



**Victorian Model Aeronautical Association Inc.
Minutes of the General Committee Meeting
held on the 14th of February 2019**

At the VARMS Clubrooms, Wantirna South

1. Meeting Opened 7:30 PM

2. Present:

President/Chairman	Reeve Marsh
Secretary:	Joe Finocchiaro
Treasurer:	Dr Arthur Bablis
Contest Dir:	Joe Finocchiaro (Temp)
Comm Member:	Brian Dowie
Editor:	Joe Finocchiaro (Temp)
Education:	David Nichols

3. Apologies: Vice President, Jon Goudge, Registrar Paul Webber, State Flying Inst, Geoff Herbert Comm Member, Mark Sills Video Librarian, Ivan Chislett

4. Visitors: Ron Hickman, Secretary (VARMS)

5. Minutes of the Previous meeting held on: - 13 December 2018

Secretary moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted

Seconded by: Carried

6. Matters Arising from previous minutes: -

6.1.1.1 TBC.

7. Treasurers Report-

Opening Balance	\$105,891.87
Receipts	\$5,711.68
Payments	\$115,22.10
Closing Balance	\$100,082.45
Term Deposit	\$222,305.48
Term Deposit (2)	\$18,720.34

7.1 Transaction for the purchase of new printer, notebook and expense paid. Avalon air show has allocation for expenditure.

7.2 Reimbursement type (internal and external).

7.2.1 Internal reimbursement form for committee only. For expenses incurred for VMAA requirements.

7.2.2 External reimbursement form for Clubs/SIGs or individuals working official for the VMAA

7.2.3 Reimbursement for the Treasurer expenses needs to be considered. This would be about \$250 per year.

- 7.3 **Loan repayment:** A reminder for any loan repayments will be provided. This is normally on the anniversary of the signed contract. The Treasurer will provide a reminder for each loan via the accounting system (MYOB).
- 7.4 **Payment of VARMS Clubroom:** Mr. Ron Hickman asked about the invoice for rent payable for the clubroom. This was received and paid by the VMAA Treasurer.

Treasurer moved that the report be accepted

Seconded by: David Nichols

Carried

8. Correspondence in:

- 8.8 2019 Council Conference – Reports required. – Dated 30 Nov 2019
- 8.8.1 **Action:** Items to be submitted for conference before next VMAA meeting
- 8.9 Emails from various Clubs in regards to area approvals and the recertification of height limits. – Dated 13 Dec to 14 Feb 2019)
- 8.9.1 **Action:** Ongoing task
- 8.10 Email Scale Documentation for World Championships 2020, David Law dated 08 Feb 2019
- 8.10.1 **Action:** Criteria for World Championships F4C. Tabled and signed off.
- 8.11 Email Scale Documentation for World championships 2020, Greg Lepp dated 12 Feb 2019
- 8.11.1 **Action:** Criteria for World Championships F4H. Tabled and signed off.
- 8.12 Email from Roger Chapman Avalon Air show – Who is attending dated 13 Feb 2019
- 8.12.1 **Action:** Emails have gone out to attendees. MAAA may assist with some expenses relating to the airshow if applicable. Roger Chapman following up on requirements. Display equipment and video to be used along with flyers for information.
- 8.13 **Stephen Green:** Train and Hobby show – Withdrawn from the VMAA. (ANSW signed off) dated 14 Jan 2019
- 8.13.1 **Action:** Nil by the VMAA. Not responsible for event. VMAA will have their own stand for the show. Need volunteers. Weekend after Avalon.
- 8.14 **Stephen Green. Commercial Instructor Training:** Submitted documentation for commercial instruction.
- 8.14.1 **Action:** Conditional approved, however, signed letter from NFG President is required before submission can be processed to MAAA. Email sent to inform Mr. Stephen Green he is not clear to fly as a commercial instructor.

9. Correspondence Out:

- 9.1 Email to David Law confirming Scale Documents – dated 10 Feb 2019
- 9.2 Email to Stephen Green withdrawing display application (Train & Hobby) 14 Jan 2019. (Using ANSW)

10. Matters Arising from Correspondence:

- 10.1 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, 20 Clubs have been successful with area approvals.***

There is still a number of approvals to be reviewed and will be completed as soon as possible.

10.2 Documentation for World Championships 2020. Still waiting for others to submit their trial applications. Have until 15 Mar 2019 to complete.

10.3 **Mt Wallace Leasing arrangements (VMAA/MAAA). Sent to all for comment**

11. Display Applications:

11.1 P&DARCS 24 Mar 2019 Monty Tyrell and Scratch / Kit Built Rally – Sent 17 Jan 2019
Submitting two display events based on area approval with current risk assessment.

11.1.1 VMAA Approved the permit.

11.2 BADMAC Action Rally and Mid May Muster – Sent 22 Jan 2019

11.2.1 VMAA Approved the permit

12. Registrars Report:

12.1 Processed registrations to date are:

Senior	2316
Junior	100
Life	3

13. Contest Directors Report:

13.1 The VMAA Calendar has been updated on a regular basis. More Clubs are using the medium to get out information.

13.2 **VMAA Trophy** – New documents posted on website and previous Clubs contacted. Flyer is available and sent out in the last bulletin. Scoring application is being updated for new event.

13.2.1 Changes have been communicated to Clubs. Changes made are to promote skilled flying. Using a .46 size training models to provide a simple standard and was an idea recommended by teams at the 2018 Event.

13.2.2 Additional Helicopter/drone event included and will make up the 11th event.

14. Editors Report:

14.1 Next bulletin will be March Edition. Any reports please send through. Delay in sending the bulletin has been due to area approval requirements.

15. Web Master's Report:

15.1 Contact Form for Contacts and Inspectors list to reduce spam and privacy issue.

15.1.1 Cost for changes \$50.

15.2 The website continues to be amended with increased content. Clubs slowly been added. This is an ongoing process

15.3 News forms for State fields and events active

15.3.1 **Action:** A list of clubs to be made available on site.

16. Safety Report:

16.1 No incidents have been reported this month.

17. Education Officers Report:

17.1 **GMAC:** ask for 35 chuck gliders for their ongoing work with juniors.

17.2 **Airshow and Sandown:** Planning to have register at the event so those that have an interest in the sport can record their contact name. Arrangement can then be made to have a training session at a club field. Great idea as this leads to possible new members.

18. Video Library:

18.1 Many new titles are available. New members should take advantage of the excellent instructional videos that are available. There has been some uptake with new Members to the library thanks to the news bulletin.

19. SFI Report:

19.1 The SFI has returned and is up to date with all wings and certificates. New printer is running well at this stage.

19.2 Instructor's Course possible. In planning stages to determine if viable.

20. State Field Reports:

20.1 **Template for reports to be based on for submission:** Simple reporting process with a template. Reports not required each month. Quarterly period is sufficient.

20.2 **Mt Wallace:** Email from BMMAA President, Mark Peterson. Held aero tow early January with lots of positive feedback and possible membership. Architect has been engaged for Phase 2 of the project for the amenities. This will assist with costing the project. Several SIGS have shown interest to run events at the field. Flat Out RC has shown interest in holding a major fun fly at Mt Wallace.

21. General Business:

21.1 **VMAA Secretary Expenses and mobile office:** Notebook purchased and account set for internet and phone expenses.

21.2 **Privacy Issue:**

21.2.1 Need to contact inspectors if only email address to be used. Work in progress to determine best option.

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

21.3.1 **Action:** VMAA President to speak with the MAAA. Purpose is to identify concerns and provide report/suggestions to MAAA.

21.4 **Marketing:** Working group is now in progress. Chair is Reeve Marsh: Report has been generated for MAAA. Report for the MAAA to consider. Will be tabled at MAAA Conference. Certain questions need to be asked to address concerns.

21.5 **MAAA Nationals** – Registration for Nationals in progress. Nationals Website available

21.6 Notice of 2019 MAAA Council Conference

21.6.1 Items for consideration:

- 21.6.1.1 Social Category for MAAA Membership Register;
- 21.6.1.2 Display permits and who reviews and signs off on permits

21.7 **CASA PART 149:** This remains as work in progress and will be tabled and discussed at future meetings as information is received and understood.

21.7.1 **Drone/RPV:** Discussion in regards to the consultation proposal by CASA. Consultation will close on 22 Feb 19. Does have impact on what classifies as a registered CASA site. This is part of the Part 149. Doing the survey is recommended.

21.8 **Woodworking Show:** Brian Dowie to have a look to determine if this will be a viable event for the VMAA. Contact email from organizers to be sent to Brian Dowie.

22. **Next VMAA Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, 14th March 2019 at VARMS Clubrooms starting at 7:30 pm.**

23. **Meeting Closed: 10:30 pm**