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**VSA Committee Minutes, June 24, 2017**

**Venue:** BM Clubhouse start 11:00 finished 13:45

Attendance: David Cleland (DC), Ian Grant (IG) Tighe Patching (TP) Bob Hickman (BH) Steve Trone in part by invitation

Apologies: Ailsa McMillan (AM) Peter Buskens (PB)

1. Minutes of April 22, 2017 meetings approved, moved IG, seconded BH
2. **Action log**: Refer separate excel document
3. **Treasurers Report** Cash in hand and investment balance increased marginally from $81,145 in April to $92,893*.* Currently have $37,892.98 cash at Bendigo bank with pending payments of $1,2167.45. CBA account remains open with a balance of around $36. Wahring loan repayments are still being made to this account. Have committed to purchase of Mobile simulator $27,225. VSA term deposit of $55,000 matured on 23/6/17 action taken is that $20K be redeemed for deposit in BB trading account with the remainder being rolled into a further 7 month TD. The matter of resolving the payment to John Styles for a previously invoiced amount has been settled following discussion with John. The outcome being that payment is no longer expected or required.
4. **SRV update**: SRV mid year update has been accepted by the SRV and a progress payment will be made
5. **President Activities:** IG presented his latest report on his activities since April.
6. **Open Glider Network OGN (**Presentation by Steve Trone): The OGN network is collection of receiver stations that receive transmissions from Flarms and other devices,  that enables gliders to be located via a web page [http://live.glidernet.org](http://live.glidernet.org/).  More detailed information can be found at [http://wiki.glidernet.org](http://wiki.glidernet.org/)  Innovative use of technology have enabled the cost of ground receiver station to drop from a $1,000 to a few hundred. Basic sites with existing infrastructure (power & Internet) cost around $150. Europe has 500 ground stations, Australia has less than 10.  Remote site will require a mobile internet connection costing approximately $10pm or $120pa. The committee approved a pilot project for OGN Vic for $4,200 consisting of 2 remote receiver stations and 6 basic stations  per Steve’s report, attached to his May 8 email to Ian Grant.  Initial thoughts are to place pilot receivers at Ararat, Horsham and Bendigo.  BM and GCV already have private stations.
7. **Victorian Soaring Forecast**: There is a proposal by the GFA EO to take over the new RASP system Australia wide. VSA welcomes this initiative. BH to advise the GFA.
8. **GFA Simulator project**: Workshop held June 3 and the project is now in progress with VSA members as team leaders.**Action TP**
9. **VSA Mobile Simulator Project**: Quote just received for $27,225 from Tom Wilksch has been accepted and payment will be 45%/45% and 10% after satisfactory completion. The simulator project is expected to take 5 months. Needs storage space for both. **Action IG**
10. ***Regional Safety Officer Report (Mark White*):** We believe Mark now has access to soar, unable to raise Mark to confirm. Awaiting Mark’s club visit program.
11. **Club Development Projects** **plan for 2017:** Terry Cubley attended Bendigo GC in April, Melbourne GC have completed their health check however there has been no take up by other clubs including Horsham, Tasmania & Ararat. To be discussed at the Presidents’ meeting. GFA are working on a new project called Membership Pathways and Terry will present at the Presidents’ meeting. SRV run webinars and other training facilities. Clubs to be advised.
12. **VSA Base radio:** To be sold, requires new battery **Action IG**
13. **Succession Planning for Committee Positions**: will be addressed prior to the AGM/Presidents meeting in August. IG/DC to review club member contact list for possible candidates.
14. **Athlete travel and accommodation grant** for $6,000 for the Nationals was granted, contract signed, well done Ailsa. Ailsa to look at strategic ways to implement AIS FTEM pathway **(**Foundations | Talent | Elite | Mastery**)** frame which may assist in a disbursement method**. Action Ailsa**
15. **Venue for State Comps**: It has been proposed by Southern Riverina to host the 2017 comps in December. Dates and ground support need to be firmed up. **Action**  **TP**
16. **Sunraysia invoicing system.** They have requested for 50% of $2,175 was approved. DC to advise
17. **Awards:** were discussed and agreed and details are on a separate document
18. **James Turner (GCV) Junior Scholarship:** Approved for $1,000 under coaching guidance of Matt Gage

**Buddies allocation (updated April 2017):**

**Buskens (2)**: South Gippsland and Sunraysia, Bendigo

**Cleland (2)**: Beaufort, and Soaring Club of Tasmania

**Grant (2)**: Horsham FC and Mount Beauty

**Bob Hickman (3)** Goulbourn Valley Soaring, Aust Gliding Museum and Grampians

**Ailsa McMillan (2)** Geelong and Sport Aviation

**Tighe Patching (3)** GCV, Melbourne Gliding, Southern Riverina

**Meeting dates for 2017**

BM on Saturday 24th June at BM at 9:00

AGM & Presidents meeting Saturday August 12th at BM at 11:00

**Buddy guidelines**:

The committee member initiates and maintains a direct relationship with one eg the President or key members of the selected clubs and be an easy point of contact for the club to contact the VSA. The clubs of course could contact any member of the VSA committee but relationships are important in dealing with different parties. With the spread of distances, much of the contact would be by phone and email but augmented at face-to-face meetings once to twice a year at VSA AGM’s and VSA President meetings as well as competitions etc.

David Cleland

VSA Secretary 28th June, 2017