



THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF WORLD WAR 1 AERO HISTORIANS

General Meeting : Saturday 18 August 2007

Venue: The North Sydney Club. **Chairman:** John Baker

Commenced : 1335

- 1) **Apologies:** M Crisp, G Mullens, K Murray
- 2) **Attendance:** 19
- 3) **Minutes:** Minutes of the General Meeting of 19 May 2007 were confirmed.
Accepted (m) D White **(s)** S Drew

4) Business Arising from the Minutes:

- a) Norfolk Island – Roy Bell plaque

The plaque will, be produced in the very near future by Ray Withnell, and it should be installed on Norfolk before our November meeting.

- b) Kirribilli Club Progress

At present, the Club expects to re-open in October but, to be safe, the Society AGM will be held at the North Sydney Club.

- c) Visit to Private Museum in Mona Vale

The visit will now probably take place in November, after the AGM. There was a request from the floor that Public Transport arrangements for travel to Mona Vale should be investigated and promulgated prior to the visit. **This was agreed.**

5) Correspondence:

Nil, other than newsletters from NZ Aviation Historical Society and junk mail.

6) Office Bearer Reports:

- a) **President:**

The President drew to the attention of Members the latest issue of the AWM Journal Wartime, where there is mention of an exhibit on Great War aviation opening in 2008.

Sadly, the meeting was told of the passing of Peter Chapman's younger sister in a motor accident in Auckland. The meeting passed a **Motion of Condolence** moved by D White and seconded by K Keohane.

b) V.P. Administration:

David Gardner from the RAAF Museum is to address the AGM.

The administrative arrangements for the afternoon's Bring, Buy and Barter session were outlined for members.

Thanks to the efforts of S Drew, three new DVDs have been added to the Society's collection.

c) V.P. Special Projects:

David Gardner from the RAAF Museum is to speak on the Great War aspects of the RAAF Museum, and the preservation of aircraft from the period at the AGM.

d) Treasurer/Membership Secretary

As at 18 August, the Society had a total of 111 members and 7 non-member organisations. The bank balance exceeds \$5000.

e) Newsletter Editor:

The new colour drawings of AFC aircraft for the newsletter masthead should be in use by the November issue.

f) Librarian:

Members have been pleasingly active in borrowing items from the library. Up to date library lists are available for members.

g) Liaison Co-Ordinator:

N/A

h) Journal Editor:

The Journal is progressing well, and a new colour printer has been purchased.

i) Secretary:

Nil.

Acceptance of Reports: The above reports were accepted.

(m) J Weingarth

(s) M Lax

7) General Business:

- a) M Lax drew to the meeting's attention the recent passing of William Young in Western Australia, at the age of 107; he was the last survivor of the Royal Flying Corps.
- b) M Lax moved that the Society bring Peter Chapman to Sydney for the AGM, paying his fares and accommodation. This was seconded by D Perkins and **agreed** by acclamation.

8) Raffle Draw: *Talking to the Red Baron* was won by P Briscoe; *The World's Greatest Bombers* was won by **someone else(?)**

9) Next Meeting: The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 17 November 2007, at the North Sydney Club, commencing at 1.30pm.

10) Close: The meeting closed at 1412

President

Secretary