

GFA Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

28th November 2017 – “GoTo” Online Meeting Format

Opened 8:05pm ESST

Attendance

Peter **Cesco** (GFA President), Drew **McKinnie** (CoP), Mike **Cleaver** (RSA NSW), Mark **White** (RSA Vic), Phil **Dodd** (RSA WA) Lindsey **Mitchell** (Pres QSA), Stuart **Ferguson** (NSM)

Apologies

Patrick **Pulus** (RSA SA),
Gary **Chaplin** (RSA Qld) who tried to log in but had computer issues.

Previous Minutes (as circulated)

Approved

Business Arising

Peter Cesco – AAFC showing an adverse reaction to an increased number of reports;

Drew advises that Ops are talking to AAFC about this; AAFC are also being asked to finalize a number of their own outstanding incident reports.

Mark W – asks are clubs aware that the RSA are receiving all the Soar reports, questions confidentiality. Chris working with Tim on reporting and some filtering may become available.

Reports

Peter Cesco – addresses the question as to why the NSM is not part of the executive; advising that he represents the GFA Safety Committee being the Accountable Manager, it's a matter of not creating a top heavy executive that outnumbers the board.

Targets/Goals for the safety committee; executive recognizes the skill base of the current members of the National Safety Committee and wants to GFA to benefit from the knowledge and experience within the group; sees the need for NSM/RSA to be imbedded within Ops/AW/Sport and Admin to assist with risk management activities. Looking for opportunities to expand flying activities by reducing hurdles while maintaining a risk based approach.

Mike Cleaver (RSA NSW) – Audit cycles need reviewing, coordination between Ops and AW.

Mark White (RSA Vic) – has been active visiting Victorian clubs, generally well received.

Richard Pulus (RSA SA/NT) – written report tendered, no additional comment.

Phil Dodd (RSA WA) – has formed his own local safety committee, committee members are the Safety Officers from all the WA clubs, mostly living in Perth. Members share recourses, experience and issues, its working well.

Additional Business

Drew McKinnie asked Target Zero, what is it all about, what are the deliverables.

Target Zero is a focus point for GFA Safety Seminars and other GFA activities not an activity in itself, no additional purely safety promotional products planned, it is hoped that the other operational sections of the GFA will build their safety related activities round Target Zero. Safety is not an activity, the activity is going about the activity of Gliding/Soaring Safely.

Recent Accident Response

3 Fatal accidents during Sept/Oct; members are asking questions. Chris Thorpe working with the clubs and state authorities. Due to the nature of the accidents its inappropriate to make premature statements, Chris will provide details to members when it is appropriate. In the mean time it's important that the rumor mill is managed when and where necessary.

Post accident support for club and family; not something we have done in the past. SF spoke to Bob Flood following Simon Browns accident during the competition and was advised that those at the comp were supporting each other and while the mood was down there was never any talk about cancelling the event.

GFA Safety Seminar Calendar

2017 Calendar finished;

Mildura, disappointing numbers, they had initially indicated they would attract many more than actually turned up. Despite the small numbers it was beneficial to engage with smaller clubs and get a prospective from their point of view.

Caboolture, Full House, approx. 60 members attended, most SE Qld clubs represented. Its been noticed in the past and the trend continues, our seminars are mostly attended by experienced members.

2018 Dates

Alice Springs - 10th March, only Chris and Stuart traveling due to costs

Hunter Valley – 14th April penciled in, still to be confirmed by Gliding NSW

Perth – TBA, May 2018 proposed

June 2018 left clear for GFA Ops/AW meetings

Qld – July, Warwick proposed still to be finalized, one question being how do we attract a new or even the same Qld members after very successful Caboolture seminar.

S.A. – Murray Bridge proposed, date and location TBA

Vic – Bacchus Marsh proposed because its close to Melbourne, the home of 3 clubs and the majority of members in Vic are Melbourne based. Date TBA.

End of 2017/2018 series

Starting in Mildura members attending have been asked to fill out a Seminar Survey form, outcomes TBA.

Safety Education Material

Richard Geytenbeek continues to produce material for the Safety Committee based on a list of topics provided by the Ops and AW groups, Sport has not contributed to date.

There was a quality control issue with the safety poster published in the last edition of Gliding Australia, the reason has been identified and it will not happen again (for that reason)
Every Member now has a Target Zero sticker sent to them in Gliding Australia, approx. 350 remain in stock.

GFA Safety Calendars – only initial quotes at this stage, to late for 2018, defer to 2018/2019 financial year.

Safety Promotion

Safety Promotion must be linked with S2F program

GFA Safety Awards?

Drew agrees – maybe reallocate an old trophy that is no longer used, refer to Tim Shirley

Lindsay asks about award guidelines – WIP Drew to assist.

Next Meeting

With the soaring season already started committee members were told to enjoy this part of the cycle and that the admin cycle would recommence in March/April 2018

Proposed date/time for the next meeting

10th April 2018 – GoTo Format 8pm EST/7:30pm CST/6pm WST