



MINUTES

Model Aeronautical Association of Australia

Executive & Council meeting
September 26, 7.30pm
(AEST)

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Attendees

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>
MAAA Executives:	
Tim Nolan Michael Hobson Gary Pope Mitch Bannink	President Vice President Treasurer Safety Officer
MAAA Executive Team: Rhyll McCormack Keith Quigg David Lewis	Federal Secretary Member Services National Registrar
MAAA Council Representatives: MAAQ: Mick Dallman Craig Burkhardt Rodney Clarke ANSW: David Kennedy Clive Weatherhead NSWFFS: Roy Summersby NSWCLAS: Gary Tansley VMAA: Reeve Marsh Joe Finnochiaro AWA: TMAA: Michael Rutledge Tony Sheppard ACTAA: ANT: MASA: Jeff Ramsay Apologies: Trevor Dalziell, David Rose.	President Vice President Secretary President Secretary Secretary President President Secretary President Treasurer Vice President

Meeting Agenda

<i>No</i>	<i>Item Description</i>
1	Confirmation of previous minutes
2	Financial reports
3	Communication between Ordinary Members
4	General Business 4.1 Public Behaviour 4.2 Update on Member Jungle

1. Confirmation of August minutes:

Motion: That the minutes of the August 30 Council are a true and correct record. Rodney Clarke / Mick Dallman. David Kennedy objection to acceptance of minutes. Declined to provide further detail. **Minutes passed.**

2. Acceptance of year-end financial reports: Gary PopeGeneral comments:**P & L compared to Budget**

- Income close to budget – higher Interest offset by lower Affiliations & Area Approvals income.
- Costs well below budget – cost savings \$195k (Secretariat, Promotion & Marketing, etc.) offset by cost increases \$65k (CAS, Membership, Conference, etc.) gave savings of \$130k.
- Surplus \$114k well above budget but close to Forecast.

Decline in Affiliations revenue by 1% - ongoing trend of decline in this area. Not a new trend – membership has been declining since 2016.

P & L compared to Last year

- Income increased by \$31k - higher Interest offset by lower Affiliations & Area Approvals.
- Cost increases included Club Assistance, Field Development, Membership System, Conference, etc.
- Cost decreases included Secretariat, Property, etc.
- Surplus of \$114k below last year by \$86k

Some cost increases associated with positive club programs: Club Assistance increase of \$37k, Field Development 45k.

Balance Sheet

- No new land purchases since FY2020. Cash has grown significantly since FY2020.
- Informal review of property values a mixed bag. In some cases, historic cost value is close to estimated market value while for others historic cost appears to be below estimated market value.
- MAAA is generating cash surplus's but needs to figure out how to spend it wisely to grow the organisation.

Thank you to all who work hard and smart for the MAAA. It is a cooperative effort by many.

Questions and clarification sort from MAAA Financial reports

1. Seeking clarification of Expenditure item "Amortisation of CLC", please provide detail of what this for.	This is the annual amortisation charge for the CLC \$50,000 in the Balance sheet. The asset is a concrete Control Line Circle that was created in Victoria for the Albury Nationals and is written down by \$2,500 each year. See Filenote
2. Expenditure line "bookkeeping" – please advise who is providing this service and what the service is being delivered.	Service Provided by Xero Authorised Book Keeper Ross Wakelin trading as IMYB (I Mind Your Business). Based in Queensland. Processes all payments, receipts & payroll in Xero. Prepares BAS & Annual Reports from Xero.
3. Expenditure line "Miscellaneous" is there a definition of what falls into this category and what are the items (in general) that make this figure.	(1) Stock Usage - Mainly Wings, Badges, Banners & Flags \$1,500 (2) purchase & W/off 1500 Lapel Pins \$3,225
4. Expenditure Item "Internet and Website" shows a significant increase of \$10K from previous year and unable to recall the reason of this – or it was mentioned at council conference .	The major cost elements are support from Isonic & Legit it \$5k and Membership System \$12k. The increase in costs on this line was included in the Budget tabled in May 2022 Conference and the Forecast tabled in May 2023 Conference. The \$17.2 k spend is \$1.2k below Budget and \$13k below Forecast.
5. Expenditure line "Membership Cards", what is this representing as physical membership cards not produced last FY	This is the final W/down of Old Card stock. We still have stock (5.5 Boxes X 750 per box) , but they are valued at \$NIL
6. Accounts held, the terms deposit accounts and field Account are interest bearing (based on income interest line) – however please confirm if the remaining are interest bearing, in particular cheque account 7965 , and if not, what is the purpose of holding large amount not earning interest.	Large Bank accounts each earn large \$'s interest. See Tabs 'Bank Accounts'. We tend to keep a balance of not less than \$100k in the General Account (non interest bearing) for operational requirements.
7. What is and makes up the "Trade and other Receivables"? in particular the Trade Debtors \$84K the corresponding note is unclear as to what this represents (I get the Prepayments)	Trade Debtors are unpaid Affiliations invoices to States. Refer Aged Receivables Analysis.
8. Investment in shares \$10K – What is this investment please?	These are the shares in the Goulburn Valley Flying Field Cooperative LTD. See Tab 'Shares'. Net Asset backing of the Co-Op exceeds the value of the shares
9. Land and Building – as per note this is acquisition cost, is there any structure or plan in place to update /confirm value in any given time period , (e.g. revalued every 5 or 10 years etc)	Formal market valuations by external 3 rd party valuers have not been carried out. There is no firm plan / schedule to conduct such Market Valuations. NOTE - Market values were tested informally last year. Four properties were estimated to be close to cost value. Three properties were estimated to be above Market Value viz, Toowoomba (\$98k in books v \$400k Est MV) Bairnsdale (\$244k in books v \$400k Est MV) and Mt Wallace (\$518k in books v \$725k Est MV).
10. Under "Movement in Equity" Increases are represented by "Profit of the Period" as a NFP this should be amended to "current year surplus" in line with income and expenditure statement.	Agreed - will do. This year or next Year ?

Other Financial Items

I had mentioned this before – and again point out, under statement of rules : 36.7 The details of Income and Expenditure compared to the Budget are to be reported in the Minutes of each Executive Committee Meeting. This doesn't appear to be happening and would be good to see so that the council can be informed during the year of the financial situation.	Need to discuss & agree a workable format for Monthly reporting. Those readers who are not fluent with accrual accounting combined with the limits of our resources would be alarmed by some numbers in the detail reports on the early months. - Affiliations <u>front loaded</u> BUT <u>most cost</u> apportioned over the months Suggestion - (1) Balance Sheet Summary Year on Year plus (2) Year on Year Comparison for 3 KPI's - Membership #'s, Affiliations \$'s, Total Costs and (3) Budget Comparison for 3 KPI's- Membership #'s, Affiliations \$'s, Total Costs (4) a few bullets of Commentary
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Action: Gary & Jeff Ramsay to discuss Westpac offers in regard to interest incomg on the General Account interest.

Suggested Motion: That the MAAA financial reports as presented for the year ending 2023 are a true and correct record. **Victoria / ANSW**. Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Financial reports to be signed and lodged.

3. Communication between ordinary members: David Kennedy

Should ordinary members be able to contact clubs outside of their location? I.e., Is an Ordinary Member (State) contacting a club outside of their State permissible?

General consensus - should be assessed on an individual case basis.

4. General Business:

4.1 Public behaviour of MAAA Council members:

It was noted by some members of Council that NSWFFS has posted on social media several items/communications that could be deemed defamatory/inflammatory to the MAAA as an organisation. It was further noted that NSWFFS (and all Council members) have been asked to desist from posting inflammatory items on social media. Council members notes that NSWFFS have ignored this request. A discussion took place regarding if disciplinary action to be taken, is it against the individual or the Ordinary Member? It was suggested by Michael Hobson that MOP028 has no relevance in regard to disciplinary action of an Ordinary Member.

It was noted that all Council members need to work together to further aeromodelling across the board. This is the overriding purpose of the MAAA Council.

Council has the power to take disciplinary action against Affiliate/Ordinary Members.

Michael Hobson noted that all/any members must have the opportunity to respond and requirements of procedural fairness and natural justice must be observed.

General consensus - all agreed individual members of NSWFFS should not be disadvantaged by any actions taken by the MAAA.

Motion: Council does not consider that Michael Hobson has a conflict of interest (regarding legal discussion) and all advice provided is considered impartial. Michael is asked to remain and provide guidance and direction in regard to Council discussions. **Moved: David Kennedy / Mick Dallman.** Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Council resolves that Terry Bond and Aaron Booth be given notice to show cause as to why they should not be expelled from the Association or face some lesser penalty as determined by Council on the basis that they have brought the Association into disrepute and have breached their duties to the MAAA as members of Council. **Rodney Clarke / Michael Hobson.** Motion passed.

Motion: Council resolves that NSWFFS be given notice to show cause as to why the Ordinary Member should not be subject to disciplinary action as a result of statements made by their elected representatives on social media that brings the Association into disrepute. **Mick Dallman / Joe Finnochiaro.** Motion passed.

4.2 Member Jungle update:

Action: Tim will provide a written update to Council on status of Member Jungle.

4.3 Vote of thanks:

Clive Weatherhead moved a vote of thanks to Gary Pope for all the work he does on behalf of the MAAA. All agreed.

The meetings cordial tone and general success was noted.

Close of meeting: 9.30pm