



West Australian Gliding Association Inc.

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday 28 April 2011 Meg Olive Room, RAAF Association, Bullcreek

1. **ATTENDEES:** Tom Holt (President), David Harris (Treasurer), Kevin Saunders (GCWA, RTO/Ops and RAPAC), John Mallon (Minutes Secretary), Dave Spicer (RTO/A), Peter Taylor (BSS), Michael Derry (NGC), Bryan Blackburn (NGC), Swain Johnson (RTO/Sports) George Howie (Property and Trophies)

APOLOGIES: James Cooper (GCWA),

ABSENT:

2. **PROXIES:**

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the meeting held 17 February 2011 were accepted as being a true record of the items presented at the meeting. Moved Owen Jones. Seconded Bryan Blackburn.

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

Discussion arose in relation to the following:

- 4.1 Timeliness of production of the minutes: Bryan Blackburn raised the need for minutes to be available sooner than presently provided, 7 days after completion of the meeting was proposed and agreed by all;
- 4.2 Loading the minutes on to the WAGA web site: Raised by Bryan Blackburn as an important means by which members can refer to decisions and discussions at the meeting. John Mallon undertook to check with Andrew Greig how this can best be achieved;
- 4.3 Clearly recording actions arising in the minutes was also raised and it was agreed that these could be more prominently displayed and tracked across meetings for future reference and closure of completed actions.

5. **SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:**

- 5.1 The committee was advised of a letter received from Dick Sasse advising that Morawa Gliding Club was back operating with a hired K13 and is seeking financial assistance out of the DSR funding. The letter also advised that the Morawa Blanik may be donated to the local historical society. Refer to Treasurer's Report section for further details of funding request.
- 5.2 Reference was also made to an email received by David Spicer from the Dave Shearer (RAAF) following the recent unsuccessful attempt to mobilise aircraft and personnel to support the RAAF with glider training. Refer to general business.

6. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (TOM HOLT)**

The period from the last meeting until now has been relatively quiet as the season winds down to the winter soaring period. The following summary of events and happenings was provided.

- 6.1 The last of the round the clubs was completed and the results are, BSS first, GCWA second and NGC third. This year's around the clubs competition was well patronised and enjoyed by all of the participants;

- 6.2 The Morawa flyaway was completed and was attended by both NGC and GCWA members;
- 6.3 BSS and Narrogin gliding clubs both hosted their annual Easter regatta which were both well attended. Unfortunately flying was poor at both locations and flying restricted to local flying and short courses. Out landing practice was the order of the day;
- 6.4 The GFA has formally split from the hang gliding fraternity and will now produce on a bi-monthly basis a gliding magazine to be called "Gliding Australia". This will have a similar layout, feel, size and look to its sister magazine produced by the New Zealand gliding fraternity.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT (DAVID HARRIS)

Removed from web minutes.

Morawa Gliding Club

The Treasurer discussed the situation regarding the Morawa Gliding Club's request for financial assistance and advised that:

Morawa receives \$800 per year for 'try and fly' activities for club development from DSR funding.

Morawa advises that they have entered into an agreement to lease a K13 on the following basis:

1. Morawa arrange and pay for the 40 year survey, servicing and Form 2 of the K13 (completed) at \$4,000;
2. Hire rate of glider is 60c per minute with 20c to be paid to the owner Les Webster;
3. Arrangement is for 2 years; and
4. A written agreement has been prepared but is yet to be signed.

Other actions taken by Morawa to increase financial position include raising winch launch cost to \$10 per launch.

In response to the request for financial assistance it was moved by Peter Taylor to provide Morawa Gliding Club with:

1. \$2000 representing 50% of the total cost already incurred in making the K13 airworthy;
2. \$500 representing 50% of the estimated first year's hire charges; and
3. These funds to be in addition to the \$800 provided for 'try and fly' activity.

The motion was seconded by Bryan Blackburn.

8. RTO/AIRWORTHINESS REPORT (DAVE SPICER)

The following report was provided.

1. **Blanik AD.** The following is taken from an email from Daffyd Llewellyn (the designer of the Blanik modification) dated 13 April 2011:

This European mod is essentially a band-aid, intended to allow low-time Blaniks to go back into service for the balance of their original lives. There is a similar project in Argentina, although whether it will proceed in the presence of the European version is perhaps questionable. The designers of these modifications are not looking ahead. Nor are they being very realistic, because "fixing" only the original critical location merely transfers the problem to the outboard end of the patch.

This sort of modification does not address any life extension beyond the original life; and that was recognised as being of very little use in Australia, in 1978, when we already had Blaniks with more than 3000 hours, (and a couple with well over 4000 hours). It will be of even less use to-day.

An application has already been made to CASA for a fresh STC for the "Productionised" version of the modification, which CASA will process regardless of this European mod., and the manufacture of parts received its Production Certificate to-day, so it's full steam ahead.

2. **Audits.** The planned biennial airworthiness audit of GCWA took place as planned on Sunday 6 March 2011. The audit of BSS was done by Rob Hanbury (GCWA) on 15 April 2011. The audit of NGC was to have been done in November 2010, but will now be re-scheduled for later this year.
3. **WAGA Aircraft Scales.** The WAGA Aircraft scales were calibrated in March, and found to be still within tolerance.
4. **Form 2 Course.** Club CTOs have been requested to provide nominations for this year's Form 2 course. So far, eight nominations have been received. The course will most likely be held during August at either Beverley or Narrogin.
5. **Fluorescent-Dye Penetrant NDI.** At long last, the equipment needed for fluoro-dye penetrant NDI inspection has been purchased by GFA and delivered to Perth. It will be available for loan, along with the other WAGA test equipment, from Chris Runeckles. Unlike red-dye penetrant NDI, fluoro-dye NDI requires certification of the operators. A four hour training course for six club inspectors has been arranged with Aerospace NDI in Bassendean for 11 May 2011. This should enable these inspectors to carry out all NDI work at the three major clubs.
6. **Daily Inspector Handbook.** I am advised that the revised Daily Inspector Handbook is likely to be issued in the next month or so. The issue of the revised MOSP, Part 3 (Airworthiness) still appears to be some time away.
7. **Form 2 Inspections** Based on the records submitted to me, and as of 19 April 2011, Form 2C reports have not been received in the last 12 months for 28 gliders (27%) in WA. This is almost the same as February 2011, and close to the long term average. Following is the breakdown by club:

	Total	Overdue
BSS	37	6
GCWA	39	12
NGC	20	5
Stirlings	3	3
Morowa	5	2
Total	104	28

Discussion at the meeting.

David Spicer advised the Committee that Norm Harding was working on Alf Williams' Blanik and had completed the wings with the tail plane still to be done. The aircraft will likely be available in 1 -2 months time.

David Spicer also advised that Norm had applied to CASA to be approved to install the Llewellyn modification in WA. The full cost of the modification had still be finalized.

Swain Johnson sought an update on the appointment of a CTO OPS (Airworthiness) as he needed to apply for a Certificate of Airworthiness. Dave Spicer referred him to Tom van Blerikin or Edwin ? and advised the GFA was seeking a person to undertake a combined Ops /Airworthiness position.

Bryan Blackburn asked Dave Spicer if BSS had completed its Level 1 Instructors Course as yet. Dave confirmed it had but that certifications were still to be completed.

9. RTO/OPERATIONS REPORT (KEVIN SAUNDERS - APOLOGY)

The following report was provided.

Operations Checks

None since last WAGA meeting.

Morawa needs doing. Rod Carter requested to attend.

Instructor Training

Two formal L1 training courses were completed since the last WAGA meeting, one at Beverley and one at Narrogin. Candidates Sid Dewey (BSS), Alf Rosche (BSS) Dave Spicer (BSS) and Tony Henderson (NGC). Assessments are being arranged.

Incidents Since Last meeting

PW6 at Cunderdin. Release just after takeoff. Glider landed safely in paddock straight ahead. Cause was combination of worn rings and inexperience in hooking on.

Heavy landing of ASK 21 due to possible PIO. Report currently awaited.

Operational Directives

The OD on the expanded pre-takeoff check as discussed and agreed at the last Ops Panel meeting has now been officially issued and is on the GFA website..

This reinforces ABCD-CHAOTIC as the official pre-takeoff check.

CTO Ops

No replacement for Kevin Olerhead as yet and duties are being handled by Chairman of Ops Panel Peter Gray. GFA are re-advertising for a combined full time person to do Ops and Airworthiness.

Safety Seminars

Seminars *still* to be run on the new GFA Safety Management System at club level. No definite dates yet for WA. I have discussed with a number of WA members and the preference seems to be for a Thursday night rather than a day at the weekend. I have let Peter Gray know but no response.

Tom and Owen – can we please push this or it's never going to happen.

Discussion ensued on this issue as it is considered to be a lapse in responsibility for the safety standards and systems within GFA. It was resolved to set a date early in September and to request the attendance of Peter Grey from GFA. Tom Holt is to follow this up with Kevin Saunders and the GFA.

Operations Panel Meeting.

To be held in Melbourne 11-13 June. BSS, particularly Mike Texler and John Welsh have done some good work on bringing the ABC self test questions up to date and I hope to present these at the meeting. I will be asking WA instructors to let me have any other items for discussion.

Kevin Saunders
Airfields and Airspace Officer, RTO Ops WA.

10. RTO/SPORTS REPORT (SWAIN JOHNSON)

No report, however Swain advised that efforts would be progressed towards the following events:

1. Information / development seminars in the Winter period (James Cooper will deliver these);
2. Sourcing another experienced coach to conduct practical flying coaching with interest already indicated by some experienced pilots (David Harris requested early notice of proposed costs for this);

11. AIRFIELDS AND AIRSPACE REPORT (KEVIN SAUNDERS)

RAPAC.

Attended last meeting 29 Oct 2010.

Minutes available at <http://www.casa.gov.au/oar/rapac/index.htm>

Next meeting 5th May 2011, since they are being reduced to two per year in the south and two per year in the north.

Notams

Notam will be arranged for BSS/GCWA Wave Camp July 3rd to 15th 2011

Perth Airspace 50 Mile Review.

CASA are consulting on this. I attended a session at Northam along with John, Steve and Daryl from BSS.

12. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT (VACANT)

No report

13. TROPHIES AND PROPERTY REPORT (GEORGE HOWIE)

The committee were advised that the Ken Hodgkinson Trophy was still not located. It is awarded for the most records set by a club in a year. It was not awarded in 2008. (NOTE: This trophy was located on 30 April 2011 in the BSS briefing room on the shelf adjacent the main entrance.)

George Howie also advised that the Diane Edwards trophy for the highest placed WA pilot in a National competition needed to be handed over from Andrew Greig to Ian Russell. BSS representatives will contact Andrew to facilitate this.

14. RECORDS OFFICER REPORT (JAMES COOPER)

No report. There was great deal of discussion about the awarding of trophies, receipt of claims for records and the adjudication of claims to issue the appropriate awards and records.

The trophies are listed on the WAGA web site at:

http://www.waga.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=17&Itemid=13

This link provides the history of each trophy, a photograph of the trophy and a complete list of all the recipients dating back as far as 1961.

The Index to WAGA Trophies also shows the period covered whether it be a specific competition or the calendar year or the soaring season.

This table also shows who the trophy recipient is nominated by with 17 of the 24 trophies selected by specific competition directors. Of the remaining 7, three are nominated by specific individuals.

WA Gliding Trophies

Trophy	Classification
Ross Weston Trophy	Veteran's trophy
Steve Lundy Trophy	Open Class Champion, Later First Place WA Championship Class
Pacific Pools Trophy	Standard Class Champion
Ric New Trophy	Club Class Champion, Later Second Place WA Championship Class
Cazelet Shield	Best of the Rest
GCWA (Control Data) Trophy	Team Trophy
Ken Hodgkinson Trophy	Club with most records
Beverley Shire Trophy	Fastest 300 km at Comps
Universal Plastics Trophy	Fastest 200+ not at Comps
Royal Aero Club Trophy	Longest distance
Bob Porter Trophy	Multi Class Champion, Later Third Place WA Championship Class
WAGA Twin Trophy	Twin Trophy
Kulin Gliding Club Trophy	Meritorious performance
Cunderdin Hotel Trophy	Novice at Comps
Crook Paddock Award	Worst Retrieve at Comps
Len Armour Trophy	Height Gain
Double Camera failure	Double Camera failure

Diane Edwards Trophy	Highest WA pilot at Nationals
CASA Award	Contribution to Safety
InterClub Competition	Winning Club
Competition Enterprise	Competition Enterprise
Competition Enterprise Handicap	Comp Enterprise Handicap

Four trophies are awarded by WAGA delegates to compare notes about annually and although the records officer will have a key input to this, it is not usually done alone.

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

The following issues were discussed.

RAAF Support - Discussion followed about the preferred method of contact in future, i.e. direct to a club or through WAGA. Preference was given by all present to be 'direct to a club' in the first instance and the club approached could escalate the request to other clubs if the request exceeded the approached club's capacity.

State Competition dates for 2012 – It was queried if NGC had set dates as yet. Bryan Blackburne advised that they had and would confirm what the dates were as soon as possible as he did not have them to hand.

Projects for DSR Funding – Bryan Blackburne presented the following ideas for potential future WAGA sponsored and funded projects.

Potential WAGA Projects

Funding

DSR grant money or WAGA income

WAGA capital if a cost recovery charge can be made

Description	Cost
1. Purchase STC for Puchacz disabled pilot conversion (hands free conversion)	\$10-15000 (?)
2. Two funding grants each year for first-time WAGA Comps pilots. Half price if they come back the following year.	\$1000 each
3. Professionally developed audio-visual resource(s) to support ongoing communication presentations by the WAGA PR officer or others and for displays etc. Must be supported by an actively chased up schedule of events, not just in Perth.	\$5000 (?)
4. WAGA information stand and display at University freshers' week with free flight promotions	\$2500 (?)
5. Fund two international level coaches at each WAGA Comps	\$4000 (?)
6. WAGA scholarships for post solo youth pilots at the club of their choice. Offer two per year.	\$1000 each

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These proposed projects prompted much discussion including funding, priorities, other possible initiatives, impact on current funded initiatives and many more. It was resolved to consider these and other issues further and to carry this matter forward for further discussion at the next meeting.

Tug plane for sale – Tom Holt advised the committee that there as a Pawnee for sale and it was a good prospect for any club considering replacing an existing tug or purchasing another. NGC advised it was considering a shared purchase of 2 seater to provide member shareholders with an aircraft that the club can also make use of for towing.

16. CLOSING

The following actions will be undertaken before the next WAGA meeting

- 1) Complete and email the previous meeting minutes to the attendees of the meeting. TH / JM
- 2) Send the completed minutes to Andrew Greg or his nominee for placement onto the web site. JM
- 3) Discuss with Andrew Greg the ongoing maintenance of the web site and secession plans for same. TH
- 4) Treasurer to inform Morowa club of the committees decision to allocate \$2,500 grant for Form 2 the loan glider and to assist with rental of same. DH
- 5) A GFA safety seminar to be run by Peter Grey or his designate for early September 2011. Kevin Saunders to liaise with Peter Grey. KS
- 6) The Dianne Edward Trophy to be returned from Andrew Greg and forwarded to Ian Russell. OJ / GH
- 7) Locate and return to the trophies officer the Ken Hodgkinson trophy OJ / GH
- 8) Owen Jones and George Howie to produce a list of trophies, records and record holders and forward same to the secretary for placement on the web and publication with the minutes. OJ / GH
- 9) Large Ab-initio groups or groups such as RAAF cadets to be handled by the respective clubs or combination of clubs. WAGA to provide assistance in co-ordination and finance but not as direct manager of the event. ALL
- 10) Advise the clubs through their respective office bearers that WAGA is looking at disbursing funds on an annual basis to worthy projects, individuals or events. The clubs to propose the types of activities and advise tentative costing so that WAGA can assess these upon their merits. Advise the clubs. TH

The meeting was closed at 21:15 hrs.

