



Queensland Recreational Aircraft Assoc. Inc
Incorporating **Warwick Aero Club**

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Minutes – Committee Meeting, 6th November, 2020

Darling Downs Hotel (commencing at 6.20pm)

Present: John Reid, Louise Neal, Wal & Lyn Chapman, Graham and Liz Hawthorne, Danny McCartin, Phil and Mary Goyne, Kelvin Hutchinson.

Apologies: Jules Hutchinson, Doug McCullough, Lyn McCartin, Mark Brandsen.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed on the motion of Phil, seconded Kelvin. All in favour.

Business Arising: No business arising.

Correspondence:

In:

Statements from Warwick Credit Union.

Out:

Letter to Southern Downs Mayor, Vic Pennisi and CEO, David Burgess with written details of our previous meeting and discussion with them.

Daily News wrote an article on the above letter following a phone call to Phil.

Unfortunately the article contained an error, but was otherwise reasonably harmless.

Correspondence - Moved Phil, Seconded Graham.

Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of our treasurer and her report, it was noted that we are in a financially sound situation and the report will be tabled at the Events Meeting scheduled for 7th November.

Moved Kelvin, seconded Danny.

Membership:

Currently we have 36 Members, 31 Associates, 5 Life members and our Patron.

Moved Kelvin, seconded Danny.

Events:

Kelvin reported that there is a 2021 Events Planning Meeting scheduled for tomorrow, 7th Nov, followed by a barbeque lunch. Please bring along any ideas for addition to our calendar.

28th Nov – QRAA Christmas Party. It was noted that we are lucky to be enjoying entertainment by a renowned duo, so discussion followed on payment. It was decided that we pay the band \$300. Moved Kelvin, seconded John.

Events report moved Kelvin, seconded Liz.

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Safety Report: Mark reported through Kelvin that there were no incidents mainly due to the lack of club events.

Moved Kelvin, seconded Phil.

General Aviation:

Wal advised that CASA has been working on general flying rules.

VFR altitudes have changed and pilots must adhere to all heights above 3000 feet (previously 5000 feet). It is apparently a prosecutable offence if not adhered to.

Wal advised of assistance given by Air Services recently when flying regarding another aircraft crossing his path. He found it to be good support.

John advised TAF3 is updated every three hours now.

All drones will be mandatorily registered from March 2022.

AOPA supported Cootamundra airfield recently by making an approach to Cootamundra council regarding the damage landing fees could do if introduced. Due to their valid argument the council are no longer pursuing landing fees. This particular article to be sent to Southern Downs council as they are considering introducing landing fees via AvData in Warwick. John to assemble information and forward to Phil for sending to SDRC. Moved Wal, Seconded Kelvin.

Phil mentioned that pilots should check icing levels when flying in winter.

Report Moved Phil, Seconded Danny.

Administration:

Danny reported that all insurances are up to date. RA Aus insurance (including membership) is due at the end of the month and GA due at the end of February.

Report moved Danny, seconded Kelvin

It was also moved that payments for insurances be approved to be paid when due.

Moved Kelvin, seconded Danny.

General Business:

- Warwick Aerodrome Terminal: Do we really want to pay to lease it? Discussion followed and it was decided to leave things as is for now and use it for storage for the time being. It was noted that if we hold any fly-in events based at the terminal in 2021 we need to carry a public liability insurance.
If the Indian Flying School decided to renew their intention to set up in Warwick we could lose the terminal anyway, as it was the council's intention to let them take over the terminal previously.
- Some members met with the Mayor and new CEO recently and discussed all the issues relating to the state of the aerodrome. This was followed up with a letter which has been acknowledged by the CEO.
It was suggested that Phil and Danny be our representatives on the consultative committee when it is formed.
When next meeting with Council, Kelvin suggested we impress on them the difference between a Registered and a Certified airfield. We need to reduce Warwick from Certified to Registered to eliminate inspections by CASA and

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subsequent costs associated with their unnecessary requirements.
Wal advised that CASA is currently changing their ratings to Certified and Uncertified which will reduce costs for smaller aerodromes.

- Kelvin noted that Andy Mack is buying his hangar and once he moves to Queensland is planning on working from both Warwick and Redcliffe. He is qualified to sign off on RA Aus and GA pilots.
- Christmas Party – will be similar format to last year, with tables set up on the taxiway and the band playing on Danny and Lyn's front verandah. Due to Covid restrictions and the caterers having to wait on the tables the price for this year will be \$36 per head. It was moved Kelvin, Seconded Liz that the club subsidise attendees with \$16, leaving the cost per person at \$20. Money to be collected on the day of the party.
Danny has a sign-on book, hand sanitiser and temperature gauge etc so we will be Covid compliant.
- Jules Hutchinson has applied for a grant for \$4999 which we intend, if successful, to put towards equipment to help with sound, vision etc for Zoom meeting attendees.

Next Committee Meeting: To be advised (towards the end of January).

Next General Meeting: To be decided at the next committee meeting.

Meeting Closed: 7.35pm

President:..... Date:.....