the associated documents.

**14. Editors Report:**

- 14.1 October Bulletin to be finalised later in October 2019. Have reports to include as links.

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

- 15.1 New membership list to be produced from the MAAA database for next bulleting. Workflows to be created and uploaded to site. Will provide a clear path on how items are processed.
- 15.2 The space issue with the website may have caused an issue with the mail servers and possibly causing other issues. Secretary is investigating.

**16. Safety Report:**

- 16.1 Email to MAAA from WMAC in regards to the incident. MAAA to close out incident after review.

**17. Education Officers Report:**

- 17.1 Ordered 150 chuck gliders to replenish VMAA stock. Acted on the email sent by VMAA Secretary in regards to try fly days from one of the clubs and trainer availability. Have made contact via email with the club.
- 17.2 **Sandown Event 2020:** will need help with registrations of possible potential members. Need to make contact clubs that could continue with their try fly days and to provide additional support. VMAA President will provide a submission to be sent out to potential clubs and work in conjunction with the Education Officer.
- 17.3 **Try Fly Day:** The Mount Wallace Model Aircraft Ass (MWMAA) is looking at holding a try fly day in January 2020. Will be looking for support with chuck gliders and to assist with trainers if possible.

**18. Video Library:**

- 18.1 Require a full list of all titles for send out.  
**Action:** Secretary to obtain list to include in the VMAA Bulletin as either link or complete listing with the bulletin.

**19. SFI Report:**

- 19.1 **Wing Status** – 16 wings issued for September. 3 for October so far
- 19.2 **Instructor Notification:**

19.2.1 Number of requests received for refresher course: \_\_\_\_126\_\_\_\_ ;

19.2.2 Instructors that do not wish to continue as instructors: \_\_\_\_22\_\_\_\_.;

19.2.3 Instructors qualified so far is 14; and

19.2.4 In addition, there were 7 new instructors tested.

19.3 **Next Instructor's Course Date** – 30 November at Northern Flying Group clubhouse. Only instructors that require a refresher course will be considered unless position positions cannot fill. Next course will have 20 positions with NFG organising refreshments on the day.

19.4 **Recertification of MAAA Instructors** – Instructors that have not completed their refresher course by 30 June 2020 with have the instructor rating revoked.

19.5 **SFI on Leave:** Leave period is from February 2020 for approximately six weeks. There will be a requirement to continue the process during this period.

## 20. State Field Reports:

20.1 **NFG:** has spent been \$300 on fertiliser for the runway. Rabbit problem requires the runway to be attended to before anyone can fly. Part of normal routine at the moment.

## 21. State Field Requests:

21.1 **NFG:** To hold the next instructor's course on 30 November 2019.

## 22. General Business:

22.1 **Train and Hobby Show 2020** – Update from Mr Keith Quigg. VMAA Sandown Coordinator. Received information today in regards to possible requirements to achieve outcomes (marketing, support etc.). This is also including suggested funding allocation.

**Action:** President requested comments on submission. Secretary to collate comments for feedback for the next meeting.

### 22.2 Outstanding Items:

#### 22.2.1 Loan Equipment:

22.2.1.1 P&DARCS and NFG shelter stocktake completed.

22.2.1.2 GMAC to complete stocktake.

22.2.1.3 New issuing form for loan equipment in progress

**Action:** VMAA Secretary to contact GMAC to finalise stock take and determine what is needed to replenish/update shade holdings

22.3 **VMAA Uniform requirements:** Secretary to collect requirements and send to Brian Dowie to action. Need to ensure the VMAA has the detail of where uniform is ordered for the Operations Manual.

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

22.4.1 MAAA Secretary to provide additional information.

**22.5 Mt Wallace Leasing arrangements (VMAA/MAAA):**

- 22.5.1 Leasing signed between MAAA/VMAA. Leasing cost is \$250 per year starting from 2016, which is the year of purchase.
- 22.5.2 Leasing document between VMAA and Mt Wallace host club to be finalised. Draft copy to be sent to committee for review

**22.6 Bairnsdale Rates Invoice:**

- 22.6.1 The MAAA has paid rates.
- 22.6.2 VMAA shares part of the rate cost. Share total to be provided by MAAA.  
**Action:** President to discussed with MAAA President.

**22.7 Area approvals - Are ongoing with additional CASA requirement:**

- 22.7.1 SAM600/Old Timer - Submission being prepared for consideration to fly above 3000 ft AGL. The VMAA is reviewing the Risk Assessment.
- 22.7.2 New CASA requirements in regards to GPS coordinates of the flying area used. Will need to include the type of aircraft, size and weight. New requirements will be sent to those clubs seeking approval for height extension.  
**Action:** Secretary to send out additional requirements to clubs that have not achieved their area approval.

**23. Next VMAA Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at VARMS Clubrooms starting at 7:30 pm.**

**24. Meeting Closed: 09:35 pm**