



**Sunset Soaring Club, Inc.
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, 28 March 2007**

Time: 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Venue: Aurora Drive Clubhouse, St Ives Chase

Attendees:

Peter Smith	Barrie Hill
Robin Simpson	Les Smith
Tim Wooller	David Foster
John Ellis	John Channon
Andrew Blair (visitor)	Phil Stanley
Greg Gallagher	

Apologies:

Martin Bradley	Mike Gallagher
Karl Miller	Tony Brown
Paul Hinson	Gary Andrews
Carolyn Michael	Mike O'Reilly

1.0 Introductory Business

The meeting opened at 8:15 pm and the apologies were noted.

1.1 President's Welcome

President Peter Smith opened the meeting at 8:00 pm and welcomed those present.

1.2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Secretary noted that the Minutes of the Sunset Soaring Club AGM for 2006 were not available on the club website, and instead briefly outlined a summary of the decisions which were distributed in an email to members on 26 March 2006. The Secretary committed to update the website as soon as possible.

Motion: To accept the summary of decisions in lieu of the formal minutes:
Moved – Barrie Hill, Seconded – Peter Smith. *Carried* .

2.0 Annual Reports

2.1 **President's Report:** Peter Smith presented his report - attached as Appendix 1.

Motion: To accept President's report:
Moved – Robin Simpson, Seconded - John Ellis. *Carried*.

2.2 **Treasurer's Report:** Barrie Hill presented the 2006 accounts – attached as Appendix 2. He also tendered his resignation.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's report and express the club's thanks for his work:
Moved – Robin Simpson, Seconded - John Ellis. *Carried*.

2.3 **Secretary's Report:** Robin Simpson presented his report – attached as Appendix 3.

Motion: To accept the Secretary's report:
Moved – Barrie Hill, Seconded - John Ellis. *Carried*

3.0 Election of Office Bearers

3.1 Note: The secretary temporarily took the chair while the election of President was held.

3.2 Election of Executive Committee

President:	Peter Smith	Nom: Robin	2 nd : Barrie
Vice President:	Tim Wooller	Nom: Les	2 nd : Greg
Secretary & Public Officer:	Robin Simpson	Nom: Barrie	2 nd : Phil

Barrie Hill tendered his resignation as Treasurer. Peter Smith moved a formal vote of thanks to Barrie for his tireless work getting the club's accounts back in order over the last three years.

Treasurer:	Tony Brown	Nom: Michael	2 nd : Barrie
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The nominees accepted the positions and as there were no other nominations, they were declared elected.

3.3 Election of Committee Members

Operations & Safety:	Andrew Baber	Nom: Peter	2 nd : Barrie
Chief Pilot & Training	Martin Bradley	Nom: Peter	2 nd : Robin
Equipment Officer:	Mike Gallagher	Nom: Barrie	2 nd : Tim
Simulator Officer	John Ellis	Nom: Barrie	2 nd : Greg

The nominees accepted the positions and as there were no other nominations, they were declared elected.

4.0 General Business & Discussion

4.1 New Council Ranger means we must now always put out the safety cones:

Peter noted that the new Council Ranger is visiting often and is being much tougher on dog owners who disobey council regulations on walking dogs off-leash. He is friendly but is also strict about our hours of hire. He expects the cones to be out while we are flying, and when he finds anyone flying at the field during non-hire times he stops them and recommends that they join the club and fly only during club hours. In order to retain good relations with the new Ranger and in view of recent confrontations with members of the public, it was agreed that Club members should now always put out the cones during club hours, even if there are only one or two members present.

4.2 Bids for Government Funding in 2007-8:

Robin noted that he and Phil put in a lot of effort in 2006 to bid for training equipment from the Federal Government's Volunteer Small Equipment Grants (VSEG). We were also considered for a grant in 2007 from the same submission but we were ultimately unsuccessful.

Robin suggested bidding for limited tree planting and new bench seating in and around the pits area, which would also be of benefit to the general community. It was pointed out that such bids normally require a 50% funding contribution from the club, which we probably could not afford. Normal council maintenance funding may cover the replacement of the existing seats which are in bad condition. Tim Wooller agreed to pursue further information on this at the May Council meeting.

4.3 **Decision on allowing Lithium Ion cells deferred to next meeting:.**

Andrew suggested that we should re-word and clarify the clause in the code of conduct that refers to LiPo "balancing circuits" – it should instead refer to cell balance adapters used with LiPo chargers. It was also pointed out that we should clarify the status of Li-Ion cells which are currently effectively banned. With balance adapters they should be allowed.

It was decided to defer discussion on Li-Ion until the next show-& tell meeting and to call on the knowledge of Mike O'Rielly.

4.4 **High power bungee launching 3m+ gliders to be allowed on a trial basis :**

There was general discussion about recent activities launching gliders over 3 m in wingspan, including the "human-runner" harness and pulley system for high-powered bungee launches. These large gliders cannot be launched with the club's standard bungee.

Several members expressed great concern about the danger of the extra people this system requires on the field during normal powered and glider activities.

Higher powered conventional bungees suitable for up to 4 m gliders are available from our current bungee supplier for about US\$125, compared to the US\$85 for our current 2m bungee. Mike O'Rielly has stated that he may purchase his own 4m bungee, but has asked the club to consider purchasing one. No decision was made on this purchase.

It was finally moved that: "High powered pulley launch of gliders of greater than 3 m wingspan will be permitted at the Golden Jubilee Field for a trial period of six months, providing that the operations does not cause disruption to the club's normal flying activities."

Moved: Barrie, 2nd: Robin – Carried.

4.4 **Ban remains on electric helicopter operations:.**

There was general discussion about another request to operate electric helicopters at the field. Associate members from Warringah Radio Control Society described their experiences with the disruptive nature of helicopter operations at their club. There was general agreement that we have no suitable location at the field for helicopter operations, and that allowing it would cause disruption to normal electric powered and glider flying activities. Our ban on helicopter operations therefore remains.

4.5 **Recommended club trainer aircraft should include Multiplex Easy Glider:**

There was general discussion about the most suitable trainer aircraft for new young members. John Ellis recommended the bungee-launch Easy Glider for under -12 year-olds, because of its low cost and simplicity (no speed controller, motor batteries or charger required). There was general agreement but no motion was moved or carried.

4.6 **Request for topic ideas for Show & Tell meetings:**

Peter Smith asked for ideas and volunteers for the next Show & Tell meeting. Ideas submitted included:

- Tom Schaeffer to be asked to present on his work with Barrie on using CAD/CAM to cut a kit for Barrie Hill's "Bazza 15" sports aerobat design.
- Peter Smith on what's available from new Hong Kong RC model suppliers United Hobbies.
- David Lietch to be asked to present on competition and thermal glider flying
- Les Smith on operating and basic uses of a multi-meter
- Someone to present on slope and dynamic soaring techniques
- Someone to present on using Motocalc
- Someone to present on basic aerodynamics
- Someone to present on how to build an EasyStar

Anyone willing to present on any of these topics should contact Peter Smith.

4.7 **C-Tick certification required for any 2.4 GHz transmitter covered by MAAA insurance:**

There was general discussion about the growing controversy about Model Flight's control of the Spektrum 2.4 GHz market via it's use of the C-Tick mark and MAAA insistence that only transmitters with Model Flight's C-Tick will be covered by insurance.

Members were warned that until this is resolved it would not be wise to operate Spektrum equipment imported from overseas retailers, as if they have an accident they may not be covered by MAAA liability insurance.

5.0 Close

5.1 The next AGM will be held on a date to be decided in March 2008.

5.2 The meeting closed at 10:00 pm.

Appendix 1 – President's Report

Thank you to all members for a safe flying year.

Major events and changes:

- 2006 Club Barbeque and Fun Day
- Adoption of Lipos
- Limits placed on Fast Aircraft
- Solo before Bronze Wings attained
- Reminder for all members to gain Bronze Wings status
- Members are being more active in promoting SAFETY – Thank you
- Large number of new Members – Thank you to all Trainers
- 2.4 GHz - Thanks to Members SSC was up to date at same time as MAAA
- Web site - Electric Up & Away plus The Principles of Flight
- SSC Members gaining Instructor Status and 2 Gold Wings achieved
- SSC assistance given to Owen Bawden and his UAV Fireeye
- Also to Alex Lautenschlager with his folding aircraft for the RAN
- All presenters who made the S & T nights a success
- A big thank you to Barrie & Yvonne for the use of Clubhouse & refreshments

The main objectives of our Club have been achieved -
Safe, fun flying for all Members.

Peter Smith
President
28 March 2007

Appendix 2 – Treasurer's Report**SUNSET SOARING CLUB Inc.
ANNUAL STATEMENT TO 28/1/07****INFLOWS****Club Activities Income:**

Club Caps	250.00
Fun Day(s)	167.00
Interest Inc	0.89
Member Donations	4.00
Simulator Hire	10.00
T Shirts	60.00
Tea Money	72.00
Visitor Fees	25.00

TOTAL Club Activities Income **588.89****Membership:**

SSC associate	450.00
SSC junior email	455.00
SSC pensioner email	183.00
SSC senior	209.00
SSC senior email	8169.50

TOTAL Membership **9466.50****TOTAL INFLOWS** **10055.39****OUTFLOWS****Admin Costs:**

Bank charges	-71.80
Dept of Fair Trading	-41.00
Equipment Costs:	-261.40
Ground Hire	-925.00
Postal-Stationary	-10.00
TOTAL Admin Cost	<u>-1309.20</u>

Club Activities Expense:

Club caps	-343.80
Fun Day(s)	-202.45
T Shirts	-34.05
Tea Money	-47.50
TOTAL Club Activities Expense	<u>-627.80</u>

MASNSW:

Club Affiliation fee	-22.00
Junior email	-455.00
Pensioner email	-133.00
Senior	-149.00
Senior email	-5709.50
TOTAL MASNSW	<u>-6468.50</u>

TOTAL OUTFLOWS **-8405.50**

TOTAL INCOME – EXPENSES **1649.89****BALANCE C/FWD 29/1/06** **3149.08**

ACCOUNT BALANCES 28/1/07 **4798.97**

Appendix 3 – Secretary's Report

Major Activities

- Correspondence - 125 emails in, 80 sent, 10 letters received, 16 sent
- 2006 FACSIA VSEG bid for training equipment - Thanks to Phil Stanley
- We made the short list, but the VSEG Grant was ultimately unsuccessful
- Now have four qualified and MAAA certified Instructors (2 are members)
- Members grew from 39 in 2005, to 44 in 2006 and now 57 in 2007
- Largely thanks to the website & our volunteer instructors and trainers
- Only 8 members have qualified for Bronze Wings and 3 for Gold Wings, so a major aim for 2008 is to encourage more members to qualify.
- Now have an entry on Ku-ring-gai Library Community Events Website
- 2006 Fun Day was a great success, 40 attendees, almost broke even
- 2006 Ku-ring-gai "Festival on the Green" was successful for us in 2006
- 2007 "Festival on the Green" will be June 17 – Volunteers needed!

I'd like to thank Barrie for his advice, friendship and diligence.

Robin Simpson
Secretary
28 March 2007