

MERCURY BAY AERO CLUB INCORPORATED

Minutes of AGM on Saturday 6th April 2019



6th April 2019 at 1430 – at the Club House Cafe

Apologies:

A list of apologies was compiled and entered in the Apologies Register.

Quorum:

The President announced that a quorum had not been reached as there were 24 members present and 32 needed to be present to satisfy the Rules. He asked Philip Hart for advice on how to proceed. Philip Hart expressed the opinion that the meeting could continue provided there were no elections or motions/remits on the agenda to be voted on. On this assumption, the matter was spoken to by Grant Biel and discussed and at the unanimous agreement of all members present it was agreed the meeting should proceed.

MINUTES of previous AGM on 12th May 2018 taken as read and approved.

Moved by Grant Biel. Seconded by Alan Coubray - Carried.

MATTERS ARISING:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Bill Beard presented his President's Report which is included as **Appendix A** below.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS:

In addition to the official published Financial Statements Philip Hart had prepared and handed out a summary financial performance analysis to members. This is shown as Annexure B below and includes a budget for the 2020 year.

He reported that the Club's finances are in good order and the 2019 Financial Year had produced a very good result. He went through explanations of individual items in the accounts. Nearly all items showed positive results compared to previous years. He made the comment that the committee needed to be carefully consider the mid to long term financial (5 Year Plan) to maintain this trend.

Questions then went to the floor:-

Comments were received from Jim Evans, Kevin Rintoul, Peter Walton, Grant Biel, John Geary and Peter McVinnie in relation to Income Tax, Flying Scholarships, free recreational landing fees, improvements to the runway surface (including watering during dry periods) and Flying New Zealand membership. All matters were generally discussed and left to the new Committee to consider in more detail during the course of the forthcoming year. Grant Biel stated that as there had been no dissenting voice regarding the financials, even though a motion was not official, he would propose the financials be adopted. Gavin Magill seconded his motion and the unofficial motion was passed unanimously by the meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

As there were only one nomination for each position on the Executive Committee the following officers are elected unopposed:

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- President – Bill Beard.
- Vice President – Brian Wigley.
- Secretary – Rex de Bettencor.
- Liaison Officer – Wally Pendray.
- Flying Section – Peter McVinnie.
- Flying Section – Evan Wheeler.
- Model Section – Tony Turner.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Evan Wheeler reported on the progress of the new Hangar project.

Two lots of 6 hangars now completed, sold and occupied.

The Speedway lease has expired, and they have vacated the track.

The Club is funding the airport infrastructure development by way of concrete taxiways servicing the new hangar complex. This is funded by a deferred payback arrangement over 8 years by the hangar owners.

It is planned to proceed with a second row of twelve (12) "T" hangars and 4 (presold) larger hangars. Ground preparations to get underway immediately with planned completion by next summer. There is no financial risk to the Club. All hangars are/will be presold.

Jim Evans raised the subject that committee minutes are not being circulated to all members. It was explained to the meeting that this imposes a time burden on the volunteer Executives in that the minutes need to be edited to remove commercially sensitive information prior to what would be virtually public circulation of Committee Minutes. The committee will endeavour to keep members advised of Committee matters via the monthly Newsletter.

Jim Evans also complained that he did not receive the email with the AGM Meeting notice with nomination/voting papers. The Club's records presented to the meeting show the email (including two attachments) was sent to 162 recipients on 6th March 2019 and all the Club Rules relating to advertising and promoting the AGM had been complied with.

The President specifically thanked the Executive members for their efforts resulting in an extremely successful year for the Club and acknowledged participating members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 15:34 and invited those in attendance for drinks sponsored by our club sponsor Avsure.



APPENDIX A

2019 President Report

A warm welcome to everyone and thank you for your attendance.

The Club financial results are the best in as long as I can remember with a Cash Surplus of nearly 95K and this without any property Rights Income from Waterways. Our Accountant Philip Hart will report in more detail when he tables the Financial Results which is the next item on the agenda.

Club Membership

Flying Members	133	(an increase of	11)
Models	20		

RV-12 Flying Activity

The RV-12 continues to be instrumental in attracting new flying members since its acquisition, MBA has flown 235 hours for the financial year ending February 2019 up somewhat on last year's 158hrs. About 50% is dual training

MBA only recently underwent its 1000hr check.

Notwithstanding the relatively low hourly charge-out rate, operating revenue substantially exceeds direct and indirect costs.

New RV

Last year the committee reviewed our future aircraft requirements. A slot came available on the Mercury Bay Area School (MBAS) RV-12 construction programme and having the funds available the decision was made to purchase outright a second RV-12 with delivery towards towards the end of this year.

The new Committee will nearer the time consider whether to retain both aircraft or sell (or syndicate) the older one depending upon utilization and demand at the time.

Car Park

Having recovered some \$15,000 through the Small Claim Court from the original Contractor the Committee decided to complete the hot-mix surface and line-marking. We are very happy with the end result.



Airfield Drainage

There are still some aspects to resolve. Council have completed more rectification work during the year and notwithstanding more record rainfalls last winter the main runway remained serviceable all year.

We are still negotiating with Council to re-position the drain running along the northern boundary over the fence onto council property (the Sheriff Block) and to move the Twin Culvert discharge point at the runway intersection over to Council land.

Hopefully this will be resolved in June/July this year.

New 'T' Hangars

The 2nd block of six (6) 'T' hangars have been completed and have been allocated to Club members in order of priority on the waiting list. With the Speedway Club's lease of the Track now expired ground preparation for the next hangar development is now underway. Subject to demand and upfront deposits it is proposal to construct a further twelve (12) 'T' hangars and possibly 3 to 4 full sized hangars to be ready in November/December 2019.

Evan Wheeler has been managing the project on behalf of the committee and will provide a briefing on the future plans and answer any questions following Philip Hart's financial presentation.

The committee is ever mindful of maintaining a balance between providing benefits and financial stability for today's members and planning and providing for the needs of tomorrow.

Air Park Development

As mentioned earlier, the "windfall" income from Waterways property sales on the Airpark has dried up pending development of stage three at the south eastern end of the main runway but I'm advised this development has been deferred for 2-3 years.

The Council's Proposed Variation '2' has been resolved and is now operative which has not impacted or limited future aircraft operations.

Café

Regrettably we have made no progress with finding a satisfactory leasee for the Café. We had a few enquires following a full-page advertisement in the Informer but no bites. We will continue to seek expressions of interest with a view to getting it operational again next summer.

Aviation Events

Assisted by the existence of the Hangar Function Centre MBAC is maintaining popularity as a destination for aviation events and over the past year we have hosted the: -

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- Flying NZ/Regional Competitions, and
- The National Woman in NZ Aviation Annual Rally

Unfortunately, the visit by the Great Northern Air Race was cancelled due to weather.

With the Café and deck being now available for Club functions members have made good use of the facilities with several club BBQ's and pot luck dinners.

Flying visits to various destinations??

Competitions??

Volunteers

I would again recognise the efforts and contributions of my colleague Executive Committee members and volunteers within the Club who provide the essential services.

There're a few people who stand out and I'd take this opportunity to step away from tradition by thanking them personally for their individual efforts over the past year.

- In particular I would like to mention **Tony Turner** who is the Club 'fix it' man' Tony is virtually here at the airport every day and on call 24/7. Tony addresses everything from repairing fences, plugging water leaks, repairing hangar doors, filling in holes, spraying weeds, assisting Jim Evans with MBA's maintenance checks and generally keeping the place shipshape. Virtually all the credit for the airfield looking so good is due to Tony's efforts. Tony heads up the airfield maintenance subcommittee supported by the runway mowing team of **Peter McVinnie** and **Keith Skilling**.
- Then there's the volunteer Flight Instructor team comprising **Wally Pendray, Allan Coubray, Peter McVinnie, & our honorary CFI, Phil Welcome**. We are fortunate to be able to call on such a wealth of flying experience. Wally also produces the monthly newsletter and keeps the officer & surrounding areas clean and tidy.
- The monitoring of aircraft movement is instrumental to the major source of landing fee income and we want to thank **Brian Wigley** for the immense amount of time he spends listening to every transmission on 124.50 frequency to establish who lands here which only equates to some 3-4% of the time spent listening mainly to garbage transmissions. Others in the landing fee team includes **Martin Little** who downloads the transmission files every week, **Bruce Turner and Lydia** and those involved in cross checking the registrations against the CAA registry, reconciling those who are bulk landing contributors and who have paid by internet or cash and finally the invoicing which is now right up to date. There're no shortcuts we have looked at all the alternative. Many thanks to all.
- **Evan Wheeler** together with **Philip Hart** are our Property Management Sub-committee. Evan is the clubs tireless Project Manager for the T hangar building

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program. Evan and Phil in addition have their own businesses to run out of town but also manages to make it to our Saturday morning Committee meetings every month.

- Then we have our finance Sub Committee comprising **Philip, Evan** and Bruce **Turner**. This is the team that controls income and expenses and manages rentals and other income streams. They are professionals and the club couldn't have better finance direction.
- Also, thanks to **Lydia** our Administrator for her additional Club spirit and enthusiasm in organising the social events this past year years and the members and ladies who assisted.

Thank you everyone.

To Conclude:

With the exception of the Secretarial position, all the incumbent committee are standing again unopposed. Due to work pressures, Bruce Turner has stood aside as Secretary and the only nomination for Secretary was Rex De Bettencor – an aircraft owner and new resident at the Airpark. Bruce will however continue to assist with the day to days accounting and continue as an adviser on the Finance and Property Management Sub Committees.

For the benefit of new members in attendance today, I would like now to introduce the Club Officers who will stand again unopposed: -

There's myself as	<i>President</i>
Vice -President	<i>Brian Wigley</i>
Liaison Officer	<i>Wally Pendray</i>
Secretary	<i>Rex De Bettencor</i>
Flying Section Representatives	<i>Evan Wheeler</i> <i>Peter McVinnie</i>
Model Section Representative	<i>Tony Turner</i>

Well, this is the Club 71th year and still going strong. We all owe a debt of gratitude to previous officers and committees that helped set the Club's foundations

Thank you everyone again for your attendance and support.

Bill Beard
President
06.04.2019