



**Victorian Model Aeronautical Association Inc.
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
held on the 12th of May 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
Contest Director: Keith Quigg
Comm Member: Mark Sills
Comm Member: Phil Mohr
State Flying Inst: Les Marriner
Editor: Ian Cole
Video Librarian: Ivan Chislett
Education Officer: Vacant

3. Apologies: Treasurer, Dr Arthur Bablis, Editor, Ian Cole.

4. Visitors: MWMAA President, Garry Thiele

5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on – 14 April 2022

Seconded by: Jon Goudge **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.

7. Treasurers Report:

Opening Balance	\$117,612.86
Receipts	\$2,271.00
Payments	\$2,903.05
Closing Balance	\$116,980.81
Term Deposit	\$229,948.37
Term Deposit (2)	\$159,541.76

Total Loans to clubs: \$25,700.00

7.1 Comments:

7.1.1 The main expense has been the purchase of the Dell laptop for the VMAA Registrar. That has been set up and working as expected, including email. Funding for Avalon has been set aside for 2023. Outstanding invoices have been paid. Box of VMAA clothing (Uniform) is now available. Secretary to notify committee members.

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

7.2.1 Invoice 4253 for Cultivate Digital

7.2.2 Invoice 4242 for Cultivate Digital

7.2.3 Invoice 1001239 for AKT Trophies

7.3 Treasurer moved the report to be accepted

Seconded by: Keith Quigg.

Carried - Yes

8. Correspondence in:

- 8.1 Email from Scale World Champs Team Manager regarding support for competitors – Rec 10 May
- 8.2 Email from MWMAA Pres, regarding State Field Dev. – Rec 08 May
- 8.3 Letter from SAM 600 SIG regarding the event for VMAA Trophy – Rec 02 May
- 8.4 Email from MWMAA Sec, regarding council grant - Rec 28 Apr
- 8.5 Emails from the MAAA Sec regarding MAAA Conference – Rec April 22
- 8.6 Telephone Disc Mr G. Reed. Regarding MAAA Sec role – Rec 26 Apr
- 8.7 Email from VARMS Sec regarding Fees for 22/23 FY – Rec 13 Apr
- 8.8 Letter from Avalon Airshow Corp regarding VMAA attendance – Rec 11 Apr

9. Correspondence Out:

- 9.1 Email to MWMAA Pres, regarding state field development update – Res 08 May
- 9.2 Email to MAAA Sec, regarding MFWAC CAS Application – Sent 06 May
- 9.3 Email to MAAA Sec, regarding VRF CAS Application – Sent 04 May
- 9.4 Email to MAAA Sec, regarding VMAA Delegates for MAAA Conf. – Sent 03 May
- 9.5 Email to VPA Pres, regarding State championship trophies – Sent 03 May
- 9.6 Email to Mr G. Reed regarding MAAA Sec role – Rec 26 Apr
- 9.7 Email to MAAA Sec regarding Tree Issue at Mt Wallace State Field – Sent 26 Apr
- 9.8 Email to MAAA Sec regarding Aerochute use at a state field – Sent 26 Apr
- 9.9 Email to Mrs M. Drowley regarding historical data – Sent 25 Apr
- 9.10 Email to VARMS Sec regarding Fees for 22/23 FY – Sent 13 Apr

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 provided and inform the committee.
- 10.2 FAI Registrations will be required for the members to compete. It is always short notice based on fees and the MAAA fee cycle.

10.2.1 Action: The VMAA Treasurer to determine the funding amount provided and inform the committee.

10.3 **MAAA Council Conference** – The MAAA annual conference will be held from 14 to 15 May 2022. Reports have been sent to the MAAA. CAS applications have been sent, including late submissions from (BRMFC, VRF, and MFWAC). The scheme is now closed for 2022. President, Mr Reeve Marsh, will not be able to attend in person. A zoom invite has been sent for those that cannot attend. The VMAA Secretary and Treasurer will be attending in person.

10.4 **MWMAA Tree Removal** – The trees on the western boundary of the field is at the end of life and need to be removed. The host club has obtained two quotes for the removal of the trees. The quotes and request to remove the trees have been sent to the MAAA as they are the landowners via email. The intent is to start a dialogue and determine possible outcomes. Currently, the VMAA Secretary is waiting for a reply; however, the issue may be discussed at the MAAA conference if time permits.

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.

April		May	
Seniors:	2131	Seniors:	2149
Juniors:	77	Juniors:	77
Life Mbrs:	6	Life Mbrs:	6
Total:	2214	Total:	2232
To be processed:	5	To be processed:	0

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 There has been a discussion regarding a new membership system. The VMAA is waiting for additional information and possible deployment of the new system. Work in progress.

12.4 Life Members

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

13. Contest Directors Report:

- 13.1 **VMAA Calendar** – The VMAA will support the local club rules where the event is held.
- 13.2 **VMAA Trophy Weekend** – The CD has been speaking with clubs that have been 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.
- 13.3 **VMAA Calendar Event** – The software application to enter events is being discussed. A module that will sit within the website/page will be looked at. Work in progress.

14. Editors Report:

- 14.1 **VMAA Bulletin** – Next edition, End of June 2022

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.

16. Safety Report:

- 16.1 Nil

17. Education Officers Report:

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

18. Video Library:

- 18.1 **Comments:** No report this month as the Video Library Officer is unavailable.

19. SFI Report:

- 19.1 **Wing Status: 15 Wings** issued during the month of April 2022. This was made up of **2 Gold Power, 4 Gold Glider, 8 Silver Power and 1 Bronze Power.**
- 19.2 **Qualified Instructors** We currently have 145 qualified Instructors for the 2021/2022 year.
- 19.3 **Plans for the next six months** – The Instructors Course at the Twin Cities Club is locked in for the 18th of June 2022 and will have 4 participants. The article circulated in the April VMAA Bulletin 2022 that invited clubs to put forward names of members wishing to become Instructors has not attracted any further participants, possibly because of the location.
- 19.4 **Continued Liaison with Clubs:** This is ongoing and an enjoyable part of my role as SFI. However, incorrect mobile phone numbers recorded on the MAAA database continue to be frustrating. In an attempt to speak to a member who completed his Silver Wings, I found the recorded number to no longer exist. I rang the club secretary's recorded number to get a "this number has been disconnected". Not to be outdone, I rang the club president and made contact. It shouldn't be that hard.

- 19.5 The issue of not having the correct contact information on the registration system is a problem. Club executives need to have the contact details updated so the MAAA/VMAA can send out relative information.

20. State Field Reports:

- 20.1 **MWMAA (Field Development)** – Presented by MWMAA President Garry Theile. The current report had a timeline for work to be completed. The VMAA Secretary sent out the link to the photos on the club website detailing the latest work completed.
- 20.2 The timeline is based on a calendar year. Work regarding pilots boxes, containers and irrigation systems will be implemented to service the main runway. An area for the clubhouse has been identified with work completed in the water catchment and recycling any water captured. Grants from the local wind farm companies have been submitted, including the Bendigo Bank and the local shire. Some success has been achieved with the club continuing to look at grants and support.
- 20.3 The main runway will be addressed to increase the surface to a grassed runway. A master plan is being developed for the shire to obtain permits. The plan is needed for permeant structures that need to be built on the property. A camping area is also being looked at to accommodate overnight stays. The movement of the current gate entrance will need to be discussed further. We need to look at short and medium plans to see what can be done now if the gateway does not move. Options need to be looked at so there is an alternative plan.

21. State Field Requests:

- 21.1 Nil

22. General Business:

- 22.1 **VMAA Action Point Register** – Was distributed to all committee members for review as of 10 April 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.
- 22.1.1.1 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.
- 22.2 **Area approvals** – Current applications that are being reviewed or waiting for CASA approval:
- 22.2.1 MFWAC (Additional information provided);
- 22.2.2 TCMAC (Additional review);
- 22.2.3 LVMAC (Under Review); and
- 22.2.4 NMAC (Under review).

- 22.2.5 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.
- 22.2.6 Change of Payment Process:** To improve the process and speed up the approval process, the new MAAA Pretendent to have the MAAA the initial fee estimates and then charge back to the state/club. The potential is to reduce the timeline by possibly two to three weeks. Work in progress.
- 22.2.7 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.
- 22.2.8 General Displays:** Displays that 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 events are seen as general interest events for the public to visit a field to observe RC Aircraft.
- 22.3 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.
- 22.3.1** Stuart Dean
 - 22.3.2** Peter Lindsay Rowland
 - 22.3.3** Jim Ray
 - 22.3.4** Paul Winter
 - 22.3.5** John Gottschalk
 - 22.3.6** Ian Milligan
 - 22.3.7** Keith Moorhouse
 - 22.3.8** Eddie Osbourne
- 21.5 Additional Items:**
- 21.5.1 VMAA AGM** – Notice of AGM will be sent for 08 September 2022. The notice will be included in the next VMAA Newsletter. Nominations forms and preparations will continue with the VMAA financial affairs accounts to be audited and presented.
- 21.5.2 MAAA Council Conference** – President mentioned one of the issues is communications and the timely manner in which those communications were being sent. There were a number of items the MAAA were addressing; however, a few have not been achieved including the new MAAA Registration Membership system. The issue will be discussed at the conference to move forward and resolve a number of issues.
- 21.5.3** There are a couple of elections to be completed at the conference. The Secretary position is being discussed with a position description available. Applications have been asked to fill the position.

21.5.4 The MAAA has been distracted due to a number of high-level discussions with external agencies. These issues will be addressed at the conference to see how things can improve with effective communications that provide relative information. The membership survey will be presented to discuss the results. CASA will be presenting a new approach on how to do area approvals to streamline the process. The budget for the next 12 months will be discussed, including insurance premiums and fee structure.

21.5.5 One of the main items is the marketing issue and the best way to utilise the narrative. The council need to determine what needs to be achieved to serve the association better. The promotion to external agencies may be a pathway that can be used.

22. VMAA Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, 09th June 2022, via Zoom videoconference. The Executive Meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

23. Meeting Closed: 9:20 pm