



**Victorian Model Aeronautical Association Inc.  
Agenda for the General Committee Meeting  
held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2019**

**At the VARMS Clubrooms, Wantirna South**

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

**2. Present:**

<b>President/Chairman</b>	Reeve Marsh
<b>Secretary:</b>	Joe Finocchiaro
<b>Registrar</b>	Paul Webber (By phone)
<b>State Flying Inst:</b>	Geoff Herbert
<b>Contest Dir:</b>	Joe Finocchiaro
<b>Comm Member:</b>	Mark Sills
<b>Comm Member:</b>	Brian Dowie
<b>Editor:</b>	Vacant
<b>Education:</b>	David Nichols

**3. Apologies:** Vice President, Jon Goudge, **Treasurer**, Dr Arthur Bablis, **Video Librarian**, Ivan Chislett

**4. Visitors: Nill**

**5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

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

**Seconded by:** Geoff Herbert **Carried - Yes**

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

**6.1 Consumer Affairs Financial Statement** – Committee Member, Brian Dowie tabled the Audit reports for 2017 and 2018 tabled. 2019 will be tabled on completion. AGM Financial affairs to be presented.

**6.1.1 Action:** President requested if 2017 FY is completed, then we should be able to submit what we have available.

**7. Treasurers Report-**

Opening Balance	\$
Receipts	\$
Payments	\$
Closing Balance	\$
Term Deposit	\$225,726.76
Term Deposit (2)	\$19,048.40

**7.1 Main expenses:**

**7.1.1** AKT Trophies for Pylon (VAMPRA) Championships

**7.1.2** Domain renewal \$169.45. (paid)

- 7.1.3 Reimbursement to WMAC for flags for try and fly day
- 7.1.4 SFI Expenses – GMAC Refresher Instructor course (to be refunded)

7.2 **VMAA Budget for FY 2019/20 discussion:** The treasurer was not available. Item to be discussed at the next meeting.

**Treasurer:** The financial affairs were not tabled due to the treasurer not being available.

**Seconded by:**

**Carried -**

## 7. Correspondence in:

- 7.1 Email from Sec LV Wayne Lewis in regards to brochures for static display – Rec 09 Sep
- 7.2 Email from Russell Edwards in regards to 2019 F3A World Championships Italy support, managers' report – Rec 09 Sep
- 7.3 Email from Sec LV Wayne Lewis in regards to Club executive positions – Rec 06 Sep
- 7.4 Email from Andrew Arapakis enquiring about short term loans from MAAA – Rec 03 Sep
- 7.5 Email from Daniel Jenkins in regards to stored shelters at P&DARCS – rec 01 Sep
- 7.6 Email from Ian Cole in regards to Mount Hollowback – Rec 01 Sep
- 7.7 Email from Peter Cossins in regards to investigation into Mt Hollowback – Rec 31 Aug
- 7.8 Email via web contact form in regards to FPV information – Rec 31 Aug
- 7.9 Telecom with Rolf Hedt in regards to area approval procedures – In August
- 7.10 Email from Kerry Anker (Sustainable Marketing) in regards to stories for the next wingspan – Rec 22 Aug
- 7.11 Email from MAAA Secretary Direct State Membership and Renewal Numbers update – Rec 20 Aug
- 7.12 Email from VP LV Graeme Blackman in regards to VH No. received – Rec 19 Aug to 21 Aug
- 7.13 Email from Peter Cossins in regards to Mt Hollowback and its use – Rec 18 Aug
- 7.14 Email from John Bonnici in regards to Try & Fly day and flags with logos – Rec 14 Aug
- 7.15 Email from MAAA Sec in regards to HM inspector Mr. Harrison – Rec 13 Aug
- 7.16 Email from EMMAC Sec Fred West in regards to leasing documents – Rec 13 Aug
- 7.17 Email from WAM Sec Russel Clough in regards to HM Inspectors rating – Rec 12 Aug
- 7.18 Email from Michael Guinness in regards to Insurance certificate – Rec 12 Aug
- 7.19 Email from EMMAC Sec Fred West in regards to funding support for shade shelter – Rec 11 Aug
- 7.20 Email from SAM Sec Darrel Blow in regards to glider dates – Rec 11 Aug

## 8. Correspondence Out:

- 8.1 Email to MAAA Sec in regards to supporting letter for WPMAC – dated 04 Sep
- 8.2 Email to Harry in regards to FPV MOP information – dated 01 Sep
- 8.3 Mail to Sec WMAA Rolf Hedt in regards to documentation for area approval – dated 28 Aug
- 8.4 Email to WMAC John Bonnici in regards reimbursement form – dated 21 Aug
- 8.5 Email to VP LV Graeme Blackman in regards to old records kept – dated 20 Aug
- 8.6 Email to SAM Sec Darrel Blow confirming glider dates based on Area App – dated 18 Aug
- 8.7 Email to Peter Cossins in regards to Mt Hollowback – dated 18 Aug
- 8.8 Email to Graeme Blackman in regards to CoC dated 16 Aug
- 8.9 Email to Michael Guinness in regards to CoC – dated 12 Aug
- 8.10 Letter to WMAC John Bonnici in regards to funding support for Try & Fly day – dated 10 Aug
- 8.11 Letter to EMMAC Sec Fred West in regards to funding support – dated 10 Aug

## 9. Matters Arising from Correspondence:

- 9.1 **2019 F3A World Championships Italy Managers' Report:** Russell Edwards provided a report for the championships. Each Victorian participant will receive \$250 for taking part in the championships. Well done to all.
- 9.2 **VMAA/MAA Brochures:** Latrobe Club has requested brochures for their display day. All the brochures have been consumed with the president investigating what is available. Secretary to follow up and discuss new brochures for the VMAA with Sustainable Marketing.
- 9.3 **Mount Hollowback:** – Ongoing investigation to determine viability of site. Additional test equipment to be used. Expectation is for the investigation to conclude in a few weeks. Going to another frequency will not solve the problem.
- 9.4 **Sustainable Marketing:** – Has requested any stories or events to be included in Wingspan. All stories will be considered. Direct contact will be made if anyone has an article to share.

## 10. Display Applications:

- 10.1 SADAC. (area approval completed); **Approved**
- 10.2 BADMAC. (area approval completed); **Approved**
- 10.3 WMAC Try and fly day. **Approved**
- 10.4 VMAA Secretary to develop a single page approval process for clubs with area approvals in place. This will assist clubs by reducing the documentation required for submission each year.

## 11. Registrars Report:

- 11.1 Processed registrations to date are:

	August 19		September 19
Seniors:	1936	Seniors:	2032
Juniors:	69	Juniors:	79
Life Mbrs:	3	Life Mbrs:	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>2114</b>
<b>To be processed:</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>To be processed:</b>	

- 11.2 The VMAA Secretary requested the number of life members to be checked. Based on current records there seems to be 5. Registrar will check database to confirm.

## 12. Contest Directors Report:

- 12.1 **VMAA Calendar** – Updated as requested from clubs and ongoing.
- 12.2 **VMAA Trophy** – A final rules/conditions documents will be produced and sent out for review by Committee and previous team captains. When completed, the rules/conditions will be posted on the VMAA website.

## 13. Editors Report:

- 13.1 September Bulletin has been issued. Positive feedback and uptake from the membership.
- 13.2 VMAA Secretary is attending Shepparton Mammoth for editorial for the next bulletin.
- 13.3 Email list will be updated for the next bulleting to refresh listing.

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

- 14.1 VMAA Bulletin will highlight the various contact forms and changes that have occurred.
- 14.2 Website back on track after hacking attempt.

**15. Safety Report:**

- 15.1 Incident Report – WMAAC have completed the report has been submitted to the MAAA.

**16. Education Officers Report:**

- 16.1 Went to Doncaster Air League with support by club members. Put together about 13 to 14 chuck gliders. The children had a great time and enjoyed the activity.

**17. Video Library:**

- 17.1 The latest list of videos/CDs are in the bulletin. It is planed that all titles will be sent to all club secretaries. The list can be printed out and placed on a notice board.

**18. SFI Report:**

- 18.1 **Wing Status** – All up to date.
- 18.2 **Instructor Notification:** A list of instructors was tabled to indicate take up rate.
  - 18.2.1 Number of requests received for refresher course: \_\_126\_\_.
  - 18.2.2 Instructors that do not wish to continue as instructors: \_\_21\_\_.
- 18.3 **Next Instructor's Course** – Next course dates are in planning stage. 10 students per course is more than enough with the equipment and support available. Other committee members will assist. Courses will be conducted in other areas of Victoria.
- 18.4 **A succession Plan:** Needs to be considered to assist and eventually take over the position of SFI.
- 18.5 **Recertification MAAA Instructors** – Those that completed their course after this requirement was initiated (CASA 149) will be deemed as current (within the 5 years) and do not require to undergo a refresher course
- 18.6 **Rocketry Wings:** The president table there is an interest in this discipline and whether wings are available. Instructors will be assessed in the near future.

**19. State Field Reports:**

- 19.1 **Darraweit Guim State Field:** Current shower has an issue with leakage and needs to be repaired. VMAA has a vested interest with the field and needs to be investigated. NFG (Host Club) to investigate what needs to be repaired and cost.
- 19.2 Field has a rabbit problem due to the dry conditions. Based on advice from the shire, best approach (not using poison) is a rabbit proof wire around existing fence to be placed around the main runway. Cost would be \$4K for 1.4 km of fencing. NFG requesting what support the VMAA could provide towards assisting with the task. Club will provide all labour requirement. VMAA is working through what a state field infrastructure would be supported by the VMAA. Secretary tabled there was a maintenance fund allocation in the past. NFG is

to collect appropriate information and cost to support any submission to the VMAA. Could be a loan request.

**20. State Field Requests for Events:**

20.1 Nil

**21. General Business:**

21.1 **Train and Hobby Show 2020** – Update not available as Mr. Keith Quigg was not available.

21.2 **VMAA Life members** – Should be placed on the VMAA website and part of the VMAA history.

**21.3 Outstanding Items:**

**21.3.1 Loan Equipment:**

21.3.1.1 P&DARCS and NFG shelter stock takes completed.

**21.3.1.2 GMAC to be completed**

21.3.1.3 New issuing form for loan equipment in progress

21.3.1.4 Equipment stock takes in progress for items in disrepair or no valuer.

21.3.1.5 VMAA Secretary managing task.

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

**21.4.1** MAAA Secretary to provide additional information.

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

**21.5.1** MAAA Secretary is reviewing leasing document and will be sent.

**21.5.2** Document to be reviewed by VMAA Committee once received.

**21.5.3** VMAA Secretary is to raise the leasing agreement between VMAA and host club BMMAA for Mt Wallace.

**21.6 Bairnsdale Rates Invoice**

**21.6.1** Rates have been paid by the MAAA. Waiting for MAAA to acknowledging VMAA component to be paid.

**21.6.2** VMAA shares part of the rate cost for each year.

**21.7 Area approvals - Are ongoing**

**21.7.1** SAM600/Old Timer - Submission being prepared for consideration to fly above 2000 ft AGL

21.7.1.1 Risk Assessment for this SIG is being reviewed.

**21.7.2** Emails from various Clubs in regards to area approvals and the recertification of height limits. – received for September 2019 ongoing

**21.7.3** CASA is now requesting GPS coordinates of flying area used. This includes type of aircraft, size and weight. This requirement will be sent to those clubs that have not been approved at this stage.

21.8 **MAAA MOPS:** The president tabled the MAAA request for support to updated the MOPs. Waiting for guidelines. There is no doubt the MOPs needs to be updated/refreshed to bring them into line with current trends/structure.

- 21.9 **Flat Out RC:** The magazine next edition (Issue 10) will be its last. With hobby shops closing and reduced advertising requirements, has made the viability of the magazine not viable. No Australian model magazine left.
- 21.10 **Head of Heavy Model Inspector Victoria:** VMAA Secretary tabled the requirement for this position to be established. NSW and Qld have a similar position and works well. HM MOP will be reviewed to ensure compliance. To be table at the next meeting.
- 21.11 **VMAA Clothing:** Secretary tabled the requirement to replace VMAA clothing. Email will be sent to committee members. President and Brian Dowie to determine what will constitute what apparel is needed.
- 21.12 **Club Name Change:** The Secretary tabled that the Bacchus Marsh Model Aircraft Club is considering a name change to, Mount Wallace Model Aircraft Association. This is to be confirmed.
22. **Next VMAA Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at VARMS Clubrooms starting at 7:30 pm.**
23. **Meeting Closed: 9:45 pm**