

**MERCURY BAY AERO CLUB INCORPORATED**  
**Minutes of AGM on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020**



**27<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 1430 – at the Club House Cafe**

**Welcome:**

The President welcomed those present and announced that a quorum had been reached.

**Apologies:**

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

**MINUTES of previous AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019** taken as read and approved.

Moved by Gavin Magill. Seconded by Brian Wigley - Carried.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

The President asked the meeting to pause in silence for Jim Evans and Peter Austin who had passed away in 2019.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

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

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS:**

Philip Hart reported that the Club's finances are in good order and the 2020 Financial Year had produced another good result. He went through explanations of individual items in the accounts. These included concrete taxiways and development expenses relating mainly to the new hangar project. He highlighted the increasing income due to ground rent receipts on the new hangars. This will be even greater in the future as the new hangars come on stream. He mentioned that the NZ Aviation Federation had paid the \$40k loan early which had resulted in additional "penalty" interest to the Club at an even more favourable rate. Interest in the 2020/21 financial year will be considerably down because of low rates.

Questions then went to the floor:-

Gavin Magill questioned the cost of the recent runway reseeding project. Tony Turner answered that it had cost \$3,500 which was less than original budget.

The financial accounts were accepted.

Moved by Peter Walton. Seconded by Evan Wheeler - Carried.

**NEW HANGAR PROJECT:**

Evan Wheeler reported that although the project was behind schedule progress was being made at a rapid rate. Delays had been caused by the consent process, sand moving, and Geotech process and especially the unprecedented Covid-19 situation. Of the 18 hangars being constructed there were two of the smaller t-hangars and one big hangar still on offer to members, although it is expected they will be taken up very soon. Concrete taxiways will still need to be laid and the connection of electricity will be negotiated.

The President invited attendees to view progress on the new hangars at the conclusion of the meeting.

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### COMPETITION AND AWARDS:

John Gemmell reported on the completions he had organised and presented some beautifully crafted wooden bird awards together with a trophy where applicable: The recipients were:

Airmanship – Cara Bosman.

Spot Landings – Peter McVinnie.

Coombs Cup (Clay bird event) – Tony Gong.

Presidents Service award – Bill Beard.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND RATIFICATION OF RULE CHANGES REMIT:

The President talked on the Notice of Motion Remit to the Rule changes as per **Appendix B** below.

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

- President – Brian Wigley.
- Vice President – Evan Wheeler.
- Secretary – Lydia Anthony.
- Club Captain – John Gemmell.
- Treasurer – Bruce Turner.
- Ordinary Member – Bill Beard.
- Flying Section – Peter Walton.
- Flying Section – Eddie Maclean.
- Model Section – Tony Turner.

Subscriptions will remain at the same levels for the 2020/21 year.

The above three items were moved by Gavin Magill. Seconded by Martin Little - Carried.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

Gavin Magill asked about progress in regard to irrigation of the runway. Tony Turner answered that, while this was still work in progress, several alternatives had already been examined. The estimated cost of a bore was in excess of \$50k.

Alan Coubray asked about a concrete taxiway for the old existing hangar block. Bill Beard responded that this will be on the agenda for the new committee.

Alan Warner and John Street thanked Evan Wheeler for his efforts in co-ordinating the new hangar project.

John Street asked about resurrecting the Club Café, even if only over the summer months, by offering incentives to a prospective lessee. Bill Beard and Philip Hart responded that a lot of effort had already been expended in an attempt to obtain someone to run the café.

Unfortunately to date, all such efforts had been unsuccessful.

Evan Wheeler addressed the meeting on the current status on the CAA DL9 medical.



**APPENDIX A**

## **2020 President Report**

Welcome to the 72<sup>nd</sup> Mercury Bay Aero Club's AGM. Thank you all for your attendance.

Firstly, I would ask for a brief pause in proceedings and a moment to remember Jim Evans and Peter Austin who passed-away in the past year. Both Jim & Peter were past Committee members & were foundation organisers & mentors on the MBA school RV12 build programme – the latest of which is nearing completion and is on display in the hangar today. The Club owes a debt of gratitude to Jim & Pete for the role they played in the advancement of the Club. Please stand for a moment in their memory.

Thankyou ladies and gentlemen.

I will now look back over the past year.

### **Financial Position**

I am very pleased to report that the Club's financial position remains strong. 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**

As at the end of the financial year we had a total of 153 members comprising 135 Flying & 18 models

### **RV-12 Flying Activity**

The RV-12 MBA continues to be instrumental in attracting new members. For the 12 months ending February 2020 it flew in total 207hrs, down 30hrs from the previous year mainly attributable to the Covid-19 grounding. The aircraft has flown 1205 hours since new. As the aircraft gets older maintenance costs are increasing but notwithstanding the low hourly charge-out rate to members operating revenue substantially exceeds direct & indirect operating costs.

### **New RV**

Due to Jim Evans passing & the COVID-19 lockdown the new RV build programme is well behind schedule, but completion is expected in August 2020. The Club has paid for the new aircraft in full and the new Committee will make a final decision whether to retain both aircraft or sell or preferably syndicate MBA locally and have the new RV registered MBB as the Club flagship.

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### Airfield Maintenance

Generally, the Airfield & buildings are in good shape. The main runway surface deteriorated due to the long drought but during the Covid-19 lockdown we took the opportunity to re-turf the centre section of the main runway which is recovering well.

A taxiway has been established parallel to runway 04/22 as far as the cross runway. We are however still awaiting on TCDC assistance to move the open drain at the runway intersection to extend the taxiway along the full operating length of the main runway.

Other general improvements carried out during the year included: -

- Moving the fuel tanker to a more accessible position in a new 20ft container adjacent to the line of semi-detached hangars.
- New Concrete apron adjacent to the fuel pumps.
- Purchase of a fertilizer spreader for the runway.

### Birds

We have had a major problem with upward of 200 Canadian Geese & Paradise Ducks resulting in a major bird strike incident in March this year. We looked at using Rotorworks Helicopter and DOC Shooters but the geese were never around when the shooters & the helicopter was available. Subsequently we organised a local group of enthusiasts who have eradicated the majority of the geese & nearly all the ducks.

### New Hangar Project

Before you leave today after the meeting, take a look at the new hangar development over the back where the Speedway track was. Although running behind schedule the contractors are now making good progress with two (2) blocks of six T hangars and six full size hangars.

Evan Wheeler has been managing the project on behalf of the Committee and will provide an update for you and answer any questions following Philip Harts financial presentation.

### Hangar Function Centre & Café

Notwithstanding the temporary halt of functions and weddings over the past few months future bookings look good going into spring & summer. Likewise, with the Café which has been closed for the past year we have renewed interest from outside interests in getting it open again for next summer.

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### Aviation & Club Events

Only a couple of significant events over the past year. We hosted the Tiger Moth New Zealand Safari and the Club Open Day on 28 December 2019 was a resounding success. Fortunately, the weather God's smiled on us and it was a great day.

John Gemmell the Club Captain 'elect' has over the past year rejuvenated some Club flying competitions & events which have been well patronized. John will give us a run down on past & future events he has planned and there are also a few trophies to present – the first time that's happened in many years. Thanks again to Lydia for her continued Club spirit who has organised several Club BBQ's & Pot luck dinners.

Some matters we had hoped to get achieved over the past year such as the re-write of the Club Rules are on the back burner for action by the new Committee.

### Volunteers

Once again, it's time to recognise the efforts & contributions of my colleague Executive Committee members and volunteers within the Club who provide all essential services.

- All our flight instructors offer their services voluntarily. These being **Peter McVinnie, Steve Chilcott & Allan Coubray. Wally Pendray** resigned from flying duties & the Committee during the year but still produces the newsletter.
- The Airfield Maintenance Sub Committee comprising **Tony Turner & Peter McVinnie** work tirelessly to keep the airfield and facilities safe and serviceable.
- **Brian Wigley** does a mammoth job monitoring recorded VHF transmissions for the collection of landing fees which this year totalled an all-time record income of over \$30,000.00.
- The finance team comprising **Lydia Anthony, Bruce Turner, Evan Wheeler & Philip Hart** controls income & expenditure, lease & rentals, and other income streams.
- **Rex deBettencor** recently resigned the position of secretary but fortunately Lydia our administrator over the last couple of years thankfully has stepped in to cover the position.

### To Conclude:

We have been light on Committee members over the past few years and hence our Special COVID-19 electronic meeting during lockdown to enlarge & restructuring Committee with a couple of new positions.

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Wally Pendray resigned during the year & Rex deBettencor declined standing again as Secretary and likewise Peter McVinnie declined nomination for the Committee this year.

In accordance with the rules we send out application forms to every member seeking nominations to serve on the Committee every year. We have not received a single nomination from members for the last three years. This leaves the burden on the existing Committee to recommend the appropriate continuity of people to look after the interest of the Club. The Club has assets exceeding \$2½ M and existing & new hangars under constructions on behalf of Club members an additional \$3M plus.

Accordingly, there being only one nomination for each available position, a ballot is not required.

Having completed three years as president I step aside this year in accordance with the rules.

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

President	<i>Brian Wigley</i>
Vice -President	Evan Wheeler
Club Captain	<i>John Gemmell</i>
Secretary	<i>Lydia Anthony</i>
Treasurer	Bruce Turner
Ordinary Committee Member	Bill Beard
Flying Section Representatives	<i>Eddie McLean</i> <i>Peter Walton</i>
Model Section Representative	<i>Tony Turner</i>

Well, the Club enters its 73<sup>rd</sup> year 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

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**APPENDIX B**

**Mercury Bay Aero Club Inc**  
**Remit to 2020 Annual General Meeting**

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Notice of Motion – Rule changes

To Ratify changes proposed at the Special Meeting – 09 May 2020

**Rule 13.7** The Executive shall consist of a minimum of nine made up as follows: -

**Rule 13.7.2 Officers** The President, The Vice President, The Secretary, The Treasurer and The Club Captain

**Rule 13.12 Quorum** Five members of the Executive are required to form a quorum.

**Rule 12.5** **General Meeting 'Quorum'** At all General Meetings of the Club (including the AGM) a quorum will be the greater of fifteen members present in person or 15% of all the members entitled to vote on the subject matter present in person.

**Rule 14.4** (Delete Reference to Liaison Officer)  
**Club Captain:** The duties of the Club Captain shall be at the direction of the Executive

**Rule 14.4.1** To Maintain full co-ordination of the Clubs flying and social activities.

**Rule 14.4.2** To exercise the functions generally assigned to an Aero Club Captain.

**Rule 14.4.3** Deleted

**Proposer:** Bill Beard

**Seconder:** Bruce Turner

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