



MINUTES

Model Aeronautical Association of Australia

Executive Meeting Feb 27, 2023
at 7:00pm (AEDST)

Attendees

Attendance List

Name	Position	Attendance
Tim Nolan	President	Y
Michael Hobson	Vice President	Y
Gary Pope	Treasurer	Y
Mitch Bannink	Safety Officer	Y
Rhyll McCormack	Federal Secretary	Y
Keith Quigg	Member Services	

Apologies:

Meeting Agenda

No	Item Description
1	Financials: Gary Pope
2	Incident/Insurance: Rhyll McCormack
3	Area Approvals: Mitch Bannink
4	Budget Timeline: Gary Pope
5	Meeting Timeline: Rhyll McCormack
6	FAI Observer application: ██████████
7	Funding Request: ASAA requests ██████████
8	8.1 Team Member payments. 8.2 CL NSIG collating records 8.3 Rule Changes through NSIG 8.4 Insurance Update 8.5 FAI Update 8.6 MAAA Conference 8.7 Badges order 8.8 ██████████ funding request 8.9 Harassment

Actions from previous minutes

No	Item Description
1	MOPs currently listed for re-write: 001, 003, 15
2	Update on: ██████████ discussion in regard to the MAAA lease
3	Incident report & Area Approvals to become standing item on Exec agenda
4	Chuck glider order

Items closed from previous meetings

No	Item Description
1	Rhyll to create up-to-date list of Area Approvals
2	Meeting with MAAA & VInsurance re: flood insurance
3	██████████ report submitted to CASA/Council

Previous Minutes:

Chuck gliders: [REDACTED] has provided a quote on chuck gliders. 3000 to be purchased against promotion/Development in the budget. MAAA decal/image to be on model including website.

Action: Michael to order the chuck gliders through [REDACTED] Rhyll to arrange finer details.

1. Financials: Gary Pope

MAAA continues its strong financial performance. Cash is up [REDACTED] on this time last year. Affiliations are at [REDACTED] of Budget for both Revenue and number of Members. The upward trend in interest rates means Interest income is now significantly above Budget. A number of costs lines are below budget year to date. At the same time cost increases yet to land include Membership system costs, Area Approval costs, flood repair costs, [REDACTED] trees etc.

2. Incident/Insurance Report: Rhyll McCormack

a) In regards to an incident (unofficially reported – no incident report form received) where a model collided with another in QLD. Likely that insurance policy will respond. Broker to be contacted to confirm policy will cover as a first step.

Action: Michael to contact Jonjo to confirm that insurance policy would respond in situations such as outlined above.

b) MAAA needs to create a system where members/clubs are discouraged from making poor decisions. Currently no consequences for those involved. Should members be made to pay the first \$1000 of any claims made, and the club an additional \$1000 before the MAAA steps in. This would encourage members to mitigate risk.

Action: Mitigation of insurance risk discussion to be held at next council meeting

3. Area approvals update: Mitch Bannink

a) Mitch provided a run through of MAAA AVCRM program, updating the State applications loaded. Nothing loaded as yet for VMAA, ANT, ATAS.

b) [REDACTED] application – Mitch to contact for more details.

Action: Mitch to initiate contact with [REDACTED] for more details.

4. Budget Timeline: Gary Pope

1. Early April – Finalise March Actuals & create Forecast & Draft Budget.
2. Mid April – Share Forecast & Draft Budget with Exec.
3. Late April – Tune Forecast & Draft Budget as needed.
4. Early May – Distribute FY23 Forecast & FY24 Draft Budget to Council.
5. Mid May - Present FY23 Forecast & FY24 Draft Budget to Council.

5. Conference TimeLine: Rhyll McCormack

1. July - Confirm 2023 Conference dates
2. August - Book conference venue. Announce details.
3. January - First reminder communication to Council about Conference. Include note about CAS 2023 and VP nominations (Council notification of meeting no later than March 10)
4. Mid Feb – reminder about VP nominations closing late Feb (VP must be received by Feb 25)
5. Mid Feb – call for agenda items (must be received by March 24)
6. Mid Feb – reminder about CAS applications (must be received by March 31)
7. Mid Feb – invitation to States/NSIGs to provide conference reports
8. End Feb – begin insurance renewal process
9. March - Draft Agenda for discussion with Exec
10. March – reminder email for reports to be compiled and submitted & CAS applications
11. April – confirmation of numbers
12. Late April – final booking details
13. Late April – Agenda to council
14. All details, agendas etc to be finalised by end of April.

6.FAI Observer application: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is currently the MASA [REDACTED], MAAA [REDACTED] and has been flying models for [REDACTED], mainly in competition. He has won [REDACTED] and been head judge at 3 [REDACTED]. He wishes to be authorised as an [REDACTED] so that he can process and submit MAAA record claims.

MAAA CIAM Delegate Joe Finnochiaro supports the application.

Approved unanimously.

7. [REDACTED] Funding request.

[REDACTED] request funding support of [REDACTED] from the MAAA for their [REDACTED], to be held in Victoria in [REDACTED].

Main Costs:

Trophies [REDACTED]

Shirts [REDACTED]

Catering [REDACTED]

Miscellaneous Costs Pilot Bags, Stickers, Generator Costs. [REDACTED]

Motion: The MAAA agree to provide [REDACTED], to be paid to event suppliers on presentation of an invoice. Approved unanimously.

8. General Business:

8.1 Team member payments:

Gary supports the Team Manager who is also the Competitor receiving additional funds given the extra work undertaken, and also in consideration that a non-competing Team Manager is eligible for a payment. Gary declined to vote on issue. All agreed when a pilot is both a Team Manager and

Competitor, they are still only eligible for one payment of \$750 for entry and \$250 for uniform - total \$1000.

8.2 CL NSIG collating record attempts: Pasted below is an excerpt from an email from [REDACTED] the president of the [REDACTED]

In Control Line there are 2 methods of record attempts listed by MAAA. The first is that records can be achieved at any State Championship/Nationals event, the second is achieved by applying to MAAA using the nominated record attempt application documentation. Due to the competition-based nature of CL it is extremely rare to nominate for a record attempt leaving competition results as the majority of cases to raise a record claim. I have had reported to me that our members are not receiving replies or are receiving rejections due to not nominating a record attempt when records have been achieved using the State Championship/Nationals method. My suggestion was for the CL NSIG to maintain and process MAAA records and forward them on to the MAAA for ratification rather than individuals applying. This would be operating in the same way as the World Championship qualifying process.

MAAA CIAM Delegate Joe Finocchiaro supports the below motion.

Motion: CL NSIG to maintain and process MAAA records and forward them on to the MAAA for ratification. Agreed unanimously subject to ratification by council.

8.3 Rule changes through the NSIG:

CL NSIG has suggested that rule changes be processed through the CL NSIG and then forwarded to MAAA for final processing.

This would bring the process in line with National team selection and records.

Any rules changes will be reviewed by Council before being adopted.

8.4 MAAA Insurance update:

As per Jan 12 Exec meeting minutes: **Action 1: Clubs who previously lodged a flood insurance claim during the 21 – 22 year to pay the [REDACTED] insurance excess will also be offered up to [REDACTED] by the MAAA.**

Clubs are [REDACTED]. Each club to receive [REDACTED] in total for flood insurance. [REDACTED] excess payment to be taken out of each payment. [REDACTED] will be provided by insurance payout. VInsurance will pay [REDACTED] (total, not per club). MAAA will pay any remaining monies to make the payment [REDACTED] per club.

Payment structure below:

Incoming:

Insurance payout: [REDACTED]

VInsurance: [REDACTED]

Total: [REDACTED]

Cost:

Insurance Excess [REDACTED]

Total: [REDACTED]

MAAA to provide top up coverage of [REDACTED] per club to bring their total payout to [REDACTED]

Motion 1: MAAA to provide [REDACTED] to each of the three clubs currently covered by Flood Insurance – [REDACTED]. Agreed unanimously.

Motion 2: ██████████ to be notified that payments will be made when supplier invoices are issues to the MAAA for payment totalling ██████████ per club. Agreed unanimously.

██████████ to be reviewed separately when more detail is known.

8.5 MAAA FAI update:

- Australian world placement letters have been sent to F3E / F3D competitors, with further letters to be issued to 3B & F3A.
- Mr. ██████████ requested to transfer his FAI Sporting license to the NZ NAC. Completed.

8.6 MAAA Conference:

Who/what is covered by the MAAA to attend the conference:

- Partners of attendees will have meal costs covered by MAAA
- Conference 2023 should focus on helping drive MAAA into the future – as an organisation, how are we going to deliver services to our members, including minute item 2.b
- CASA Representative to be invited.

8.7 Badges order

Rhyll to come back to MAAA with pricing on 250 x decals and pins for World Championships.

Action: Rhyll to order 1500 wings badges; 500 x gold, 500 x silver, 500 x bronze

8.8 ██████████ funding request.

██████████ requested in support for ██████████. VMAA already supporting event.

Motion: MAAA to provide ██████████ in to ██████████ in support of the ██████████
██████████ Approved unanimously.

8.9

VP raised a number of emails that he has sent to the MAAA Safety Officer seeking clarification on various matters. The Safety Officer has made allegations of bullying against the VP. The VP refuted any claims of bullying. A discussion was held on the subject(s) of concern for the VP and for the Safety Officer. VP invited the Safety Officer to raise matters with council. Safety Officers reserves his decision.

Post meeting note:

The disruptive nature of the matter is affecting the operation of the Executive – and the provision of services to members. President is referring the matter to Council for urgent resolution.

Meeting Closed 10.20