



## VSA Committee Meeting 2 - 2024

**Thursday 21st March 2024**

### Location

Google Meet Online Teleconference

### Attendance

David Meredith

Phil Henderson

Bev Alden

James Dwyer

Reg Marron (coming Late)

### VSA Officers Verbal Reports

Mike Durrant - Soaring Development Manager - 7:45pm

### Apologies

Vivienne Drew (apology sent by email)

Harbans Mann (apology sent by email)

Noel Vagg (verbal apology)

### Chair

Phil Henderson



## Meeting Open

Meeting Opened 7:08pm

## Minutes of Last Meeting

Phil Moves Minutes of meeting 29th of February 2024 be accepted.

Bev seconds.

Passed - Approved by all.

## Treasurers Report - Dave Meredith

- 5 or 6 expenses
  - Website
  - GFA monthly repayments (interest amounts)
  - Instructor course expenses
- Balance \$98k
- Need to work through instructor training expenses with Noel Vagg
  - L2 \$100 subsidy
  - L3's claim for incidentals.
  - James advises that he asked Noel to send claims to Dave
  - Expense claims are going through the Geelong clubs books for the 3 x \$300 subsidy. Take comes off the accounts from Geelong to the four L1 candidates that attended. Apparently it was easiest for accounting to go through the Geelong club.
  - Phil request a reconciliation be sent through.

## Items:

### Rockettes Report

- Half hour session on local radio was done.
- Girls came in from GCV and Geelong. Jenny Goldsmith came along.
- 9 rockettes over 3 days
- 31 flights
- 2 females joined the Mt Beauty gliding club. 1 presently under training. Good result for the initiative with the government.
- 12 participants for the come and fly day
- 11hours and 15minutes total. 12 support people.
- VSA donated to the Mt Beauty airport management association. They provided nice clean facilities for the participants.
- Harbans brought a bit of material to go into the terminal building.
- BBQ was held and well attended by 17 people - Phil didn't attend.
- Come and Try and Yes Girls Glide (both areas for funding to be allocated).
- Viv has sent through to Phil that the funding that hasn't been utilised yet. Phil would like to look at it as a committee.
- Need 4% more women in victoria. Phil put in 8%.

- Grampians and Bacchus Marsh are trying to do some promotion.
- Phil is asking for a refund of money. He has already paid AMB. Dave requests the expenses be sent through. Phil doesn't know what budget it is coming out of. Dave advises we need to set up a chart of accounts. Dave will organise the data. Dave asks what are the topics and accounts so he can set it up in the accounting system. Phil will send through in a week.
- James asks what 4% or 8%. 6 extra women over the 4 years. Phil advises that we will generally try and overachieve on the targets.
- James will make target info available to committee when Phil sends it through.

## Website - Broken Links

- Website is being done with Viv. Bev reports a 404-Not Found on airworthiness.
- Viv to report on website planning to committee.

## Affinity Insurance

- Insurance for the simulator which is not getting used.
- Phil will notify Affinity that we are cancelling the insurance.

## VSA Secretary

James advises he would like to vacate the position after the next AGM to spend more time with his kids while they are young.

Phil will discuss options with James.

## Soaring Development Officer's Report - Mike Durrant - 7:45pm

- 2 people from Tasmania now have Silver Coach credentials. Now allows full GPC training in Tasmania. Also work on instructor training.
- South Gippsland - heard nothing further about coach training:
  - Max got caught up in the storm - place decimated. Stood back from the presidents job and the guy who took over said it hasn't been heard from.
  - Mike said waiting to know when people are ready.
  - Availability last 3 weeks of april and possibly into may.
  - SGGC Nominate a weekend. Should take a day. Flying weekend before the end of the season.
  - What criteria for the guys doing it? (Bev)
  - Focusing on instructors at this point. Already existing instructors. Can be granted to an AEI. More of an exception that the rule. Some XC experience - doesn't have to be recent.
  - CFI is in Perth for 10 days.
  - Someone from SGGC to contact Mike Durrant 0438 047 985
    - Someone will contact. Could be Max. Just looking for a date now then it can be done.
  - Phil asked if there are any costs associated and try and give an idea of costs in advance.
  - Mike advises he needs to take the caravan down for a couple nights. \$100 camping fees. \$100 for fuel.

- Tassie Guys at Toccumwal. \$60 for accommodation and \$60 for fuel. Also maybe a trip down with Lumpy to Tassie in his plane - a night's accom.
- Renewals for all of the coaches. About 40-50 coaches to do end of August. 2 year renewal.
- Phil asks which region Lumpy is affiliated with. Not confirmed.
- Phil asks how active the coaches have been trained so far.
  - GCV, Bacchus and Melbourne Gliding.
  - Mike will get a sense of it after the returns have been put in.
  - Phil notes he is a coach, but has done 0 coaching.
  - Dave is driving XC in Geelong. It's got to be actively done with people with solo pilots to keep them engaged.
  - GCV is still running flying further courses. Twice or Three times a year max.
- James asks if committee can do anything.
  - Publicise coaching.
  - Mike will put together a newsletter item.
- Mike left at 8:08pm

## Training - Service Delivery Difficulties

- Generally difficulties with arranging training.
  - Bev has been speaking to SGGC about this problem ongoing.
    - Set days make it very hard as not everyone can make it along.
- Phil has been talking to Steve Pegler. How is delivery of information done.
- Dave is doing adhoc zoom meetings with Geelong.
  - Dave will publicise it further to allow others to join.
  - Already on the Geelong youtube channel.
  - Could be a good newsletter item

## VSA's GFA Rep Decision Making Capabilities

- Viv Drew Email 22 Jan
- Holdover

## Financial Info to GFA

- Supply of Financial information to GFA from meeting with Doug Flockhart (18th Jan)
  - Phil to provide the data after it has been correlated correctly.
  - Viv has sent the data from prior to the COVID period.
  - Phil will provide to GFA by conclusion of Easter.

## Approve Use of Logo on Harbans' Promotional Material

- Logo was approved by Phil for use on material.



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## VSA State Comps

- VSA state comp. EOI went out in the newsletter.
- Phil will find out about Lumpies affiliation and commercial operation eligibility.
- Also, follow up on Scholarships and get a story. Newsletter material.
  - Need another scholarship round released after budget review.

## Department of Sport and Rec Commitments

- Phil will provide a copy to committee.

## Tasmanian Instructor Training.

- Arranged for June for two L1's.
- Budget to come from Aaron and Tassie Club

## Bacchus Marsh Instructor's Course - Budget

- BMG - owned by the three clubs. No ABN.
- Phil to approve payments in the Bendigo app.
- Geelong achieved 2 new L1 instructors
- GCV achieved 1 new L1 instructor.
- General talk about only 3 L1 instructors being rated as an underwhelming outcome:
  - Dave says 50% of instructor training is theoretical and could be delivered online.
  - Dave advises that we should talk to the club presidents and CFI's to identify why the other 10 L1 candidates withdrew from the Bacchus Marsh course.



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## SGCC Items:

### Airworthiness Training

- What are the prerequisites?
- When will this training be held?
- To be held over until John Wharrington next meeting attendance.

### Australian Air League

- Australian Air League – SGGC on-going activities. One new junior member from last year.
- As a result of Dave's questions with AAL now have 30 turning up.
- SGGC also has liaison with the air league.
  - Cadet of the year through to solo.

## Meeting Close

8:45pm