



Date: Saturday 4 March 2023

Time: 9.00am

Location: Jim Gibson field

	Present
President: Greg Petherick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vice President: Bill Sharpe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Secretary: Mick Dallmann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer: Russell Ramsay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Registrar: Mark Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Safety Officer: Peter Bessel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chief Flying Instructor: Steve Lightowler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRO: Steve Glasson	<input type="checkbox"/>

Committee members:

Mark Thompson

Col Taylor

Peter Boyd

Members present: 31

Members online: 4

Visitors *(other invited persons):*

Apologies: Brian Stenberg, Cliff York, Paul Hubbard, Mark Thompson, Chris Swain, Graham Tattersall, Shane Neilson

Opening: The President declared the meeting open at **9.00am**

Secretary:

- Previous Minutes from the General Meeting at Jim Gibson field 17 September 2022 as presented with the meeting documents circulated by email 30 Sept 2022 were moved for acceptance.
 - Moved: Secretary
 - Seconded: Bill SharpeThere were no objections
 - Passed

Business arising:

Treasurer:

- The Treasurers report as circulated by email 3 March 2023 was moved for acceptance.
 - Current Cash at bank: \$65,042
 - Moved: Secretary
 - Seconded: Peter BessellThere were no objections
 - Passed

Note: Questions raised regarding the sale of assets and the values on the Assets register.

Treasures response: The (Asset Register) document sent out with the meeting docs was a working document that the treasurer will be updating for the end of financial year. This was inadvertently sent out in error with the docs for this meeting.

Registrar:

- Current financial membership: 216
 - Junior members: 6
 - Associate members: 16
 - Life members: 5
 - Pensioners: 56

President:

Welcome to new SAAMBR members:

- Bob Newcombe
- Bruce Newcombe
- Joe Rapinett

Changes for the committee and field management:

- Mark Thompson has stepped down – The committee has appointed Shane Neilson.
- Tatt's resigned last year from being JG Field Coordinator but will still look after the tractor & slashing – The committee has appointed Paul Hubbard JG Field Coordinator. Paul is currently away on holiday and Peter Bessel is the contact for JG field in his absence.

Big thanks to those how are working on the mowing team, great job. If anyone else wants to assist, please contact the Field Coordinator. There is always plenty of work to be done.

Delay with scheduling a General meeting:

The last meeting was in September and we have attempted to schedule in November and then again in December. Around September last year the committee had received, considered and rejected an application for membership from a person who had previously been expelled from SAAMBR. Following this we had to give the person opportunity under our the club rules, to have an appeal heard at a General meeting. The person was advised and cancelled prior to the meeting on both of those occasions. This is why those meetings were subsequently cancelled as we were making efforts to have a majority of our members in attendance for both the appeal process and a normal general meeting on the same day. We were then not able to schedule a meeting prior to today due to our availability. Noting also that the person (subject to rejection) has also declined this meeting. The committee has considered that we have now made reasonable effort to give the person opportunity to appeal.

A club calendar has been published for 2023 that includes dates for regular general meetings.

Update on lease for JG field:

The lease expires end of June 2023. Currently in discussion for the terms of the next lease. Point to be confirmed:

- Limited at 80 members in attendance at any given time (D/A condition) to be lifted
- Conditions added to allow for Night Flying
- Conditions for Mozzie spraying modified to allow for some possible flying on that day when spraying is confirmed/completed.
- Believe that the new lease term will be 10 years and not 5 as it is currently

We will confirm what the conditions are when the lease is approved/accepted.

Main strip extension – You will notice that the main strip is being mowed further down to the left. This is deliberate to extend the strip down that way with a view to move operations down (especially for IMAC Pattern etc) further away from the road.

Personal equipment stored at the field – We have to limit / stop members storing personal property at our facility. Arrangements will be made for George's electric wheelchair.

Committee / Coordinators updates:

- **Sid Bray field** – Eric Pond & Peter Boyd
 - Club BBQ was a success and a great day for all involved – around 100 people attended.

 - **Jim Gibson field** – Peter Bessel
 - Organising warbirds day soon possibly 25th
 - Aus day event went well – aim to make it an annual SAAMBR event

 - **Chief Flying Instructor** – Steve Lightowler
 - 1 new member has passed Bronze wings.

 - **Safety Officer** – Peter Bessel
 - Speed limit on the road – needs to be observed, this will also limit the dust blowing towards our neighbour.
 - No flying while mowing
 - Starting planes on tables under the pit area – needs to stop. Starting tables will soon be installed out front for this purpose.
 - Electrics should be armed outside of the pit near the flightline – An electric arming table will be installed near flightline.
 - Main strip extended to move the flight area further from the road – work in progress.
 - Communication in the pilots box – Remember to communicate with each other courteously and to agree and follow a flight circuit to avoid clashes.
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Agenda items:

1. Update on insurance claim from floods Sid Bray field

We received advice (email) in late Jan from the MAAA Insurance broker regarding our claim for damage at SB field. Advised that the Insurance Council of Australia have determined that it was a single weather event (east coast) that affected all four claimants (MAAA Clubs) to the policy and therefore the maximum payout under the policy is split between those claimants less the excess for each claim. That results in a payout of \$1000 per club. The MAAA Exec has met with the broker and insurance company to discuss the policy conditions and unfortunately these are the conditions that existed with the policy prior to the current (MAAA) policy. The upshot is that we are not able to make a case for any review by the insurer, but the MAAA is moving to make up the shortfall (\$7000) for each of the affected clubs.

The current ISR (property) insurance policy does not offer sufficient cover for our (SAAMBR) needs. With the current insurance market, the conditions of the policy have changed to a point where it is no longer good value for the club to rely on this cover. Consequently, we are moving to source our own property insurance.

2. Update on tenure arrangements at Sid Bray field

We have yet to receive anything regarding a month to month lease arrangement as advised by the group how have been liaising with the Deputy Mayor.

The current situation is that the only offer is the possibility of a holdover being advised from time to time. We have just received an email (only) notification of a further holdover of the lease for SB field till end of May 2023. At present we are not getting any further surety than that. We have to proceed with the removal of assets with that in mind as we may not be offered a holdover at any time.

Pres has written to the Mayor as patron of the SAAMBR club and requested a meeting. The initial discussion will be to get some more surety around our exit date. Weather this be a date or number of months rather than an email each moth to holdover. We will report back to members of the outcome / advice from this meeting.

3. Update on sale / relocation of assets from Sid Bray field

Arrangements for the removal of the shed, containers and equipment that have been sold are progressing at the end of April. The BBQ shelter will stay till end of May.

With the tenure advice that we currently have (or don't have) in mind, we must proceed with the removal of assets. At any point we may only have weeks to vacate.

More work will be scheduled soon.

4. Update on building recertification

Progressing to get the assessment completed and work to mitigate the issues. \$2,800 already budgeted (Approved) for this work.

Other business:

- **Club Calendar:**

Enquiry regarding the schedule for regular General meetings.

- There are currently no flying events scheduled in the calendar. These will be added as the SIG's apply to us.
- A club calendar was published earlier in the year (notified to member email list) and is available online. There are General meetings scheduled every second month.

- **Committee meeting minutes:**

Request for Committee meeting minutes to be circulated.

- The secretary noted that this is not a requirement.
- The committee meeting discussion minutes often included sensitive information such as rejection of membership etc.

- **Decisions of the committee:**

Discussion regarding decisions made by the committee.

- The committee is elected to run the operations of the club.
- Information is disseminated to the members vi the emails and at subsequent General meetings.

- **Second flightline strips:**

Questions / discussion regarding the proposal.

- This is a long-term plan for the future of the club.
- This will open up for more participation and opportunities for events.
- The average size of models has increased.
- No money has been spent or budgeted yet – Club approvals will be sought as required.
- Council is supportive.
- The club has around 70 acres so there is enough room.

- **Scheduling of competition events:**

Discussion regarding scheduling of events that take over the field.

- The club social flyers feel that they are shut out and feel that their field is hijacked by competition guys that don't have their own field.
- The proposed Warbirds event is a social event, and all club members are encouraged to attend.
- The competition and social event guys are the most active in the hobby and do in fact have their own clubs/fields as well.
- Visiting other clubs is good for the hobby brings us all together as a group.
- A good many SAAMBR members are involved in competition disciplines, we are probably the highest participation across several disciplines.
- We need to have events to support our existence.
- Events are important in our recognition as a sport and also our recognition by authorities such as council. Purely social activity does not get as much recognition/support.
- The events / calendar is discussed, and requests are considered & actioned by the committee. The calendar is then published and is discussed at the subsequent General meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Closure: The President/Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.04pm:

Endorsed: _____

Dated : ____/____/____