

Minutes of the P&DARCS General Meeting held on Wednesday June 07 2023 via Zoom.

Meeting to open at: 7:30pm

Chair of meeting: President, Keith Quigg

Members Present. 32

Apologies: David Glossop, Darryl Slade, Peter Harris & John Quayle

Visitors. Nil

Minutes of previous Meeting: Moved by John Van De Waterbeemd Seconded by Melissa Law
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Business Arising from Previous Minutes. Nil

Reports

President: As printed in Newsletter.

Secretary: As printed in Newsletter.

Treasurer: Absent.

Registrar:

Club renewals have been sent out. At the moment we have 169 Members. One new application this past month.

Processing of renewals is occurring.

Field Manager:

Field in very good condition. Cracking has closed up well. There is a working bee scheduled for this Saturday. We need helpers to register and come down to for a couple of hours work to get the west runway in good condition.

Facilities Manager:

Norm has been incapacitated and is a bit slow at getting his tasks at the moment but is hopeful that he will be OK very soon.

Safety Officer:

Drew members attention to the requirements of flying above 400 feet. She also reminded members that they must report any incidents.

The President noted that at the recent MAAA Council meeting the members excess for any third party property claim the excess payable by the member has been increased to \$500.

Editor. Position Vacant

Webmaster:

Reminded members that with the new access code now operating if you forgot the code you could go through the club web site to get the code.

Daniel also thanked Frank for his service to the club over many years as Editor.

Daniel responding to a question from the floor noted that the codes had not changed but will change in the new membership year.

Social Secretary. Position vacant

Club Captain: Absent

Chief Flying Instructor. Nil

Future Planning Sub Committee. Nil

General Business

1. Frequency and location of General Meetings

It was agreed that the committee looking into this for the next AGM.

The committee considered that General meeting be held bi-monthly via zoom starting with the June meeting. It was noted that Zoom meetings attracted a larger attendance of members.

The committee agreed that the 2023 AGM also be held via Zoom on Wednesday August 9nd starting at 7:30pm. The reason for the change from earlier time was due to the logistics of sorting out which members are eligible to vote.

2. Finalise Location of East Runway Pilot Barrier

Some stakes and bunting have been in place for several weeks identifying a possible location for the new East Runway pilot barrier.

The location needs to be finalised so that work can proceed.

There was general discussion on possible locations. The general consensus was that the current location is OK.

There was also comment that the west runway pilot barrier be moved to a similar location to that on the east runway. The general consensus was that the western pilot barrier be moved to a similar location.

3. Re-alignment of East Runway

Neil Addicott suggested that the East runway be realigned slightly to angle it away from the car park and Control Line Circle.

The Chairman noted that the committee will look into this suggestion.

It was noted that the East runway is already angled slightly to the east giving a greater clearance to the overflow car park the further north you travel. At present there is about 31M clear distance from the projected runway edge to the west side of the trees on the edge of the car park.

The current distance from the projected East runway edge to the centre of the CL circle is about 31m.

A 2 degree "tilt" of the runway to the east, from the runways' intersection, would increase the clearance at the CL circle by 7M and the car park by a lesser distance.

Another possibility would be to just move the west edge of the Eastern runway 7M to the east. This would have the added benefit of giving an additional “clearance” of 7M to the normal car park & pits as well as the “overflow” car park and the CL circle. It would also reduce the East runway width by 7M, to about 25M, and reduce our mowing costs.

Another possibility is to do nothing.

Comments were requested from the floor but there was none. The President advised that the committee would investigate at their next meeting.

The query from the floor was, were the “runway markers” were being moved. Norm Morrish identified that this reference was for the F3A “Poles” which would have to be moved and will be done by the F3A group.

4. Notice of the 2023 Club AGM.

The 2023 AGM will be held via Zoom on Wednesday August 9nd 2023 starting at 7:30pm.

Business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- 1 To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- 2 To receive from The Committee reports upon the transactions of the Club during the last preceding financial year.
- 3 To receive and consider the statement submitted by the Club in accordance with section 30(3) of the Act.
- 4 To appoint the Auditor of all Club accounts.
- 5 To elect office holders for the ensuing 12 months.
- 6 To deal with any special business of which notice has been given in accordance with these Rules.

A list of positions to be elected will be published latter.

5. Rubbish left at the field.

The Field manager reminded members to take their rubbish home and not left at the field. This included LiPo batteries.

Members were reminded to pick up all debris, particularly batteries, left from a crash due to the possibility of the farmers cattle consuming the debris and dying.

6. Flooding of Field

Query from the floor asking if the club had a possibility of suing the Government for not clearing their drains and causing the flooding of our field.

It was noted that, unfortunately, our field is designated a “Retarding Basin”. Norm noted that he had written to Melbourne Water requesting information as to maintenance on the drains.

Next Club Meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday August 9nd 2023 starting at 7:30pm via Zoom

Meeting closed at 8:15pm.