



VSA Committee Meeting

To Address GFA Request for VSA Financials

18th January 2024

Attendance

David Meredith

Phil Henderson

Bev Alden

James Dwyer

Vivienne Drew

Harbans Mann

Reg Marron

Apologies

Chair

Phil Henderson



Meeting Open

Meeting Opened 7:04pm

Phil noted meeting only to discuss GFA's request for VSA's Financials and meet with Doug Flockhart (GFA CEO) so he can explain.

- Bev received a call from Steve Pegler, and spoke through what they are trying to do with financials.
- They are trying to come up with background information so they can look at the funding they provide to regions. Queensland and WA don't have access to funds. Looking more to how they might be able to provide funding to states that they don't have access to government funding.
- Bev advises we need to quarantine the government funding in our accounts.
- Viv says that the Sport and Rec. department will take the funds back if we don't use them in accordance with the submitted plan.
- Bev asked if the funds needed to be held in a separate trust. Dave advises that it doesn't need to be kept separately.
- Dave advises that he needs to be more explicit about showing these funds as the government funding in financial reporting.
- Phil will provide further details to make sure the funds are more easily shown as separate in Dave's reports.
- Viv advises that getting programs started is realistic after the soaring season.
- Phil advises that some of the program must be completed before the end of April for reporting purposes.
- Simulator has been sent to South Gippsland as a result of Phil meeting a Christian's Schools Principal.
- Phil has been approached by the department advising our come and try weekend can't be done without a 5 million liability policy
 - Reg asked if the education dept has changed their position to allowing students to participate in gliding.
 - Phil advises no, but by partnering with the Christian School it becomes a school program so it is covered by the school's liability policy.
- Phil will work with Viv to arrange some figures to send to Dave to update a new version to send to GFA.
- Bev has put in a report to the VSA that our figures will be modified to show that funds are allocated to special programs.
- Viv advises that during the winter months we need to update our funding models as they are now quite outdated.
- Phil would like to put together some draft figures on Google drive to talk about before next meeting.
- Harbans wants Rockettes mentioned when Phil is visiting clubs.



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Dougl Flockhart attended at 7:30pm:

- Doug is the new GFA CEO and has been in the role for 4 months
- Doug doesn't see that reduction of funding to regions will be an outcome of this project requesting financials.
- Any actions resulting from the financial data should be sent out for consultation to the regional representatives.
- Viv reiterates that we were very lucky to have received funding from the government - foundation funding and that there is no guarantee that there will be any further funding forthcoming once this grant is concluded.
- Prime action of funding was to increase women in gliding and that purpose has to be directly actioned by the grant funding and be acquitted.
- Doug notes that Gliding Australia hasn't been putting in much effort in National grants. They are presently looking into a Play Well participation grant worth up to \$300,000.
- Doug notes that they are working on a strategic plan is to grow gliding as we have stabilised at 2500 members presently.
- Doug would like to leave Gliding Australia with 4000 members (didn't note a timeline for that achievement).
- Doug requested we provide updated figures by the end of the month.
 - Phil has advised that it will take a month to put together.
- GFA FY now is ending 30 Sep
- Doug asked if we can Ideally provide a draft by the end of the month.
 - Phil reiterated that it will take at least a month to provide the updated information.

- Doug confirms that instructors don't need to be a member of a club (insurance stands even with instructors loaned to other clubs).

Meeting Close

Meeting closed 7:50pm