



GLIDING FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA

A meeting of the GFA Board was held on Tues 16th Aug 2022 commencing at 8:00pm AEST via Zoom.

MINUTES

Executive: Steve Pegler, Lindsay Mitchell, Anthony Smith, Jenny Thompson, Sarah Thompson, Drew McKinnie, Patrick Barfield, Terry Cubley.

Regional Board: Beryl Hartley, Peter Brooks, Greg Beecroft, Lisa Turner.

Guest: Sally Crawcour, Amanda Vanderwal

Minute Secretary: Peter Brooks

AGENDA

1. **Apologies.** Ryan Driscoll, Viv Drew, Chris Bowman.
2. **Conflicts of interest.** Terry Cubley, Jenny Thompson and Lisa Turner with regard to WWGC appeal (ref Section 14).
3. **Confirmation of minutes from Board meeting held on 20 July 2022.**

MOTION (20-08)-1: *That the minutes of the GFA Board meetings held on 20 July be accepted.*

Moved: Peter Brooks, Seconded: Lindsay Mitchell. CARRIED

4. Matters Arising

- Strategic directions – *it was agreed to defer to new Board discussions until the new board has been elected at the upcoming AGM.*
- Complaint received from 'NT Soaring'....*Alf McMillan is talking to them to find out what the real issues are. Rob and Jenny are not giving up on dealing with Alice Springs GC, and trying to approach the NT land corporation. They have done a lot of flying and have sunk a lot of money into their operation. GFA should provide support where possible.*

For future reference: Consider use of a trained mediator to intervene in these cases.

Lindsay, Steve, Terry to respond to the NTS letter.

GFA to support any NT Soaring application to Bond Springs Airfield Management for leasing land.

- *The use of Gliding Australia v Gliding Federation of Australia. The board confirmed they have no reservations about last meetings decisions on use of these terminologies.*

5. Correspondence

- Reply from Victorian Education to Gliding Victoria. Viv has received an apologetic response which she was quite satisfied with. Education department will advise further.
- GFA Letter has been sent to Air Services Australia re lowering of Class E .airspace along the J curve.
- A letter received from NT Soaring (as discussed above).
- Some award nominations have been received.
- One proxy form for the AGM has been received.

6. Child Safe Legislation / National Integrity Framework – Lindsay / Amanda

- Our documents needed updating to meet Sport Integrity Australia standard. Child protection needs the most updating
- This protects the members of the club as well as people who might be in contact with the club. Drew/Amanda
- Work is classified as volunteering (because it is not getting paid).
- There are differences between states (eg SA uses the word Harm, not Abuse).
- Amanda needs 2 weeks to put something together. Lindsay will be away.
- We will have to provide education to clubs/members. Amanda knows someone with club education material.

7. Club Development – Getting The Regions Involved

- Set up some meetings with the regional committees, to encourage them to connect more with Amanda.
- Success with Qld and Vic. Where Amanda has visited the majority of clubs due to introductions via the regions.
- Amanda wants to be let clubs know they can get help.
- Amanda advised there is a \$500k grant available for SA, but she has received no expressions of interest on pursuing this.
- Update to Indemnity clauses - compare how our indemnity forms align,
- Amanda left the meeting

8. Proposed Constitution promotion to members

- A subgroup of board members - Greg, Lisa, Drew and Steve – will propose strategies for advising members of changes to the constitution.
- Requires preparation of promotional documentation..

- Need strategies for presentation to regions...webinars etc.
- EGM set for 9/11/22.

9. Part 149 update – Anthony

- Anthony needs to complete some manuals.
- He is making templates for Sharon and Ian.
- Happy to publish position descriptions now, with some TBAs.
- Needs to study change management policy.
- Needs to develop a record keeping policy.
- Has been tied down with A/W work.
- Drew gave an update on safety discussion with CASA.

10. Women's associate / Board rep – Jenny

- Need for a democratic process.
- Draft proposal for 'Supporters of Women in Gliding' (that accompanies these minutes). Asking for feedback etc.
- Will send out to all women members and to ask for nominations.

11. AGM – Terry / Sarah

- Registrations – Board members please register
- Board member nominations
 - President: Steve Pegler
 - VP- Lindsay Mitchell
 - Treasurer Chris Bowman
- Regional officer nominations. Reviewed and agreed the list.
- Trophies/Awards
 - Award nominations – are currently all board members – which may not be a good look to members.
 - Departments should be identifying and nominating their hard working volunteers, as was previous practice.
 - Discuss with Trophies officer – Kerrie Claffey

12. Other Business

- The treasurer has presented his annual financial report.

MOTION (20-08)-2: The Board accepts the Treasurer's report as an accurate statement of the GFA's financial position.

Moved Steve Pegler, Seconded Beryl Hartley. CARRIED

- What are we going to do with IT? Agreed to find a leader to seek expressions of interest for a team of people to fix the IT.
- Beryl identified an FAI Claims/JustGo issue that needs immediate attention

13. Next meetings

- AGM – 31/08/2022
- Board Meeting – Straight after the AGM
- EGM – 09/11/2022

14. WWGC Appeal – Steve

- Terry left, Lisa Left, Jenny left the meeting.
- The remaining Board members discussed the submission to ASAC appeal tribunal, resulting in the following motion:

MOTION (20-08)-3: *That the board agrees to submit the submission as prepared and presented to the Board by S. Pegler, to the ASAC independent Review Panel.*

Moved: S. Pegler, Seconded: Drew McKinnie. CARRIED.

15. Meeting End