



## MINUTES

Model Aeronautical Association of Australia

Executive & Council meeting  
April 10 7.05pm

<u>Attendance List</u>													
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## **Meeting Agenda**

<b>No</b>	<b>Item Description</b>
1	Confirmation of previous minutes
2	Financial Update
3	Area Approvals
4	Member Jungle update
5	Honorariums
6	Delegate voting entitlements
7	Attendance at Conference
8	CIAM proxy vote
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All present were asked to declare if there were any Conflicts of Interest. None declared.  
President Tim Nolan confirmed there was a quorum present.

### **1. Confirmation of minutes:**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the February 13 Council & Executive meeting are a true and correct record. **Joe Finnochiaro / Mitch Bannink.** Motion passed.

The minutes of the October meeting were previously not accepted. General discussion that motions listed were resolved out of the meeting prior.

**Motion:** That the minutes of the October 31, 2023 minutes are a true and correct record. **Joe Finnochiaro / Mitch Bannink.** Motion passed.

### **2. Financial update:**

February and March details were provided prior to the meeting. March results were reviewed in the meeting. Membership numbers are down year on year, reflective of continuing trend. Member Services costs are up due to Club Assistance Program. Competition Support is up due to hosting of the F3A event. Looking forward, other income will be up by year end due to Bank Interest receipts. Overall, the MAAA is underspending against budget on most lines. Budgeted loss is likely to end in a surplus.

The Treasurer noted the MAAA lacks a vision statement and corresponding strategy document that clearly defines how all the organisations' elements fit together.

### **3. Area Approvals update:**

Short term renewals (Like for Like): Tim Nolan  
The window for Like for Like renewals ends in August 2024.

Standard renewals: Mitch Bannink

Phoenix and Dallachy are the only two standard instruments that have been issued in the last few months. MB noted CASA are focusing on Like for Like renewals. Darwin is within RAAF Airspace so it is unclear if a CASA instrument is required. A response from CASA is being sought.

General discussion on the need to avoid a glut of renewals in 18 months when some become due for renewal. MB confirmed clubs are able to lodge their full renewal applications at any stage, but recommends lodgement with the MAAA no later than 120 days before they are due to expire.

#### **4. Member Jungle Update:**

System is technically live and will be able to be used for the 2024 renewals. System needs to have membership information migrated across prior to renewals, and registrars need to be informed and ready prior to Member Jungle being used as the primary database. RM and JF have been assisting the Member Jungle team.

#### **5. Honorariums:**

The MAAA currently has three roles that have a budgeted honorarium. These are; Safety Officer, Federal Registrar and Member Services Officer. All individuals have been asked to provide information including a review of what has been achieved/delivered during the 2023-2024 year and to nominate quantum payment.

Prior to the meeting the Safety Officer confirmed his honorarium for the financial year would be used to fund any mediation requirements within the Executive.

**Motion:** That any balance of honorarium payments for the Federal Registrar and Member Services Officer be paid. **Roy Summersby / Reeve Marsh.** Motion passed.

#### **6. Delegate voting entitlements:**

Interpretation of the use of the terms Delegate and Representative have been in place since the 2022 Conference.

**Motion:** The Council affirms the interpretation that the use of the word delegate and representative in clause 13A in the MAAA Statement of Rules is used interchangeably, and as such, provided they maintain 20% of the membership, NSW maintains 3 voting rights. **Gary Tansley / Mick Dallman.** Motion Passed.

Voting results for the above motion:

Ordinary Members	Yes Vote	No Vote
MAAQ	3	
ANSW	3	
NSWFFS		1
CLAS		1
MASA	3	
AWA		3
TMAA	3	
VMAA	3	
ANT	3	

ACTAA	3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>

## **7. Attendance at Council Conference:**

Quote received to provide comprehensive Zoom meeting at the MAAA Conference (includes two-way audio, microphones and cameraman – similar to 2022). Cost is \$7000.

MAAA Executive supports in-person attendance at Conference.

**Outcome:** Zoom will not be available at the 2024 Conference.

## **8. CIAM Proxy vote: Joe Finnochiaro**

The initial CIAM agenda detailed proposed rule changes to be voted on by the FAI delegates. The FAI website, under the CIAM Plenary 2024, highlights the final position for each discipline. The position is determined after the NSIG's technical meetings in the lead-up to the plenary meeting.

To confirm our NSIG position, as the MAAA CIAM Delegate, Joe sends out to all NSIGs (Except for helicopter/Drone, where no NSIG is listed) the sections of the plenary agenda that covered their discipline and proposed changes to ensure the MAAA vote was based on their determination as the discipline experts.

Based on the information received, the following motions are tabled for acceptance:

- **FI Free Flight Discipline – The Motion is to vote in favour of the proposed rules changes under section 14.2:**
  - **Note the following:**
    - Subsections 14.1 d) & e) are withdrawn
    - Subsection f) Proposal to be referred to the technical subcommittee for further discussion
    - Subsection q) Proposal was defeated in the voting at the technical meeting.
- **F2 Control Line – The motion is to vote in favour of the proposed rules changes under section 14.3:**
  - **Note the following:**
    - Subsection 4.B.12 Referred back to technical subcommittee for further discussion.
    - Annex 4F Referred back to technical subcommittee for further discussion.
- **F3 Pylon – The Motion is to vote in favour of the proposed rules changes under section 14.4 as detailed:**
- **F3 RC Helicopter - The Motion is to abstain from voting regarding the proposed rules changes under section 14.5.**
  - **Note the following:**
    - There is no NSIG listed. I do not believe we should vote on proposals without representation.
- **F3 Soaring - The Motion is to vote in favour regarding the proposed rules changes under section 14.6:**

- **Note the following**
  - There are no subcommittee technical minutes available
  - The NSIG has emailed indicating in favour of the proposed changes.
- **F4 Scale - - The Motion is to vote in favour regarding the proposed rules changes under section 14.7**
  - **Note the following**
    - Subsection b) Referred back to the technical subcommittee for further discussion.
    - Subsections c) & d) are withdrawn.
- **F5 RC Electric Flight - The Motion is to abstain from voting regarding the proposed rules changes under section 14.8.**
  - There was no Australian NSIG represented at the technical subcommittee.
- **F9 Drone Sports - The Motion is to vote in favour of approving the change from provincial to official class section 14.9.**
  - **Note the following:**
    - There was no Australian NSIG represented at the technical subcommittee.
    - No objection had been formulated by the F9 Subcommittee to consider F9U Drone Racing as an official class instead of keeping it provisional.

**Motion:** The MAAA Council accepts the motions as presented by the Ciam Delegate and agrees the MAAA proxy vote will go to Norway for the upcoming Plenary meeting. **Eric Bevan / Gary Tansley.** Motion passed.

## **9. General Business:**

**9.1 Insurance update:** Insurance renewals are currently underway.

**9.2 Chuck gliders:** Chuck gliders have been received by the MAAA and will be posted out to States. Their costs will be charged to the MAAAA FY24 P & L.

**9.3 CAP Program:** General Council consensus the program had been a success and would be run again in 2025.

**Meeting closed 9.20**