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Minutes of the 68th Annual General Meeting

Held at the Clubrooms on Sunday 30 April 2017 at 2:00 pm.

Present:

The president noted that a quorum was present and declared the meeting open.

Apologies:

The secretary read out the list of apologies. That apologies be accepted was moved by Bruce Turner, seconded Bill Beard. Carried.

Minutes of the 2016 AGM on 17/04/16

The 2016 Minutes were read by the president and their acceptance was moved by Jim Evans, seconded Peter Austin. Carried.

Matters Arising from the minutes: None.

President's Report:

Warren Sly read his report. The contents of the President's Report are attached.

Phil Welcome spoke about the report and said he felt that it did not represent what has happened during the year and is short of information. Jim Evans commented that the Executive Meeting Minutes had been copied to all members during the year to keep all informed. Phil criticised the rushed installation of the Stark hangar. Ray Stark said that the Club had been very supportive and Stark Air pay a fair rent.

Evan Wheeler said that the hangar sub-committee had only been set up in the last two months. Warren Sly said that he considered the Presidents Report was a fair summary of events taking into account a number of non-budgeted long-term maintenance costs that have arisen this year.

A motion that his report be accepted was moved by Des Gyde, seconded Wally Pendray.

Financial Report:

Philip Hart presented the Financial Statements. He commented that the Club was in a very strong financial position and reviewed each item in the Statements. \$15K was spent on urgent re-roofing of the main hangar and this will appear in the 2018 reports. The club aircraft MBA flew fewer hours this year mainly due to poor weather. The air ambulance writeoff was due to the helicopter trust not taking over the trust that was set up for them. Land transfers were the result of settlement of the TCDC land swap agreement.

His reports are attached.

The status of the loan to the NZAF was queried. Evan Wheeler said that the loan is for 5 years at 10% interest and annual interest payments are being received.

Brian Wigley proposed that the Financial Statements be accepted, seconded Grant Biel. The meeting voted unanimously in favour.

Election of Officers:

Voting was required for President and Vice president. The President requested that voting be carried out by paper ballot. This was moved by Jim Evans, seconded Devon Samuel and carried. During the vote counting the Secretary took the Chair.

Votes were counted and scrutineered by JPs Walter Russell and Paul Kelly with the results:

President:

Warren Sly 20

Bill Beard 27. Bill Beard was duly elected.

Vice President:

Jim Evans 21

Brian Wigley 26 Brian Wigley was duly elected.

The 2017-18 officers are:

President: Bill Beard

Vice President: Brian Wigley

Secretary: Bruce Turner

Liaison Officer: Wally Pendray

Flying Section: Alan Coubray and Evan Wheeler

Models Section: Gary Sarginson

No Club Patron is currently appointed.

It was moved that voting papers be destroyed by Evan Wheeler and seconded by Jim Evans. The motion was carried unanimously.

Subscriptions:

\$75 – Ordinary

\$98 – Family

\$35 – Junior

\$75 – Bulk Landing Fee

A motion that subscriptions remain the same was moved by Wally Pendray and seconded by Tony Turner, carried.

Election of an Auditor and Accountant:

Philip Hart explained that the government have made new laws requiring auditors for clubs to be licensed and they could no longer use accountants such as himself. If any auditor is appointed they must be a professional auditing firm.

Stephan Bosman moved that no auditor be appointed pending review of the Constitution, seconded Des Gyde and carried.

Notice of Motion

Two Notices of Motion to were received and are attached.

1. Proposed by Philip Hart, seconded Stephan Bosman that the meeting approve a committee of Philip Hart, Stephan Bosman, the club president, plus invited members to undertake a review of the Constitution and present for adoption after a consultative process by 30th September 2017.

Philip Hart spoke to the Notice and said rule changes have been made by IRD that determine a club's non-profit status and the Club Constitution needs to carefully reviewed to ensure that it is correctly worded.

The proposed remit was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

2. Proposed by Warren Sly, seconded Doug St George that the meeting approve the cancellation of membership of Flying New Zealand in favour of the continued affiliation with RAANZ.

Warren Sly explained that there is very little benefit from the affiliation fees paid to Flying NZ and most flying members already pay the RAANZ annual membership of \$75.

John Gemmell commented that RNZAC (Flying NZ) do a lot of dealing with the Government on our behalf.

Evan Wheeler said that the club would lose access to FAI input and to Flying NZ competitions.

Peter Walton said that Flying NZ membership gives reciprocal rights when flying in other countries.

Phil Welcome suggested that we stay one more year as Flying NZ is working on becoming a microlight organization.

Bill Beard said we have been members of RNZAC for nearly 70 years and it might affect the use of the Aero Club title.

Stephan Bosman said it should be deferred while the Constitution is being re-written.

A vote was held by show of hands, result: 1 For and all others Against. The remit proposal was not approved.

General Business:

Evan Wheeler said that CAA had put out a questionnaire regarding Class 2 Medicals giving lower cost options for other than commercial pilots. Club members should read and return the form, option 4 is recommended.

Brian Wigley said landing fees continue to be a difficult issue and it would help if all pilots used the correct calls. He spends about 12 hours each month logging the calls to allow invoicing. Ray Stark suggested better signage should be put up and possibly a second landing fee box.

Russell Pemberton offered his civil engineering experience in supervising any carpark rework.

Bill Beard thanked members for their support and the meeting ended at 3:40 pm.

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Attachments: 1 President's Report.
2 & 3 Financial & Auditor report
4,5 Notice of Motion for rule changes