

Minutes Sunset Soaring Annual General Meeting Held on Sunday, 22 February 2004

Time: 9:45am-11:15am
Venue: 9 Aurora Drive, **St Ives Chase**

ATTENDEES:

John Ellis
Barrie Hill
Jim Henwood
Matt Gorringer
Rob Webber
Andrew Baber

DISTRIBUTION All members

APOLOGIES Peter Smith
Hartmut Lautenschlager
Mike Gallagher

1.0 General

Annual General Meeting for the Sunset Soaring club

1.1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Sunset Soaring AGM for 2003 were approved.

It was noted that no Open Day had been organised as agreed at previous AGM and that the resolution would be carried over for the coming year.

2.0 Business Arising

2.1 **President's report:** Jim Henwood presented the report. The report will be attached to the hard copy minutes for archiving and potential presentation to the department of Fair Trading.

Motion: To accept report: Barrie Hill 2nd: John Ellis

2.2 **Annual Accounts:** statement was presented. The report will be attached to the hard copy minutes for archiving and presentation to the Department of Fair Trading

Motion: That the Secretary and Treasurer's report and the financial statements be accepted. Motion to accept: Andrew Baber 2nd: Barrie Hill

2.3 **Election of Officers**

President::	Peter Smith	Nominated: Matt	2 nd : Andrew
Vice President and Club Communications:	Hartmut Lautenschlager	Nominated: Jim	2 nd : Matt
Secretary/Treasurer:	Matt Gorringe	Nominated: John	2 nd : Andrew
Public Officer:	Attach to Secretary/Treasurer		
Safety and Operations:	Robert Webber	Nominated: John	2 nd : Barrie
Equipment Officer:	Barrie Hill	Nominated: Jim	2 nd : Matt
Publicity and Recruitment Officer:	Jim Henwood	Nominated: Matt	2 nd : John

The nominees accepted the positions and were appointed without vote as there were no other nominations for the respective positions.

2.4 **Budget 2004/05:** presented by the treasurer, included budgeted fees for 2004/05 of \$205 for seniors, \$195 for Senior e-mail. It was decided to increase the fees paid for Senior membership in order to include Wednesday morning flying as a normal club activity due to it's increased popularity in the past year. Fees for other membership types will remain the same.

If MAS fees should change the Committee will decide on the appropriate fee level.

Motion to accept by: Robert Webber 2nd: Barrie Hill

2.5 **General Business:**

Visitors: Rules concerning visitors and associate members were clarified. A visitor may fly at the club twice without membership. If they wish to fly again they must become an associate member of the club. A new Visitors book that will fit in our frequency board will be bought and remain available at all times. Any visitor must sign the book before flying. An up-to-date member list should be placed in the visitors book.

Flying on Wednesday: The club will hire the field on Wednesdays from 9am-1pm. The increased cost of this activity will be met by a \$15 increase in the annual fee for Senior members.

Lithium Polymer Batteries (LiPo): It was decided to place a moratorium on the use of LiPo batteries at the club field. The meeting decided that the risk of fire due to a battery pack being punctured during a crash was too great to allow flying at the Golden Jubilee field. Given that the field is bordered by inaccessible bush that extends along an urban fringe any fire started may cause significant damage or even loss of life. In the past many models have crashed down in the bush either because of pilot error or unexpected equipment failure. The committee has committed to review the use of these cells no later than the next AGM if it is felt they are developed so that they are significantly less likely to be punctured in a crash. Lithium-Ion cells are not included in the moratorium and may be used.

Newsletter: The production of a quarterly newsletter was discussed. No decision was made on the format or means of distribution with both e-mail and hard-copy through the post being discussed as possibilities. Jim will evaluate report back to the committee.

Review of Club Rules: Barrie agreed to review the club rules and submit an improved version to the committee by the end of March 2004.

Review of Field Setup Rules: Matt agreed to review field setup rules and submit an improved set to the committee by the end of march 2004.

Instruction and training: A broad discussion was held on how to better manage the training of new members. It was generally agreed that the club could improve it's procedures so that new members can learn more quickly and so that member who act as instructors can plan their time at the field and have enough time to enjoy their own flying. It was decided that new members should be assigned an instructor and negotiate with that person to have some set lesson times. This should help the learner by having a consistent teacher and also the teacher to be able to schedule their time better. John Ellis agreed to look at the cost of a full set of buddy leads as it was felt that this system would help give learners more time "on the sticks". It was noted that Barrie Hill and Carolyn Michael often provide their time generously to help learners and that they are probably the best instructors available to the club. Others are encouraged to help learners but should consult one of the above mentioned people before doing so.

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