



**Sunset Soaring Club, Inc.  
Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday, 12 March 2008**

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

**Attendees:**

Peter Smith	Barrie Hill
Robin Simpson	Tony Brown
Tim Wooller	David Foster
John Ellis	John Channon
Paul Hinson	Phil Stanley
Mike Gallagher	Chris Mort
Sam Kearns	Jim Henwood
Andrew Szente	Neil McNair
Andrew Baber	Claude Debetaz (visitor)

**Apologies:** Martin Bradley  
Tony Recsei

## 1.0 Introductory Business

The meeting opened at 8:10 pm.

### 1.1 President's Welcome

President Peter Smith opened the meeting at 8:10 pm and welcomed the 17 members and one visitor present.

### 1.2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Secretary noted that the Minutes of the Sunset Soaring Club AGM for 2007 were available on the club website.

*Motion:* To accept the minutes of the previous AGM:  
Moved – Phil Stanley, Seconded – David Foster. *Carried* .

## 2.0 Annual Reports

### 2.1 President's Report: Peter Smith presented his report –

**Safety:** the club's overall record has been good, but a couple of recent crashes mean that we cannot afford to become complacent. Safety guidelines have been explained to visitors from other clubs to reinforce our standards.

**Council:** our relations are currently very good, please be cordial to Council employees, keep the field free from litter and continue to behave responsibly.

**Training:** thanks to Norm for donating a JR transmitter which can be lent to newcomers as a buddy box. Thanks to Les for his work in repairing it. Thanks to Robin for offering to donate a Hitec transmitter. Thanks to John Ellis who has agreed to look after them in addition to his flight simulator responsibilities. The meeting agreed to charge people a deposit of \$20 and they can be responsible for charging the transmitter while they are learning.

**Show and Tell:** the meetings have been very successful: thanks to all the presenters. The sale of Greg Goldstein's equipment was very successful, generating \$370 in donations to the club.

**Flying Competence:** I encourage all members to achieve their Bronze Wings

Thanks to Barrie Hill for the provision of the venue for our meetings.

2.2 **Treasurer's Report:** Tony Brown presented the 2007 accounts – attached as Appendix 1.

The meeting agreed to purchase another Loc8tor unit as there is a waiting list for another 10 tags. Tony will email all members to confirm the numbers and place an order (including a few spares) in the next few days. He will also send a summary of the operating instructions for Robin to post on the club web site.

2.3 **Secretary's Report:** Robin Simpson presented his report:

**Members:** there are 62 paid members at present plus one honorary.

**Bronze Wings:** only 22 members have achieved this. Please encourage all members to meet this standard.

**Gold Wings:** only 3 members – encouragement needed

**Instructors:** only 5 at present and we need more.

**Correspondence:** More than 700 emails sent and received, 12 pieces of formal correspondence received and responded to – mostly Kur-ring-gai council matters.

**Office of Fair Trading:**

- Our Annual Returns are up to date

Some aspects of the report, such as Council relations, are discussed under General Business

### 3.0 Election of Office Bearers

3.1 Note: The same committee as 2007 agreed to stand again, and was elected unopposed.

#### 3.2 Election of Executive Committee

President:	Peter Smith
Vice President:	Tim Wooller
Secretary & Public Officer:	Robin Simpson
Treasurer:	Tony Brown

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
Chief Pilot & Training	Martin Bradley
Equipment Officer:	Mike Gallagher
Simulator Officer	John Ellis

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

### 4.0 General Business & Discussion

#### 4.1 Web site:

There has been favourable feedback from visitors to our site. We need to add more photos and the meeting agreed to pursue this, especially obtaining photos from Norm's excellent collection.

4.2 **Safety:**

The club will take up Phil's suggestion of buying a quality first aid kit, about \$200, when the new storage locker is available. In case of serious accident, the meeting agreed that members will use a mobile phone to call an ambulance, either 000 or 112. There is usually a committee member at the field to assist with any incidents.

4.3 **Field Equipment:**

**Bungee:** The meeting agreed to buy a bungee for large gliders. The pilots will decide the specification, but we expect something like the US\$165 package from Aerfoam.

**Storage Locker:** Thanks to the Steelers Baseball club for donating an old steel locker that we can use to store our equipment next to the field. Thanks to Paul for offering to shot blast and repaint it at no cost to the club. Robin to confirm with Council whether they need access via their own lock.

4.4 **Council Relations :**

Council is planning to upgrade the field, including leveling the surface. Because of the demand for sporting facilities in Ku-ring-gai, the club needs to maintain good relations with Council. To that end, the meeting decided to propose a 50:50 sharing of the cost of installing tables and benches at the field. The meeting agreed to a budget of about \$2,000 for this. Robin to organise putting a proposal to Council.

4.5 **April Fun Day:**

Barrie Hill discussed his plans for the day. Start with EasyStar events at 9am, followed by a display of Gold Wings manoeuvres and warbirds. A sausage sizzle will start at about 10:30 with all items at \$1. Please bring family and friends.

The date has been changed to 20<sup>th</sup> April to avoid clashing with the Scale Day at Dick Smith's property.

4.6 **Other Items**

**Scale Day:**

John Channon mentioned that there will be a large scale gathering at Dick Smith's property (between Canberra and Gunning) on the 13th April.

**Power Points:**

The club will ask Council to run a cable from the nearest light post to provide a 240v power point in the nearest shed.

4.7 Barrie Hill moved a motion of thanks to the Executive Committee for its work for the year.

**5.0 Close**

5.1 The next AGM will be held on a date to be decided in March 2009.

5.2 The meeting closed at 10:00 pm.

Appendix 1

**1.1 Treasurer's Report for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008**

**(a) Income and Expenditure**

**i) INCOME**

Club Activities Income - Loc8tor Tags	840.00
Club Caps	90.00
Club Sales Commissions	477.50
Interest	2.93
Member Donations	75.00
Simulator Hire	70.00
Tea Money	67.20
Visitor Fees	135.00

**Membership**

SSC associate	700.00
SSC Junior	430.00
SSC senior	189.00
SSC senior email	7,558.50

(1) TOTAL Membership 8,877.50

**ii) TOTAL INCOME 10,635.13**

**iii) EXPENSES**

Equipment Costs	74.00
Equipment Costs - Loc8tor	717.27
Ground Hire	953.40
Bank charges	36.50
Repairs & maint	105.04

**MASNSW**

Club Affiliation fee	32.00
Junior	490.00
Senior	129.00
Senior email	4,829.50
TOTAL MASNSW	5,480.50
Other Expenses	41.00

**iv) TOTAL EXPENSES 7,407.71**

(a) OVERALL TOTAL 3,227.42

**(b) Cash On Hand**

\$8,062.89 as at 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2008

**(c) Membership**

Associates	12
Juniors	7
Seniors	43
Honorary	1

**(d) Possible Future Expenses**

Loc8tor – 9 on the waiting list  
Equipment – security box located at the field  
Benches/seats to be shared with Council

**(e) Proposed Fees for next year**

Propose leaving unchanged unless MAAA increases its fees substantially