



# THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF WORLD WAR 1 AERO HISTORIANS

## **General Meeting: 15 May 2010**

**Venue:** Australian Air Museum, Bankstown Airport      **Chairman:** M Lax

**Commenced:** 13:50

**Apologies:** R Aitken, J Marr

- 1) **Attendance:** Attendance book to be completed; 24 attendees
- 2) **Minutes:** Minutes of the General Meeting of 20 February 2010 to be confirmed.

**Accepted** (m) M Crisp                      (s) B Renfrew

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

#### **a) Website**

Members were asked to submit content for inclusion in the website; more information will increase the chances of attracting new members.

#### **b) Journal matters**

Mark Lax proposed that all back issues of the *Journal* be available to Members through the 'Members Only' section of the website, with individual articles able to be downloaded. The proposal was **endorsed and carried** unanimously.

Consideration may be given to adopting a watermark for the pages of articles, though this may lead to a problem with respect to photographs.

#### **c) Storage of Society artefacts**

It is planned to arrange for storage of items presently held by J Goble and K Keohane. Removal of the items should occur in June, after which it should be possible to cull items no longer deemed necessary. There may be a requirement to rent storage space until a permanent home can be found.

**d) Treasurer/Membership Secretary**

Mike Crisp, who is retiring from the Committee, outlined the duties of the Treasurer before Members were asked to consider volunteering to take over his role.

**e) Next meeting**

The theme will be “Bring, Buy, Swap and Barter” and Members will be encouraged to bring any items related to Great War aviation and associated matters that they no longer require. Some surplus Society material may be available after the survey of goods mentioned in paragraph 2c.

Andrew Smith volunteered to undertake catering duties.

The May 2011 Meeting will possibly be held at the Naval Air Museum at Nowra.

**4) Correspondence:**

Nil

**5) Office Bearer Reports:**

**a) President:**

Member Colin Owers was recently hospitalized, but is now recovering.

Member Derek White has just celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

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

The negatives of the 1960s Albatros D.Va restoration have been digitised.

Some articles for the website are in preparation.

**c) Webmaster:**

The website is receiving an average of 300 individual visitors per month, and there have been 4313 individual visitors since the site was revised.

Adaptation of the Barry Videon database of Australians who served in air services is progressing well.

The Society's audio library has been digitised, and will soon be delivered to the Librarian.

A Members' Notice Board section has now been added, which will allow the advertisement of items for sale or swap.

**d) Treasurer/Membership Secretary:**

We have 106 paid-up Members, and the Society's bank account stands at \$5569.69.

**e) Newsletter Editor:**

Postage costs for the Newsletter and Membership Directory were less than they were last year, due to several Members opting for electronic delivery.

Any Member who has not renewed his/her subscription by May will be considered to have left the Society, and will have to re-join if they wish to continue as a Member.

**f) Librarian:**

Mark Lax has donated a copy of *August 1914* and re-bound the library copies of *Flying for France* and *Night Raiders of the Air*.

A recently donated copy of the Oswald Watt memorial book was, unfortunately, too badly damaged for restoration.

**g) Liaison Co-Ordinator:**

A Picnic is being planned for 28 November; location yet to be determined.

**h) Journal Editor:**

Nil

**i) Secretary:**

Nil

**Acceptance of Reports:**

(m) J Weingarth                      (s) M Travers

**6) General Business:**

Mark Lax announced that a microphone and speakers will be sourced for meetings at Victoria Barracks in an effort to overcome the poor acoustics of

Building 96.

The Society's constitution requires some revision to bring it up to date. A revised version will be shown to Members at the November AGM.

**7) Raffle Draw:** The raffle was deferred to the August meeting.

**8) Next Meeting:** The next General Meeting will be held at Victoria Barracks on 21 August 2010 commencing at 13:30. This starting time will remain constant for all future meetings.

**9) Close:** 14:27

After the meeting closed, Members enjoyed a presentation on the history and future of the Australian Air Museum, delivered by its President, Barry Thompson.

It is hoped that that our meeting at Bankstown will be the start of a long and harmonious relationship with the Museum.

**President** .....

**Secretary** .....