**Minutes of HGAWA Committee Meeting held at Peters Bungalow, Bayswater 27th February 2013**

Meeting Commenced 7:00pm

Present Committee: Peter South, Greg Lowry, Grant Bond, Richard Breyley, Chris Bennett, Mike Duffy, Rod Merigan

1. **Minutes from last meetings:** Minutes from the last committee meeting held November 21st 2012 were accepted.
2. **Correspondence In:**

* Email from the Joondalup Council requesting a risk management plan.
* No other correspondence, Rick has the keys to the PO Box.

1. **Actions Items Previous Minutes:**

* **Website:** Nothing has happened. P.S. to follow up with Dan.
* **Investment options:** We have $56,175 in the bank, the best available interest rate with the Commonwealth is 4.2%. There may be better rates available elsewhere (Bendigo Bank?), G.L. to invest $40,000 at the best available rate for any period up to 12 months. There will only be a $60 penalty if we chose to break the term deposit.
* **PG accident reports:** Peter S to write to the pilots concerned and to post a general reminder on the forums.
* **Possible membership of the Sports Federation:** Rick to provide info to Peter S about this. Not done as yet.
* **Safety Officer Workshop:** Rick to organize one soon, maybe to coincide with the next HGAWA friendly meeting.
* **Mosman:** Peter S to prepare reminder about the site conditions for posting on all the forums and HGAWA website. To be done.
* **Mt Bakewell:** M.D. to make contact with Ashley. He is not returning calls. M.D. will make 1 more attempt.
* **Women With Wings:** Paid
* **Forbes World Championships:** G.L. to check if they have been paid.

1. **Mt Bakewell:**

* **Contact Ashley:** Mike Duffy will make 1 more attempt to contact Ashley, he has not been returning his calls. He may also try to drop in next time when passing through.

1. **Safety**

* **Supervised Pilots:** Pilots previously known as “Novice” or “Restricted” are now called “Supervised” this is effectively a name change only.
* **2 PG pilots:** R.M. will track down their emails and forward them to P.S. so he can send them a reminder to fill out their incident report.
* **Bakewell crash:** An American HG pilot crashed at Bakewell scratching too close to the hill. No incident report has been filed.
* **Dusties:** The Dusties have written off 2 Funs recently dune gooning. 1 incident report has been filed the other is pending.
* **Bakewell rating change:** The following rating change for Bakewell has been endorsed. The wording below will be publicized in Sky Sailor, Airwaves and on local forums.

*The pilot ratings required to fly Mt Bakewell near York W.A. have been designated by HGAWA to be suitable for Intermediate rated HG and PG pilots.*

*The site can also be flown by Supervised pilots under the direct supervision of a Senior Safety Office (SSO) or instructor and under conditions considered by the SSO or instructor to be suitable for Supervised pilots. The SSO or instructor must have previous Mt Bakewell experience.*

*It is also advised that Intermediate rated pilots actively consult with more experienced pilots regarding the flying conditions on the day.*

* **Shelleys Beach:** The bushes in front of launch can only be slashed in winter and they grow too quickly, presenting a potential hazard in summer. We also need a new ramp between the 2 current ramps or perhaps even a brand new raised radial ramp covering all launch directions. G.L. and M.D. will get in contact with Simon to get the ball rolling on the design approval and construction of the “Taj Mahal” of ramps for Shelleys. This will be financially backed by HGAWA.
* **CASA:** Casa have published the mandated requirements for States, and clubs to meet the minimum safety requirements.
* **HGFA Membership:** Clubs, competition organisers and fly-in organisers must ensure that all flying participants are members of the HGFA.
* **CAR166:** Sandpatch, Serpentine and Geraldton sites are within 10nM of CAR166 aerodromes. R.M. will talk to Sun and see if we can get a letter from CASA giving is permission to fly without VHF radios.
* **VHF Radio endorsements:** These will become part of both the intermediate and advanced pilot endorsement.

1. **HGAWA friendly meeting**

* Combine the HGAWA friendly meeting with an SO meeting.
* Allocate $500 for catering.
* Discuss a time and place (P.S.).

1. **WA Comps**

* They are going to happen and will be held at Merridin. R.B. and the Goldfields Dust Devils will organize it.

1. **Dusties Funding application**

* The HGAWA board is very favourable and keen to support the Dusties. Muz is currently seeking funding through the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder. When that has been finalized the Dusties will return with another proposal to HGAWA.

1. **Sky Pirates Petition**

* The Sky Pirates would like HGAWA to support their petition to the City of Joondalup to have PPG included in their beach management plan. HGAWA will support them and their success could have positive spinoffs for the development of other coastal sites. R.B. to post the petition on the Western Soarers email site with a recommendation to support it.

1. **T-Shirts**

* Greg has 2 boxes still for sale. He sold $1110 worth of t-shirts in Albany.

1. **Logo**

* P.S. will contact Shelley to check the HGAWA now owns the copyright on the logo. If so we will adopt it and the next meeting correspondence will use it.

Meeting Closed 9.10 pm

**Actions:**

Greg L: Invest $40,000 at the best available rate for any period up to 12 months.

Check up on payment to Forbes.

Peter S: Follow up with Dan the HGAWA website update.

Write to PG pilots regarding accident reports and post a general reminder on the forums.

Prepare reminder about the site conditions for Mosman.

Contact Shelley RE the new HGAWA Logo.

Discuss time and place for the HGAWA friendly meeting.

Arrange with Sun to publicise the Mt Bakewell update in Sky Sailor, Airwaves and the Western Soarers list.

Rick W: Provide info on Sports Federation membership.

Organise safety officer workshop.

Mike D: Approach Ashley about purchasing an access corridor or easement through his property to launch. 1 more phone call.

Barry and Peter: Letter to Ashley.

Rod M: Track down the email address of the 2 PG pilots.

Talk to Sun about a letter from CASA giving us VHF exemption at Sand Patch, Serpentine and Geraldton sites.

G.L. & M.D: Contact Simon to get the ball rolling on a new ramp for Shelleys.

Richard B: Post the Sky Pirates petition on the Western Soarers website.