



THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF WORLD WAR 1 AERO HISTORIANS

45th Annual General Meeting : Saturday 16 November 2007

Minutes

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

Commenced : 1405

- 1) **Apologies:** M Baker, P Chapman, J O'Farrell, G Ruddock
- 2) **Attendance:** 22 members
- 3) **Minutes:** Minutes of the General Meeting of August 2007 were confirmed.
Accepted (m) S Drew **(s)** M Lax

4) **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

a) Norfolk Island – Roy Bell plaque

Greg Mullens advised that the cost of making the plaque has proved to be much greater than anticipated. However, Ray Withnell can and will produce the plaque, but that the completion date remains unknown; the plaque will be installed as soon as possible.

b) Kirribilli Club Progress

John Goble reported that the Kirribilli Club opened on 29 October, but that on inspection it appears that the new establishment may not suit our purposes, as it is based on an 'open plan' concept, where private meetings may be impossible. We await formal advice from the Club management. Meanwhile, the North Sydney Club remains a viable option.

c) Visit to Private Museum in Mona Vale

Greg Mullens has arranged a visit to the Museum on 22 November, and interested members were requested to call him prior to the visit.

5) Correspondence: Nil, other than newsletters from NSW Aviation Historical Society and junk mail

6) Office Bearer Reports:

a) President: John Baker thanked Peter Chapman and David Perkins for their sterling efforts in producing the *Journal* and *Newsletter* to a very high standard. He then advised that all Members of the Executive Committee were re-applying for their current positions.

b) V.P. Administration: John Goble announced that the 2007 Journals were available for collection by the Members present. He then went on to outline the proposed arrangements for a General Meeting in Canberra in May 2008.

c) V.P. Special Projects: Nil

d) Treasurer/Membership Secretary : Mike Crisp reported that we finished the year with 114 Members and some \$4650 in the bank account, though this will diminish to about \$4000 after some received accounts have been paid.

e) Newsletter Editor: David Perkins told the meeting that feedback from members regarding the revised *Newsletter* format has been very favourable. He also told the meeting that Colin Owers has donated a DVD of the 1930s German movie *D.III 88*.

e) Librarian: Peter Williams advised that thanks to the arrival of various journals, the Society's Library continues to grow. See the attached report.

f) Liaison Co-Ordinator: Greg Mullens told the meeting that the visit to the Armadillo Aeronautical Museum will take place on 22 November, and interested members were requested to contact him prior to that date. See the attached report.

h) Journal Editor: Nil

i) Secretary: Nil

Acceptance of Reports: The above reports were accepted.

(m) M Travers

(s) D Perkins

7) General Business:

a) Due to increasing costs, especially those related to the *Journal*, it will be necessary to increase Society Fees for 2009 by \$5.00.

b) The following program is proposed for Meetings in 2008:

Feb – Guest Speakers
May – Trip to Canberra
Aug – Auction
Nov – AGM

c) The Executive has resolved that the Pat Moy Award will not be presented this year.

d) After reading the 2007 Journal, Members are requested to nominate worthy recipients for the Literary Achievement Award.

e) The Christmas Party will be held at John Baker's house on 8 December, with the host providing salads and the like, while those attending are requested to bring meat for barbecuing and their drinks. Those planning to attend were asked to contact John prior to the event.

f) Keith Keohane proposed that Society membership cards be professionally printed; this was agreed by the meeting.

g) Derek White suggested that meeting starting times be revised to 1400 for November and February, and 1330 for May and August; this was agreed by the meeting.

8) Election of Office Bearers for the Year 2008

All members of the 2007 Executive Committee re-nominated for their respective positions, and were re-elected.

9) Raffle Draw: *Fighters of World Wars I and II* was won by P Briscoe, while *Full Circle* was won by August Blume.

10) Next Meeting: The next General Meeting will be held on Saturday 16 February 2008, probably at the North Sydney Club, though perhaps at the Kirribilli Club, commencing at 1400; members will be advised in the *Newsletter*. The following members volunteered to speak at the meeting: K Keohane, M Lax, D White and P Williams.

11) Close: The meeting closed at 1448 and was followed by The Eric Watson Commemorative Address by David Gardner OAM on the history of Point Cook and the RAAF Museum. After his address, John Baker presented Mr Gardner with a commemorative glass trophy to mark the occasion.

President

Secretary