



## THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF WORLD WAR 1 AERO HISTORIANS

### **General Meeting: Saturday 16 May 2009**

**Venue:** Victoria Barracks. **Chairman:** M Lax

**Commenced:** 13:30

**Apologies:** G Mullens and D Perkins

1) **Attendance:** 26. The President welcomed two visitors and prospective members: Max Crago and Nick Hinze.

2) **Minutes:** Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 21 February 2009 to be confirmed.

**Accepted (m) J Weingarth (s) D White**

#### **4) Business arising from the Minutes/Discussion Points:**

a) **Website** M Lax outlined the work done by Andrew Smith in developing the new Society website. The Committee has reviewed the site and is favourably impressed. A motion was moved by M Lax, and seconded by S Drew, before being put to the meeting to adopt the new website, and cease use of the old site.

**It was carried unanimously.**

The Barry Videon database on Australians who served in the aviation services during the Great War will be included on the website, and available for research, but will not be downloadable in full.

b) **Members only link in website?**

Some Society information will be available only to members, by way of a password.

c) **Journal printing costs**

The Committee has reviewed a number of options with respect to improving the print quality of the Journal. Modern technology will allow production of a publication similar to *Cross & Cockade* or *Over the Front* for only a small increase in costs, about \$2.00 per copy.

d) **Sending newsletter and Membership list out by e-mail**

There are a number of options to reduce production and postage costs with respect to the *Newsletter*:

- i. make it available, and downloadable, through the website (provided that members' addresses are removed);
- ii. email it to members;
- iii. provide copies to be picked up at meetings;
- iv. post all copies.

**Members will be asked to nominate their preference in the next *Newsletter*** while the Committee will carry out a further review.

**e) Recovery of negatives from AWM**

The negatives have been recovered and are held by Keith Keohane.

**f) The Raffle**

After consideration, the Committee has determined that the proposed changes to the raffle arrangements announced at the February meeting are contrary to the arrangements advised to Members when they renewed their subscriptions.

After some discussion, it was **resolved** to post the various options on the new website and to seek vote on the matter at the AGM.

**g) Modelling and art show**

S Drew asked Members to advise him if they intend to enter in any of the categories detailed on page 11 of the May *Newsletter*. Competitors are asked to arrive early in order to facilitate setting up the exhibits.

Members will vote on the entrants. Prizes are under consideration by the Committee.

**h) Journal Articles**

P Chapman has advised that he is pleased with the number and quality of the articles so far submitted, but there remains room for more. Members are encouraged to submit articles before the cut-off date in August.

**i) AGM speaker**

Air Commodore Rod Luke, from the Temora Air Museum will speak on the Museum and related matters.

**4) Correspondence:**

Outwards - M Lax has sent a letter of thanks to Waverley Council with respect to the provision of a photograph of the grave of Reg Duckworth AFC.

Inwards - Only junk mail.

**5) Office Bearer Reports:**

**a) President:**

Covered above.

**b) V.P. Administration:**

There have been no further renewals as a result of the 'red spot' campaign. Those members will be reminded once more before their memberships are discontinued.

**c) V.P. Special Projects:**

All Society VHS Tapes have now been converted to DVD. It is now proposed to offer the tapes to members in return for a donation.

The editor of Wartime has offered to include a Society recruitment advertisement in the November issue for \$280 + GST. The Committee will **consider** this.

**d) Treasurer/Membership Secretary:**

One new member: S A Johnson from Hinton, NSW. On 18 April, our bank balance was \$5674.19.

**e) Newsletter Editor:**

D Perkins is absent in Peru. It was noted that the Society's new website is incorrect in the May newsletter, it should be: <http://www.wv1aero.org.au>

**f) Librarian:**

M Lax has kindly had the 1943 book *Camouflage of 1914-1918 Aircraft* re-bound. It is available for Members to borrow.

**g) Liaison Co-Ordinator:**

Nil

**h) Journal Editor:**

Covered above.

i) **Secretary:** Nil

**Acceptance of Reports:**

(m) M Travers                      (s) M Dawson

**7) General Business:**

J Weingarth told the Meeting of the letter he received from P&O advising that the AFC plaque has been received in the UK. He then outlined the procedure relating to its unveiling at Leighterton.

M Crisp told the meeting that he will bring his model jet boat *Spirit of Australia* to the August meeting.

A Smith encouraged Members to submit articles for inclusion on the website.

J and M Baker donated a prize of a bottle of wine from the Omaka Air Show as an additional raffle prize.

**8) Raffle Draw:** M Travers won *The Western Front from the Air*;  
P Savage won *Billy Stutt and the Richmond Flyboys*;  
M Travers won the Omaka wine.

**9) Next Meeting:** The next General Meeting will be held at Victoria Barracks on Saturday 15 August 2009 commencing at 1330.

**10) Close:** 14:38

After the meeting M Baker gave a presentation on the Omaka Air Museum and Air Show, and G Morgan spoke on the 1919 England-Australia flights.

**President** .....

**Secretary** .....