



Victorian Model Aeronautical Association Inc.
Minutes of the General Committee Meeting
held on the 14th of March 2019

At the VARMS Clubrooms, Wantirna South

1. Meeting Opened 7:30 PM

2. Present:

President/Chairman	Reeve Marsh
Secretary:	Joe Finocchiaro
Registrar	Paul Webber (Via Phone)
Contest Dir:	Joe Finocchiaro
Comm Member:	Mark Sills
Editor:	Vacant
Education:	David Nichols
Video Librarian	Ivan Chislett

3. **Apologies:** Vice President, Jon Goudge, Treasurer, Dr Arthur Babilis, State Flying Inst, Geoff Herbert Comm Member, Brian Dowie

4. **Visitors:** Dave Mill, VARMS Tres, Tony Martinico, YVA Pres and Bill Wheler YVA Sec.

5. **Minutes of the Previous meeting held on: - 14 February 2019**

Secretary moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted

Seconded by: Paul Webber **Carried**

6. **Matters Arising from previous minutes: -**

6.1 **Mt Wallace Leasing arrangements (VMAA/MAAA):**

6.1.1 Email received from MAAA in regards to leasing costs. Further discussions need to be held based on current rates. VMAA tends to lease 20 acres. Farmer has a lease with the MAAA which is under review.

7. **Treasurers Report-**

Opening Balance	\$100,082.45
Receipts	\$691.70
Payments	\$3,637.13
Closing Balance	\$97,137.02
Term Deposit	\$222,305.48
Term Deposit (2)	\$18,720.34

7.1 Main expenses:

7.1.1 Purchase of netting for indoor drone racing (Train & Hobby show);

7.2 Consumer Affairs Financial statement – Waiting for Treasurer to provide remaining information. President to follow up

7.3 Loan repayments by Bacchus Marsh Club received

Treasurer moved that the report be accepted

Seconded by: Mark Sills **Carried**

7. Correspondence in:

- 7.1 Emails from various Clubs. Ongoing in regards to area approvals and the recertification of height limits. – Dated 14 Mar 2019
- 7.2 Emails from Anthony Mott. Endurance Attempt. Various emails sent Feb-Mar 19
- 7.3 Email from Mike Requesting information on joining a Club – Received 11 Mar 19.
- 7.4 Email from MAAA Sec regarding MT Wallace leasing arrangements – Received 11 Mar 19
- 7.5 Email from Robin Gray in regards to incorrect contact details – received 10 Mar 19
- 7.6 Email from Rhett Mooney Eastside FPV regarding netting – received 8 Mar 19
- 7.7 Email (Contact Form from website) from Byron Simpson in regards to Pylon Racing at State Field Darraweit Guim – received 08 Mar 19
- 7.8 Email sent by MAAA President in regards to Club Ass Scheme – received 05 Mar 19
- 7.9 Email from Fred West, EMMAC Sec regarding insurance – received 04 Mar 19
- 7.10 Email from Rob Popelier Chairman of Co Op in regards to Inactive Members received 04 Mar 19
- 7.11 Email from MAAA Sec in regards to VMAA First Aid support at the Avalon airshow – received 04 Mar 19
- 7.12 Email from MAAA Sec regarding Vintage Control Line Model history – received 02 Mar 19
- 7.13 Email from Ian Mackey BADMAC Tre. in regards to reimbursement – received 01 Mar 19
- 7.14 Email from Tony Wilson BADMAC Sec regarding display day permits – received 28 Feb 19
- 7.15 Email from Greg Estcourt in regards to HM Inspector – received 23 Feb 19
- 7.16 Email from Bill Wheeler, YVA Sec in regards to Noise Complain - received 28 Feb 19
- 7.17 Email from Greg Potter in regards to Fun fly – received 25 Feb 19
- 7.18 Email from Greg Lepp in regards to assessment of Greg Estcourt – received 21 Feb 19
- 7.19 Email from Fred West in regards to project update – received 19 Feb 19

8. Correspondence Out:

- 8.1 Email notification sent to all Club Secretaries using MailChimp for VMAA December018 and February 19 minutes – sent 11 Mar 19
- 8.2 Email to Mike via email on information of flying fields in Victoria – sent 11 Mar 19
- 8.3 Email to MAAA Sec in regards to MAAA Members Register changes – sent 11 Mar 19
- 8.4 Email to Robin Gray in regards contact details updated – sent 10 Mar 19
- 8.5 Email to Rod Mitchell Sec WMAC confirming display permit – sent 07 Mar 19
- 8.6 Email to Ian Mackey BADMAC Tre. Confirming reimbursement of funds – sent 04 Mar 19
- 8.7 Email to AKT Trophies for VMAA Trophy event – sent 04 Mar 19
- 8.8 Email to AKT Trophies for VMAA Scale Champs – sent 04 Mar 19
- 8.9 Email to Fred West, EMMAC Sec confirming insurance – sent 04 Mar 19
- 8.10 Letter to MAAA Sec (via email) in appreciation for support for the 2019 Avalon Airshow – sent 04 Mar 19

- 8.11 Email to Tony Wilson BADMAC Sec confirming display day permits – sent 03 Mar 19
- 8.12 Email to Fred West EMMAC in regards to “contact form request” – sent 20 Feb 19
- 8.13 Email to David Law Australian Scale Delegate in regards to Greg Lepp’s F4H documentation – sent 21 Feb 19

9. Matters Arising from Correspondence:

- 9.1 **Area approvals** - Are ongoing with a number of Clubs submitting documents to address the issue. Existing instruments/NOTAMS that are older than 5 years are revoked and require to be reviewed and reissued. **To date, 20 plus Clubs have been successful with area approvals.** Height approvals have been between 900 to 1800 ft AGL. There is still a number of approvals to be reviewed and will be completed as soon as possible.
 - 9.1.1 Challenge has been with Old Timer height requirement for endurance (climb & glide) event. Working through options and possible solutions with SIG group. Documentation has been submitted
- 9.2 **Valley Radio Flyers** – Sending letters to all club members informing them the issue with inactive members. Current policy states members need to visit the field twice within any given year, otherwise membership is forfeited. Club is working through issue by implemented a visitor’s book where members can sign in each time, they visit the field. The visitor’s book will then be audited each year. This is part of the rules of the Co Op (**Inactive Membership Clause**).
 - 9.2.1 **Action:** VRA to progress issue to conclusion.
- 9.3 **Mr. Greg Estcourt** – Submitted Heavy Model Inspector application last year. Required assessment which has been completed with no issue. Letter with application to be sent to the MAAA for final approval to become a HM Inspector up to 25 kg.
 - 9.3.1 **Action:** – VMAA Secretary to send letter and application to MAAA with a recommendation to approve.
- 9.4 **Scale Documentation** - Received documentation from Mr. Noel Findlay and Noel Whitehead in regards to Scale Team Trails for the next Scale World Championships. Applications have been signed and submitted to Scale delegate Mr. David Law. Cut off time for submissions is 15 Mar 2019.
 - 9.4.1 **Action:** VMAA Secretary to send signed documentation to scale delegate.
- 9.5 **YVA Noise Complaint** – Presentation by Mr. Tony Martinico and Mr. Bill Wheeler. Discussions between complainant, land owner and Club addressed issues and conducted test and accumulated statistics on field usage, model types and number of members attending the field. Noise levels are well within normal back ground noise that is experienced on a day to day basis. The club have addressed concerns via implementing new procedures, rules and flying times so all parties are satisfied and still allows the Club to function as a RC model aircraft club. VMAA Secretary will keep copy of presentation and test completed as reference. Certificate of Prior Use by council has been issued. Well done to VRF for work done and resolving the issue.
 - 9.5.1 **Action** – YVA to send presentation and test electronically to VMAA Secretary

10. Display Applications:

- 10.1 None

11. Registrars Report:

11.1 Processed registrations to date are:

Senior	2338
Junior	101
Life	3
Total:	2442

11.2 **Envelopes:** Require new envelopes for end of year renewals (2000 envelopes).

11.2.1 Action: Email to Treasurer, CC Secretary

11.3 **Early Issue of FAI Cards:** Members that need FAI cards for oversea competition should action their renewal early. Notice to be placed in the bulletin.

11.3.1 Action: Registrar to provide notice.

11.4 **MAAA Database Upgrade:** A new version has been released. Registrar has found two errors which need to be addressed although these are not critical. There are a number of changes to some screens. VMAA Registrar will review all screens to identify changes and/or errors.

11.4.1 Action 1: Registrar to review and generate a new training video to assist club registrars

11.4.2 Action 2: VMAA Secretary to send letter to MAAA Secretary with concerns and include this issue as an agenda item for the MAAA Council Conference.

12. Contest Directors Report:

12.1 **VMAA Calendar** - Has been updated on a regular basis. Ongoing process.

12.2 **VMAA Trophy** – The event is ready with a number of teams entered. Expecting 7 or 8 teams to complete. Medallions are being produced and picked up. Event notice is shown on the VMAA website. Clubs that took part in 2018 will be contacted directly. A flyer is available and has been sent out via the VMAA Bulletin.

12.2.1 Action: VMAA President to pick up medallions for Trophy event

13. Editors Report:

13.1 Next bulletin will be March/April Edition. Some reports have been received. Delay in sending the bulletin has been due to area approval requirements and critical items that needed to be addressed.

14. Web Master’s Report:

14.1.1 Contact Form & Additional forms: Working on website. SIGS groups have been using the forms to book fields. Change to “contacts” page has reduced “spam” overall.

14.2 To assist the “The Find a Club”, a listing **of all clubs** in PDF format has been uploaded to the site. The file can be downloaded from the VMAA website. Additional work will continue for further improvements.

- 14.3 **Area Approval Listing** - All area approvals will also be on the website for Clubs to review their instrument and allocated heights.
- 15. Safety Report:**
- 15.1 No incidents have been reported this month.
- 16. Education Officers Report:**
- 16.1 GMAC has requested 35 Spitfire chuck gliders
- 16.2 EMMAC requested a box of MAAA chuck gliders. They contacted the MAAA to send these directly to the club.
- 16.3 **Avalon Airshow:** Recorded 22 names with a couple of strong potential members likely to be introduced to modelling. Clubs will be contacted to assist with interested people.
- 17. Video Library:**
- 17.1 Library videos are not been borrowed due to a number of reasons such a You Tube/USBs. Videos are still useful for displays for promotional activities. All that is needed is a CD/Video player and TV.
- 17.2 Possibility to sell library to the MAAA so the library becomes available Australia wide to all modelers.
- 17.3 Have not bought any new DVDs/videos due to slow down of use. May need to cull library and only keep small number for promotional activity.
- 18. SFI Report:**
- 18.1 The SFI is away on holidays but all Wings and certificates are up to date.
- 19. State Field Reports:**
- 19.1 **Northern Flying Group:**
- 19.1.1 Have serviced bore pump as general maintenance. Have spent 2K on pump rewired to clear blockage. Veranda has been completed. Events held: IMAC, Scale SIG, VMAA Trophy and Scale racing events to be held. Club membership around 60 Members.
- 19.2 **Bairnsdale:** Quarterly Report submitted for MAAA Conference being a State Field
- 19.3 **Echuca:** Have completed new facilities (Showers and Shade area). Photos submitted with report. This was completed with funds provided. New facilities will be open and ready for club Fun Fly 13/14 April 2019.
- 19.4 **Mt Wallace:** BMMAA has expended \$45K of club funds with the development of the field. Work is ongoing.
- 20. General Business:**
- 20.1 **MAAA Council Conference:** In previous years, the VMAA have had 3 Committee members attend. MAAA will cover the cost of two representatives. Third person would need to be funded by the VMAA. The three representatives have usually been

President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Having 3 representatives assists in the discussion.

20.2 Based on discussions, the following agenda items will be submitted for the conference:

20.2.1.1 Agenda Item - Social Category for database;

20.2.1.2 Agenda Item - Approval of displays permits through other states

20.2.1.3 Agenda Item – Implementation process for MAAA Membership database changes

20.2.2 Action: VMAA Secretary to submit agenda items

20.3 **MAAA Fees:** It is possible that MAAA fees may be raised. This will be determined at the MAAA Conference.

20.3.1 Motion: For the VMAA to nominate three representatives to attend the conference and to cover the costs of the third representative.

Seconded by: Joe Finocchiaro **Carried**

20.4 **Avalon Airshow Report:** Roger Chapman sent Avalon report to discuss things that did or did not work. Covers a number of headings for review. Education Officer's "register of interest" worked very well during the show. It was noted that OH&S procedures need to be communicated better from organizers.

20.4.1 The possibility of setting up on Friday was discussed. The judging for the "Best Display" is conducted on this day. The VMAA typically receives a plaque from the organisers as recognition of the quality of our display as a consolation for not being eligible for the official awards.

20.5 **Train and Hobby (Sandown) Report:** A lot of good things and hard work done. There were challenges with the layout but organizers happy with the VMAA stand/display. Public numbers varied based on time of day. The event is to increase in size as more hobbies take part. Drone racing was well represented with a lot of interest from the public. The event organizers want the VMAA to be involved next year. We need to look at what can be done and the type of display to be held. Need suggestions from committee to plan ahead.

20.6 **LDMFA:** New procedure and conditions in regards to flight operations

20.6.1 Action Item: VMAA Secretary has discussed the issue with MAAA Sec. Original correspondence to be sent. Additional risks identified. VMAA to provide outlines of risks and possible solution. President has contacted MAAA Secretary for additional information.

20.7 **Privacy Issue** – How names are listed on the VMAA website: This is an ongoing issue which is being investigated for best option

20.8 **VMAA Constitution:** The Treasurer is reviewing the constitution to update the contents. Work in progress.

20.9 **Loan Equipment:** All equipment needs to be catalogued with location. VMAA Secretary is to review.

20.9.1 Action: VMAA Secretary to review and collate.

- 20.10 **Marketing: Working group, chair Reeve Marsh:** Report has been submitted to the MAAA. Report will be tabled at the MAAA Conference to work through the items within the report. Major topics are establishing goals and objectives, identifying the target audience, establishing KPIs
- 20.11 **CASA Consultancy – Registration:** Best response to a consultation request with 4,000 submissions received by CASA/MAAA. Waiting for final decision based on response and MAAA negotiations.

21. Next VMAA Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, 11th April 2019 at VARMS Clubrooms starting at 7:30 pm.

22. Meeting Closed: 10:30 pm