



# West Australian Gliding Association Inc.

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## Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 18 February 2010

The Meeting was opened at 19:05 by President Owen Jones having established that a quorum was present.

**1. PRESENT:** Owen Jones (President), Swain Johnson (VP), David Harris (Treasurer), Andrew Greig (Minutes Secretary), Dave Spicer (RTO/A), Kevin Saunders (GCWA, RTO/Ops and RAPAC), Shari McGregor (RDO), George Howie (Property and Trophies), Bryan Blackburn (NGC), Peter Taylor (BSS), Michael Derry (NGC), Clayton Grose (NGC)

**APOLOGIES:** James Cooper (GCWA)

**ABSENT:** Paul Rose (RTO/Sports)

**2. PROXIES:** Bryan Blackburn for Stirlings GC, Swain Johnson for Morawa GC.

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 19 November 2009, had been circulated by email. Moved Bryan Blackburn, Shari McGregor that the Minutes be received as a true and correct record. Carried.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

- DSR representative has changed again since last meeting.
- Minutes to be placed on website within two weeks of meeting, minus financials.

**5. Significant Correspondence Report:** See Attachment 1A

**6. President's Report (Owen Jones)** See Attachment 1B

Moved Peter Taylor, Dave Spicer that the President's Report be received. Carried.

**7. Treasurer's Report (David Harris)** See Attachment 2

For the first time there is no treasurers report due to computer problems.

**8. RTO/Airworthiness Report (Dave Spicer)** See Attachment 3

**9. RTO/Operations Report (Kevin Saunders)** See Attachment 4

**10. RTO/Sports Report (Paul Rose)** See Attachment 5

**11. Airfields and Airspace Report (Kevin Saunders)** See Attachment 6

**12. Regional Development Officer Report (Shari McGregor)** See Attachment 7

**13. Trophies and Property Report (George Howie)** See Attachment 8

**14. Records Officer Report (James Cooper)** See Attachment 9

**15. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- **Southern Cross Expedition**

- **Competition Enterprise & George Lee**

Request a detailed report from James Cooper

- **50th WAGA State Gliding Championships**

No report. Treasurer requests a detailed profit & loss and balance sheet with comparison to budget.

- **Minutes of Pilots Meeting**

See attachment 11

President Owen Jones concerned that the recommendations of the Rules Committee weren't ratified by WAGA before being included in the rules for the 2010 Championships.

- **FLARM at WA State Championships**

See section 5.5 in attachment 11

Andrew to write a article on FLARM

- **Women in Gliding report (Shelley Spicer)**

See attachment 12

Shelley granted \$333 towards expenses incurred attending WIG week.

- **Pilots attending National Competitions**

Suggestion that a single pool of money be available for allocation to pilots for any activities over east, e.g. competitions, WIG week etc.

- **Updated trophy list on WAGA website**

Winners of trophies at 2010 State Championship now listed online

- **Date of WAGA AGM to be moved to 26<sup>th</sup> August**

## 16: Closing

There being no further business, President Owen Jones declared the Meeting closed at 21:29 hours. The next WAGA Meeting will be held on 15 April 2010 in the Meg Olive Room at the RAAFA Bull Creek at 7pm.

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Owen Jones (President)

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Andrew Greig (Minutes Secretary)

### **Attachment 1A – Significant Correspondence Report**

No report.

### **Attachment 1B – WAGA President's Report (Owen Jones)**

3 to 13 December	Acted as Co-ordinator for the Third Southern Cross Expedition
16 to 18 December	Attended Competition Enterprise week at Cunderdin, flew 3 days including one day with George Lee
7 January	Attended Day One briefing of 50th WAGA State Comps at Cunderdin. Collected DG1000S trailer from Beverley
15 January	Attended Final Day briefing of 50th WAGA State Comps at Cunderdin. Spent day working on burnt out DG1000S wheel brake. Returned DG1000S in trailer to Beverley. Attended Comps Dinner at Cunderdin Hotel
26 January	Updated the WAGA Trophy List to include the 2009 and 2010 State championship results. (see WAGA Trophy List 2010 on WAGA website)
To 18 February	Preparation for GFA Board Meeting 20 and 21 February in Melbourne

### **Attachment 2 – Treasurers Report (David Harris)**

Removed from web version of minutes

### **Attachment 3 – RTO Airworthiness Report (Dave Spicer)**

#### **RTO-A Conference**

The annual RTO-A Conference will be held in Melbourne during the weekend 10-11 April 2010. I have submitted three agenda items for discussion (NDI, Pitot-Static testing and record keeping), all of which have been subject to previous submissions to GFA. Club AAOs were asked if they wished to submit any topics for discussion, but no topics were submitted.

#### **Audit of Stirlings**

I will be conducting the biennial audit of the Stirlings Gliding Club on 21 February 2010.

#### **Form 2 C Submission**

As part of its revamped IT system, GFA has introduced an on-line form for submitting Form 2Cs. I have experienced problems with this system which are being investigated by GFA. Until it is sorted out, all Form 2Cs should be submitted to me in the usual manner.

#### **Form 2 Inspections**

Based on the records submitted to me, and as of 8 February 2010, Form 2C reports have not been received in the last 12 months for 25 gliders (27%) in WA. Following is the breakdown by club:

	Total	Overdue
BSS	35	7
GCWA	33	11
NGC	17	3
Stirlings	3	2
Morowa	4	2
Total	92	25

#### **Kalgoorlie Blanik**

Alf Williams (the owner of the Blanik at Kalgoorlie) tasked Norm Harding to conduct a survey and annual inspection of the glider late last year. Norm conducted a large part of the survey and then asked Alf Williams visit him to be briefed on the condition of the aircraft. Alf has since taken the glider back, and I believe it is now located at Quairading. The future of this glider is not known.

#### **Minor Repairs Course**

I have asked Chris Runeckles if he is prepared to run a Minor Repairs course later this year, and am now awaiting his reply.

## **Attachment 4 – RTO Operations Report (Kevin Saunders)**

### **Operations Checks**

Stirlings was due Dec 2009 or as soon as they start operating again - Bryan Blackburn has in hand.

### **Instructor Training**

Assessment arranged at Cunderdin to revalidate Dave Collett.  
No formal L1 training courses planned at this stage.

### **Incidents**

- ASW22 landed wheels up into paddock at Southern Cross. Slight damage.
- Ventus at Southern Cross damaged by being towed by vehicle into an obstacle
- LS8 at Cunderdin on first comps practice day. Hit ground during turn onto finals after low modified circuit. Glider substantially damaged but pilot shaken but uninjured.

### **Operational Directives**

None since last meeting.

### **State Gliding Comps. 2010**

Hosted by GCWA. Jan 2010 to Fri 15th Jan.  
No incidents during the competition days. Well done all.

### **New BSS CFI**

Dave Collett has been ratified as BSS CFI.

## **Attachment 5 – RTO Sports Report (Paul Rose)**

No Report.

## **Attachment 6 – Airfields and Airspace Report (Kevin Saunders)**

### **RAPAC**

The Shire of Busselton is trying to discourage training from their airfield and twin engine training has been banned. Should not affect the two private motor gliders owned by GCWA members that operate out of Busselton.

RAPAC Schedule for WA:  
Fri 5 March 2010  
Fri 2 July 2010  
Fri 29 October 2010

The revamp of Car 166c, which mandates certain radio calls in CTAFs rather than recommending them. GFA A&A officer John Summers has discussed the latest CASA proposals with all State A&A Officers, and a consolidated recommendation has gone to CASA.  
Nothing further at this stage.

### **NOTAMs**

NOTAM finalised for the State Comps at Cunderdin 7-15 Jan 2009.

## **Attachment 7 – Regional Development Officer Report (Shari McGregor)**

### **GFA National Marketing & Development Meeting**

The GFA National Marketing & Development meeting was held in Brisbane on 28 & 29 November 2009 and was attended by:  
Maurice Little (Chairman), Al Sim (Creative designer), Michael Bow (Standing in for Dave Boulter NSWG RDO), Shari McGregor (WAGA RDO), Anne Philcox (SAGA RDO), Anita Taylor (Women in Gliding), Kevin Rodda (GQ RDO), Ian Perkins (GFA Board Rep - Gliding QLD), Dave Donald (President – Gliding QLD) and Garrett Russell (Caboolture Gliding Club).

This meeting was coupled to a GQ club development session and featured a closed session for the group on club and sport development with external consultant - Vicki Roofayel.

Main points included:

- Survey of ex GFA members to determine if there are any trends developing in the declining GFA numbers.
- Work on the club development handbook is to be accelerated for completion and distribution early this year.
- The GFA members' web site needs attention to upgrade and introduce greater user functionality.
- The 2010 AGM and gliding Seminar will be in Brisbane and is tentatively planned for August 2010.

- Vicki Roofayel development session main points included:
  - Introduction to sport membership, attraction and retention.
  - One size does not fit all – This approach is flawed and must be avoided at every level. People are different have different needs, expectations, goals ambitions and so do clubs.
  - Too few members means critical mass is not achieved and progress on development and growth cannot be achieved.
  - Mentor pairing for new members works in other sports. It should be developed in all clubs.
  - The sport needs to change to meet client needs therefore need to know what the members like and want.
  - You need the right membership mix.
    - A % life time for ever members
    - A % 3-10 year
    - % 1 year
    - % Tyre kickers
 It takes all types to make a whole sport and that is normal.
  - All volunteer sports suffer a lack of volunteers because they are poor succession planners.
  - Don't make volunteering a life sentence – Don't Criticise
  - The number of available volunteers is and will continue to decrease so we need to value them. Recognise and reward.
  - Clubs need templates for functional jobs. Volunteers need to know what the job is and what their role is.
  - To introduce change progression take small steps one at a time.
  - All clubs should have a master plan 8-10 years, with a business plan 2-3 years and constantly monitor and adapt and change.

#### **Visit to Stirlings Gliding Club**

An RDO visit to the Stirlings Gliding Club has been arranged for Sunday 21 February 2010.

#### **Attachment 8 – Trophies and Property Report (George Howie)**

The trophies are at the engravers but he is in UK, back late Feb, expecting trophies early March.

Diane Edwards trophy – awarded to Andrew Greig

#### **Attachment 9 - Records Officer Report (James Cooper)**

No Report

#### **Attachment 10 – State Comps 2010 Treasurers Report**

Removed from web version of minutes

#### **Attachment 11 – Minutes of Pilot's Meeting**

#### **MINUTES OF THE PILOT'S MEETING HELD AT GCWA ON THURSDAY 14th JANUARY 2010**

**1: OPENING:** Chairman Rod Carter declared the 2010 Pilot's Meeting open at 10:00 hours.

#### **2: PRESENT:**

GCWA	Chris Runeckles, Rod Carter, James Cooper Dennis Macneall, Kevin Saunders, Lenny Wright
BSS	John Welsh, Daryl Mackay, Alan Phelps, John Suthers
NGC	Hilmer Geisler, Bryan Blackburn, Armando Rubiano, John Kenny, John Whitman,
Morawa	Dick Sasse

There were no apologies.

**3: PREVIOUS MINUTES:** from 2009 were circulated. Dennis Macneall moved and Kevin Saunders seconded the Motion that the Minutes be accepted as a True and Correct Record.  
CARRIED

#### **4. Business arising from the Minutes**

Discussion took place on changes to the rules implemented by the Rules Committee in the previous 12 months. Attendees were happy with the changes.

## **5: YEAR 2010 PILOT MEETING MOTIONS:**

### **5.1 That the WAGA Comps Rules be amended to align with the National Club Class Rules:**

Moved Denis Macneall      Seconded Bryan Blackburn  
Points Raised              Lose auxiliary classes  
                                    Unable to carry water ballast  
                                    Ballast permitted up to Ref Weight  
                                    Scoring simplified  
Motion passed 11 /4      In favour

### **5.2 That the WAGA Comps Rules be modified to require sufficient starting points to allow for no more than 6 gliders per start point:**

Moved Bryan Blackburn      Seconded John Welsh  
Points Raised              Bev      2008 six start points  
                                    Nar      2009 nine start points  
                                    GCWA   2010 two start points  
Motion passed 13/3      In favour

### **5.3 That instruments that display other Pilots position and/or climb rate be banned:**

Moved James Cooper      Seconded Daryl Mackay

Alan Barnes explained stealth mode of Flarms would need to be compulsory  
And the intent of this motion would reduce the range of Flarms available for purchase      Motion Withdrawn

### **5.4 That rather than declaring variable weights on each day, Pilots be required to declare one weight for the duration of the Comps and be penalized 5% if they so choose to carry ballast.**

Moved James Cooper      Seconded Kevin Saunders  
Points Raised              Motion should cover Dry Wet and Half Ballast  
                                    Motor Gliders Complicate the intent  
                                    Motion would not be valid if we adopt National Rules  
Motion Defeated 14/2      against

### **5.5 That the Introduction of FLARM be mandatory for next WAGA Comps to be held in 2011**

Moved Rod Carter              Seconded Chris Runeckles  
Points Raised              Concern that some Pilots will not attend 2011 Comps because of FLARM Intro  
                                    FLARM may reduce numbers by half  
                                    We can't change our mind every year on this issue  
                                    Motion has already being adopted previously  
                                    Bulk order of FLARM to be considered  
                                    Clubs be encouraged to purchase FLARMS and hire to Competitors  
                                    Adoption of National Rules will include use of FLARM

Motion Passed 7/5      In favour

### **5.6 That the penalty for using the wrong start point be changed to align with National Rules. i.e. 200 point penalty.**

Moved Chris Runeckles      Seconded John Welsh

Points Raised      Nil  
Motion Passed      Unanimously in favour

### **5.7 That Timed Ballast Dumps be disallowed**

Moved Daryl Mackay.  
Points Raised      We don't know if Ballast tap is fully on  
                                    We don't know if both tanks are dumping  
                                    We don't have sufficient ground staff to properly monitor  
                                    Concern would be eliminated with adoption of National Rules  
Motion not voted upon

### **5.8 That each days results be posted on a notice board as they become available.**

Moved Daryl Mackay      Seconded Bryan Blackburn

Motion passed      Unanimously in favour

## **6: PILOT'S REPRESENTATIVES of The Rules Committee 2010**

The following representatives were elected unanimously by those entitled to vote for them:

Convener:                      Denis Macneall

BSS delegates: Daryl Mackay  
To be decided by BSS

GCWA delegates: Rod Carter  
Chris Runneckles

NGC delegates: Bryan Blackburn  
Hilmer Geisler

Morawa delegate: Dick Sasse

## **6: CLOSING:**

There being no further business, Chairman Rod Carter declared the Meeting closed at 10:30 hours.

### **Attachment 12 – Women in Gliding report (Shelley Spicer)**

I was fortunate enough to attend the 2010 Women In Gliding week held this January at Narromine, NSW. A total of eighteen women glider pilots from all over Australia attended this special gliding week. I had heard great reports from Shari McGregor and Marina Suthers in regards to the benefits they received from attending WIG in 2009 and I was able confirm many benefits from attending this year's WIG.

Narromine Airfield was an ideal place to cater for such an event as WIG. There was simple but clean accommodation on the airfield and nearby in town. Beryl Hartley carried out the catering for breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Narromine Gliding Club. A program for the week was setup to have a daily morning briefing; followed by a lecture relating to gliding; lunch break and then flying in the afternoon. In the evenings dinner was usually followed by a lecture. The program was supported by a very enthusiastic team of instructors and coaches from various clubs in Queensland and NSW. Most attendees brought their own gliders. The remainder hired a glider from the Narromine Gliding Club. Weather conditions were challenging and we were restricted to the south west of Narromine due to recent floods elsewhere.

What did I get out of WIG? First of all, I was most impressed with the support and comradely I received from the organisers, coaches, instructors and the women who attended. The program was well structured and encouraged each participant to venture past their comfort zone and set some goals. We were able to discuss our gliding experiences, bounce questions and ideas off each other without feeling intimidated.

Secondly, I got an endorsement on an LS4 and flew this lovely little glider in a declared 300km task for my Silver C. Unfortunately, the thermals failed me two thirds of the way and I carried out my first outlanding. Wow, what an experience.... and to top it off my retrieve crew, Leonie & Janine arrived with cheers of congratulations, a trailer, cold drinks and nibbles for the long return trip.

Thirdly, I, along with many of the people at WIG managed to get our Official Observer Certification through Beryl Hartley's enthusiastic recruitment drive for GFA.

WIG was a busy week. Strong friendships were established and we went home energised to pursue our gliding goals