



## **WA Model Aircraft Sports Centre Inc.**

**For the Annual General Meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 at 9.30am**

**Venue:** WAMASC Club Rooms.

**Chaired by:** Stephen Brown

**Attendance:** Garry Burton, Rob Gaden, Steve Brown, Roy Lewis, David Collett, Pedro Baldrey, Harvey Trezise, Ian Craig, Neal Gibson, John Kress, Bob Nelson, Alex Genovese, Alex Genovese Jnr, Keith Hemsley, Greg Godfrey, Walter Rose, Marlon Silver, Bill Davies, Peter Papatriandafilu

**Apologies:** Brian Mitchell

**Visitors:** Nil

**Open:** 9:32am

### **Previous Minutes**

Minutes and actions of the WAMASC General Meeting held August, 2015 to be reviewed and accepted.

**Proposed:** Pedro Baldrey      **Seconded:** David Collett      **Passed:** unanimously

**Business Arising: From the previous minutes:** Nil



## Chairman's Report:

With the praise and comments received from officials and competitors who attended the Control Line World Championships we can now confidently say that WAMASC is a world class aeromodelling field. Again I would like to thank all of our members who have contributed to preparing the field and to Trevor Letchford and his team for organising a great event.

There have been a lot of physical changes to the field that would not have been possible without the requirement to prepare for the world championships. We still have work to do and the replacement pits are next on the agenda.

Apart from the obvious work that has been done to improve the WAMASC facility the committee has been working on restructuring the operation of the committee and WAMASC to improve the running of the club and benefits to members.

Specifically:-

1. Committee positions now have job descriptions
2. We have aligned the election of the committee with the start of the membership year
3. The fee structure has been changed to recognise the efforts of members who are prepared to donate their time
4. We are implementing a new by-law today to clarify and improve the ability of WAMASC to train new pilots

We are finalising a new lease with Whiteman Park. This lease will provide WAMASC with a guaranteed 20-year tenure at an annual lease fee equivalent to 10% of the commercial lease value. Key features of this lease are: -

- Increased site area for future expansion
- Agreement with MORBC for common area cost sharing
- Changed flying hours with Social activities and the flying of unpowered or electric powered aircraft permitted between 6am to 9pm. Flying of gas turbines, nitro and petrol powered aircraft remain unchanged at 8am to 6pm

Overall it has been a busy and positive year. There are however a few negatives which we want to fix.

What is disappointing is the continued lack of understanding by some members of our operating rules and lack of adherence to basic conditions of membership. There is no doubt that you are all paying for people who choose not to join and pay fees to use the facility. Our only means of policing this is the wearing of membership cards, all Committee members have the authority to demand the



wearing of cards and ask individuals to leave who cannot do so. We are proposing to implement immediate on the spot suspensions of 1 month this coming year in an effort to enforce this. Non-members caught flying will be banned from entry until membership fees are paid in full.

Also of disappointment is the lack of tolerance shown by some to other WAMASC members, we want all forms of aeromodelling to be enjoyed at WAMASC and the attitude of some must change for that aim to be achieved.

Several years ago the decision was made to abandon the individual club structure to form one club. We now see efforts by some to revert to the old structure where you could only fly at set club times and the committee was unable to effectively operate. There are no club rules at WAMASC other than the WAMASC rules, there is no requirement for anyone to be a member of another club to fly at WAMASC and enjoy the facilities and if any of the social clubs whether AWA affiliated or not believe otherwise they are quite welcome to go and fly at another field.

Finally I would like to thank the outgoing executive and committee members for their work during the year and support, particularly Garry Burton and Rob Gaden.

I would also like to thank the members for their support and encouragement.

### **Treasurers Report:**

The 2015/16 books have been forwarded to our Auditor and once completed will be presented to the members.

### **Election of Management Executive and Management Committee**

All nominations accepted

### **The new Committee will be as follows;**

**Chairman:** Steve Brown

**Vice Chairman:** Rob Gaden

**Secretary:** Garry Burton

**Treasurer:** Garry Burton

**General Committee members;** Peter Baldrey, David Collett, Ian Craig, Roy Lewis, Bill Davies and John Kress

Proposed: David Collett

Seconded: Neal Gibson

Passed: unanimously



**Other Business:** Nil

**Meeting Closed:** 9.47am

