



# MINUTES

Model Aeronautical Association of Australia  
September 19 7.30pm

Executive Meeting  
at 7:00pm (AEDST)

## Attendees

### Attendance List

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
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	Y

Apologies:

## Meeting Agenda

<b>No</b>	<b>Item Description</b>
1	Financials: Gary Pope
2	Incident/Insurance: Rhyll McCormack
3	Area Approvals: Mitch Bannink
4	General Business:
	4.1 Conference Location 2024
	4.2 Outside email communication with Council
	4.3 Club Activity Scheme roll out
	4.4 F3F glider event
	4.5 Endorsements: [REDACTED]
	4.6 Aviation Green Paper: Tim Nolan
	4.7 Student membership: Gary Pope

### Previous Minutes:

**Motion:** That the minutes from the MAAA Executive Meeting held on August 1 are a true and correct record. **Passed unanimously.**

### Correspondence:

ASAC payment schedule received

#### 1. Financials: Gary Pope

MAAA runs a tight ship but the fundamental driver (memberships) continues to decline year on year, a concerning trend. Expenses are currently less year on year.

#### 2. Incident/Insurance Report: Rhyll McCormack

New incidents:

██████████, model into roof of neighbour shed. Club paying to fix. \$400. Confirmed this incident occurred at an MAAQ recognised strip.

██████████ model into ██████████ Hangar roof. Initial reports say aerodrome may pay to fix but this is not confirmed. Serious concern raised about incident, the flying of jets/heavy models and the relative permits. CASA has been notified of incident. MOP re-write must try help alleviate future incidents such as this with an enforceable permit system.

#### 3. Area approvals update: Mitch Bannink

WA: ██████████ is now running WA based renewals. ██████████ submitted to CASA via AVCRM. ██████████ submitted. ██████████ have been asked to begin application.

MAAQ: ██████████ submitted. ██████████ under review. In draft in AVCRM: ██████████

██████████ and ██████████ all pending. Expect ██████████ renewal to be challenging.

MASA: Not much happening. ██████████ and ██████████ all in draft. ██████████ air show approved.

CL: Running an event at ██████████ airshow but do not need CASA approval.

Discussion on need for all incidents to be reported – concern this is not happening.

**Action:** Mitch to formulate draft “crash comic” list that de-identifies incidents for release to the wider membership.

**Action:** When complete, Rhyll to release crash comic to membership.



██████████ has requested permission to hold a team trial for F3F Gliders. Background information available in file.

**Action:** Tim / Rhyll to contact glider NSIG and confirm the above has their support

#### **4.5 Endorsements:**

Turbine Endorsement: ██████████. Documentation attached. MAAA committee with trial inspection and MAAQ support completed.

FW50 Inspector: ██████████. Documentation attached. MAAQ support.

HMI FW25 Inspector: ██████████. Documentation attached. VMAA support.

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**Motion:** All endorsement applications, as listed, are approved. **Passed Unanimously.**

**Action:** Rhyll to notify the relevant States / members of endorsements.

**Motion:** Craig Burkhardt to nominate a second experienced heavy model inspector to co-sign off on the FW50 certification for ██████████ build.

Note: Above motion is to avoid ██████████ certifying his own build

#### **4.6 Aviation Green Paper:**

Document in file.

**Action:** Rhyll to send to Council and invite feedback on the paper.

#### **4.7 Student Membership:**

Additional background available in file.

VMAA request ██████████ students be able to renew membership on the following schedule:

Join up for half a year in June

Join up for half a year in January

All agreed.

#### **4.8 Delegate Votes:**

Since the change in voting structure no Council decision has come down to three votes or less. Concern the on-going conversation on the topic is personally based, rather than professionally.

MAAA Executive have been accused of poor leadership in resolving the matter – Executive have always maintained they are comfortable with the current interpretation of the Statement of Rules voting and does not see the need for further discussion. To elevate the

matter further would require considerable expenditure in the Supreme Court. All agreed this would be a waste of funds.

**4.9 Executive Mediation:**

As per the recent Council meeting, Executvie needs to engage in a meditation session.

Action: Mitch to provide draft document on issues to be discussed in mediation

Action: Rhyll / Tim to find an appropriate mediator

**4.9 Event wrap:**

F3A: Fantastic event enjoyed by all. Gary would like to see a “handbook” of learnings created so that other event organisers might capitalise on the success of the event.

████████ National Drones: Large spectator audience both physically and on-line. Great success and will be held again in ██████████ in 2024.

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**Meeting Closed 10.30**