

**HANG GLIDERS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.**

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**Minutes of the HGAWA AGM held at the Department of Sport and Recreation, Leederville 19th August 2015.**

**Meeting Commenced:** 1930h

**Present:** Richard Breyley, Sam Clark, Gary Bennet, Gabe Bresson, Peter South, David Longman, Rod Merigan, Peter Kovesi, Rick Williams, Sun Nickerson, Ella Ailenei, Tom Marwick, Alice Williams, Aron Crowhurst, Peter Simmonds, Walter Reeves.

**Apologies:** Chris Bennett, Mike Dufffy, Des, Barry Tonkin, Peter York, David Snowdon, Lex Jones.

**Minutes:**

Previous minutes read by Peter South, proposed accepted by John Salmon, seconded by Sam Clark, passed unanimously.

**Presidents Report - Peter South:**

Peter South read the president’s report, copy attached. In discussion, it was agreed that Kyle Witlock’s fatal accident had been omitted from the safety section and would be added. There was also some discussion around document storage, maintenance requirements for Cottesloe, and Warnbro.

**Treasurers Report – Sam Clark:**

* A surplus of $2,500 for the 2014-2015 financial year. Our current combined balance of cheque and investment accounts is $59,818.36
* A donation was made to Kyle Witlock’s family following his fatal accident
* This was the first year of funding for interstate competitions
* Sam and Peter met with our DSR representative who confirmed our eligibility for ongoing grants of $5000 p.a.

**Financial Plan for 2015-2016:**

* It was proposed and agreed that an additional item be added of $1500 to fund senior first aid training for SSOs
* There was some discussion around what we should be doing with our accumulated funds, and a suggestion that securing access to Bakewell launch was worth pursuing. After some discussion it was agreed that for this to be funded a concrete proposal would be needed which could then be the subject of a Special General Meeting so that all HGAWA members would have opportunity to vote on it.

Acceptance of the plan, action moved by Sun Nickerson, seconded by Mark Wild. Passed unanimously.

**Election of the Committee for 2015-16**

All positions declared vacant. Nominations were as follows.

President – Peter South, moved Tom Marwick, seconded Greg Carson

Vice President – Walter Reeves, moved Sun Nickerson, seconded Rick Wiliams

Secretary – Richard Breyley, moved Tom Marwick, seconded Sun Nickerson

Treasurer – Sam Clark, moved Rick Williams, seconded Sun Nickerson

Non Club Representative – No nominations

Immediate past President – Rod Merigan

All positions filled unopposed.

Special thanks to Tom Marwick who has resigned as he will be moving overseas for work. Peter South commended Tom’s dedication in attending every Committee meeting and social occasion and consistently providing a voice of reason when Committee discussion threatened to wander off track.

**Other Business**

**Mt Bakewell**

* Walter Reeves and Shaun Wallace were delegated to review maintenance requirements (bush pruning) and represent HGAWA in any necessary dealings with Cottesloe Council.
* Rob Holmes was authorised to represent HGAWA in further discussions with City of Joondalup over access to Burns Beach
* Rob Holmes reported that he had been invited to submit a clearing application for Quinns take off
* Mark Wild reported that Pinnaroo point, at risk at one stage, had been secured
* Mark Wild also reported the following sites could be added to the President’s report:
  + Leake Hill
  + Salt Lakes
  + Woodman Point
  + Pinnaroo Point
  + Eden Beach
  + Alkimos Waste Water Point
  + Joondalee
  + Lake Pinjar

And noted that Alkimos Waste Water Point wil be suitable for HG and PG, directions WSW – NW

Peter South noted that Skypirates have set a commendable example of securing and managing sites that should be acknowledged by all

**Meeting Closed:** 2045h

**HGAWA PRESIDENT’S REPORT TO AGM**

**August 2015**

**SITES**

Status of sites managed by HGAWA is as follows:

**Cottesloe**

Agreement with Council is in place.

**Mosman Park:**

Relatively recent agreement with council. Rarely flown but relatively secure.

**Bunbury:**

Recent agreement with Council. Comprehensive management plan. Latest renewal is a five year lease due to god management by local pilots

**Mt Bakewell**

No formal agreement in place. Flown with the permission of landowners.

**Albany Sites**

All well managed by Albany club. Agreements in place and secure.

**Goldfields Sites**

Lake Perkolilli and Westonia tow paddock are managed by the Goldfields Dust Devils club. Site agreement is in place for Lake Perkolilli and it is secure. Westonia is used with the permission of the landowner when the paddock is in fallow.

**Burns Beach**

There is no agreement in place for flying this site and council have recently indicated they are not inclined to facilitate one.

**Sites secured by Skypirates**

* + Lark Hill
  + Woodman Point
  + Pinnaroo Point
  + Eden Beach
  + Alkimos Waste Water Plant
  + Joondalee
  + Lake Pinjar

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**SAFETY.**

Accidents reported are one Powered Paraglider fatality, one Hang Glider, at Cottesloe ( dislocated hip and shoulder), one PG, broken wrist, Bakewell and one Hang Glider at York (broken arm)

**TRAINING**

Mike Duffy’s Hang Gliding schools and Jiri’s Paragliding is remain in operation.

**COMPETITIONS**

The State Hang gliding Championships were held at Westonia between the 23/2/14 and 2/3/14. Once again a very successful competition organised by Dusties.

We are in the preliminary stages of exploring the possibility of a coastal competition at Margaret River.

**CLUBS**

The following clubs are affiliated with HGAWA:

Albany HGC

Dust Devils

Hillflyers

Cloudbase

Skypirates (re-affiliated this year)

Western Soarers

HGAWA has recently formalised affiliation with HGFA