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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> March '24**  
**in the Southern Cross Room of the Warwick RSL**  
(ManComm 2402)

**1. Opening and Welcome**

Phil Goyne opened the meeting at 5.35pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**2. Attendance**

Phil (Chairman) and Mary Goyne, Graham and Liz Hawthorn, Kelvin Hutchinson, Danny McCartin, Mark Brandsen, Doug and Robyn McCullough and Martin and Karen Shepherd.  
Via Zoom: Wal Chapman  
Others in attendance: Noel and Bridget Tesch and Lou Merritt.

**3. Apologies**

John Reid and Jules Hutchinson

**4. Minutes of the previous meeting (ManComm2401)**

The minutes of the meeting held in the Southern Cross Room at the Warwick RSL and by Zoom on 25<sup>th</sup> January '24 had been circulated by email.  
Moved Phil Goyne, seconded by Mark Brandsen that the minutes as circulated be adopted – carried.

**5. Business arising from the minutes**

5.1 Outstanding issues with SDRC in regard to YWCK.  
Phil Goyne noted that a meeting had been held with the CEO and Michael Bell and this would be discussed later (see General Business 13.1).

## **6. Correspondence**

### 6.1 Inward

WCU Fixed Term Deposit rollover certificate

P.O. Box renewal

### 6.2 Outward

There was no outward correspondence

6.3 Email Log. The log had been circulated prior to the meeting. The updated email log will be attached to the minutes to be circulated.

It was moved by Martin Shepherd and seconded by Graham Hawthorne that the Inward Correspondence be received and the Outward Correspondence adopted – carried.

## **7. Financial Report**

Karen Shepherd spoke to her report (already circulated to the Committee).

Kelvin Hutchinson reported that he had been sent the account for the QRAA website for \$54.23. The Treasurer requested that it be given to her.

It was moved by Phil Goyne and seconded by Danny McCartin that the amount be paid – carried.

Karen moved her report for acceptance, seconded by Phil Goyne and carried.

## **8. Membership Report**

Kelvin Hutchinson reported that the membership was the same as that tabled at the last meeting. Phil Goyne read out the report.

Kelvin moved (on behalf of Jules Hutchinson) that the report be accepted, seconded by Doug McCullough and carried.

## **9. Events**

Kelvin Hutchinson reported that the only event that we had in our calendar was 'Jumpers and Jazz' on 21<sup>st</sup> July '24. He said that for the Tenterfield event it had been too blustery. The AGM was set down for 21<sup>st</sup> September '24. It was resolved that the Christmas Party be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December '24 at a venue to be advised. Kelvin offered his home.

A discussion took place regarding the proposed visit to Jabiru and Bundaberg and also Lady Elliott Island. No dates were set for this or a visit to Broken Hill.

Kelvin Hutchinson moved his report for acceptance, seconded by Graham Hawthorn – carried.

## **10. OH&S**

Mark Brandsen said that there had not been any incidents and that everything had been safe.

He moved this report for acceptance, seconded by Phil Goyne and carried.

## **11. GA Report**

Wal Chapman referred to his previous report on the Class 5 medical. He said that this was now up and running. He spoke about the requirements for self-assessment under the new policy.

He went on to speak about CO detectors and said that electronic detectors were now recommended over the old 'patch' type.

Wal moved his report for acceptance, seconded by Kelvin Hutchinson and carried.

## **12. Administration**

Danny McCartin reported that all insurances were up-to-date except RAAUs from whom we are awaiting confirmation. Danny moved his report for acceptance, seconded by Mark Brandsen - carried.

## **13 General Business**

13.1 Phil Goyne reported on the meeting with the SDRC (CEO Dave Burges and Michael Bell – notes taken circulated with minutes). Phil said that he asked where the \$30,000 cameras went which were put in by Council and then not used as the Council switched to AVData for revenue and Michael Bell didn't know. Phil then asked Graham Hawthorne to speak about his research into Landing Fees at YWCK compared to other aerodromes (Graham's notes circulated with the minutes). Phil reported that we were asked to make a submission to Council.

Phil Goyne then spoke about the various submissions made over the years on the Terminal Building. He said that we had been told at the meeting about a 'Master Plan' and that QRAA would be invited to make a submission (Stage II). There was a further discussion on the water situation and Graham Hawthorn reported on what he had told the Council meeting in regard to no water in the toilets. Other issues raised were the storm water problem at Danny's hangar and the entry gates not meeting CASA security requirements. The mess around the hangar next to Graham Hawthorne's hangar was discussed and Phil stated that the Council had it wrong in saying that they could not request that the mess be cleaned up because of the private ownership. Phil had determined that the occupier was not the owner. Parachuting was also mentioned, but no resolution was gained.

There was then a long discussion on the status of YWCK as a certified aerodrome, but it was agreed that there would be no change back to an ALA.

Kelvin Hutchinson advised the meeting that Dave Burges was about to leave the SDRC.

13.2 Landing fees. Phil Goyne asked what the Gliding Club were doing in regard to landing fees. Noel Tesch related how the Gliding Club had gone direct to Council to negotiate a fixed fee. He also related how radio calls are no longer mandatory when landing at Warwick Aerodrome after an incident between the Gliding Club and a twin-engine aircraft that had landed during gliding operations without making a radio call. Noel had checked on this and said that it was true that there are no mandatory radio calls. He said therefore that pilots will not make radio calls to avoid paying landing fees (*which at YWCK is \$13.00 minimum for 20 minutes*). There was further discussion on how pilots are avoiding fees by the use of false call-signs. It was noted that this is illegal. Noel related further at Caboolture, there are no landing fees, but that Caboolture insist that pilots make radio calls and they do.

Kelvin Hutchinson asked why QRAA did not negotiate a fixed landing fee with the Council as the Gliding Club had? Martin Shepherd reported that the Council had offered this at least a year ago and QRAA had not taken it up.

(see Secretary's "Notes taken during a meeting with SDRC Officers at 2.30pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February '22":

### **Landing Fees**

*Keith Clarke explained that the charge was \$277.00 per annum, half of which was payable in January. It covered non-commercial operators. Keith should be notified if an invoice for the annual subscription is required. The fees may be reviewed in the budget.*

*AVData have been collecting the fees since 1<sup>st</sup> January '22 at \$12.00 per tonne (Jabiru approx. 600Kg). One landing fee lasts for 20 minutes for those doing practice landings. The Gliding Club have an annual*

*fee negotiated with the Council. Council would be open to negotiations from QRAA members in this regard.”)*

Noel Tesch went on to report that there was a big push by the recreational users to get the (flying) schools to pay landing fees because of the damage done by the schools, particularly in the wet, to the runways. He also said that having done a cost-benefit analysis, Caboolture had determined that there was no benefit to the Club in having landing fees.

Phil Goyne reported that the Aircraft and Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) had released a video on the case against landing fees and there not being a benefit, which Phil had shared with the SDRC at one of our earlier meetings (*as referenced above - 21<sup>st</sup> Feb '22*).

Noel further stated that he thought that if there was just one accident at YWCK and it was found to be due to a lack of a radio call, the legal fees involved would entirely negate any funds raised through landing fees; this was the case with the recent Caboolture accident.

#### **14. Next Meeting**

No date was set for the next meeting.

#### **15. Close**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.26pm, thanked everyone for their attendance and input and invited them to join him in the dining room.

Certified as a true and correct record of proceedings:

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Chairman

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Secretary