



# THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF WORLD WAR 1 AERO HISTORIANS

## **General Meeting: Saturday 15 August 2009**

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

**Commenced:** 13:30

**Apologies:** G Branch, D Perkins, H Rowlands & P Townsend

**1) Attendance: 20**

- 2) Minutes:** Minutes of the General Meeting of 16 May 2009 to be confirmed.  
**Accepted (m)** M Crisp                      **(s)** S Drew  
Carried.

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

**a) Website**

Andrew Smith brought Members up to date on usage of the website, where there have been some 1500 visitors since March, including one who became a new member. Members were encouraged to contribute to the site.

Thought is being given to using Paymate, the Australian version of the international Paypal system, as a means by which members can renew their subscriptions through the website, and adequate safeguards against fraudulent use will be established, while the alternatives of paying and subscribing/not subscribing to raffle tickets will be taken into account. Members could simply and safely renew online, with advice being sent to the Treasurer of a deposit in the Society's account, together with the identity of the payer. Cheque or cash renewals will still be available for those who prefer these methods. Andrew will demonstrate the options at the AGM. The meeting **unanimously voted to agree** to the Paymate option being added to the website.

When Members renew for 2010, they will be given a Membership number and password to enable access to Members-only parts of the website.

In addition to the above, the website could be a means by which back issues of *Journals* are sold. Old editions of the *Newsletter* on the website will be edited to remove Members' personal details, such as addresses.

In discussion it was agreed that there is a need for a searchable index of *Journal* articles on the website. K Keohane and A Smith will sort this out.

**b) Journal, costs, format, etc**

M Lax gave Members a preview of the cover and contents of the 2009 *Journal* which is a great credit to editor Peter Chapman. It has yet to be decided if it will be printed in Canberra or Sydney, depending on printer's costs, but there are arrangements for distribution in either event. When the best value printer is found, an order will be issued for 140 copies.

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

As a cost-saving measure, Members will be offered the choice of receiving their Newsletter electronically when renewing membership for 2010.

**d) The Raffle (vote on the matter at the AGM)**

The raffle was conducted under the existing system. Members will vote on possible new arrangements at the AGM.

**e) Annual General Meeting**

The AGM will be held at Victoria Barracks at 1400 on 21 November.

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

Nominations for all executive positions will be sought.

**f) Members tour of RAAF Richmond**

G Mullens advised that the tour of RAAF Richmond will take place on 26 November, and interested Members were requested to contact Greg so that he can arrange suitable transport.

**4) Correspondence:**

J Goble received brochures on the RAAF history project, an Over the Front seminar and the new publication *The FE 2b Flies Again*, which were made available to Members.

Secretary had to send a letter to Sensis, the producers of the Yellow Pages Telephone directory, regarding restoration of the Society's entry after it was deleted for reasons beyond reasonable human understanding. The entry has been restored in the online directory, and should be included in the next paper edition.

## 5) Office Bearer Reports:

### a) President:

Covered above and below.

### b) V.P. Administration:

Covered above.

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

See attached.

### d) Treasurer/Membership Secretary:

One new member: Robert Liska from New Hampshire, USA.

Total membership = 110. This became 111 when Brian Gordon joined after the meeting

Bank balance = \$5898.13.

### e) Newsletter Editor:

Granted leave from the meeting due to his daughter's wedding.

### f) Librarian:

M Lax has had an old edition of J I T Jones' *An Air Fighter's Scrapbook* suitably bound.

M Evans donated *Sopwith Triplane Aces of World War I* to the library.

### g) Liaison Co-Ordinator:

See 3f above.

### h) Journal Editor:

The 2009 Journal is complete.

### j) Secretary:

Nil

## Acceptance of Reports:

(m) G Mullens

(s) K Keohane

## 6) General Business:

M Lax told the meeting that Jerry Weingarth is settled in Spain, and he has advised that the plaque commemorating the departure of the AFC from Leighterton is now in the hands of the local Parish Priest. Final erection is dependent upon the local Council overcoming concern about it conflicting with the ambience of the churchyard. Jerry is now working on having a similar plaque erected at RAAF Point Cook.

J Scott told the meeting about events being held to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of powered flight in Australia, including a possible flight of a replica Wright biplane on 9 December. Australia Post will be issuing commemorative stamps.

## 7) Raffle Draw:

1. *On Great White Wings* was won by P Williams
2. *The Men Who Changed the World* was won by M Lax, who re-donated it; it was then won by J Goble, who re-donated it before it was won by M Crisp.

## 8) Next Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Victoria Barracks on Saturday 21 November 2009 commencing at 1400.

## 9) Close: 1450

**President** .....

**Secretary** .....

After the meeting the **Society Art & Model Show** took place. Winners were:

### Art Section:

**Category A:** Colour works excluding technical or profile drawings

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** (Painting of FE2d [Stevens and Cambay – No 20 Sqn])

Derek White Prize : SE5a framed photograph

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** (Painting of BE2a [“Amiens Arrival 1914” – Lt Harvey-Kelly])

Derek White Prize : *Fighting the Flying Circus* by E V Rickenbacker

**Category B:** Monochrome works excluding technical or profile drawings

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** Photo of Avro 504K  
Graham Phillips Prize : *Number One in War and Peace* by Norman Franks & Mike O'Connor

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** Photo of Boeing Stearman  
Graham Phillips Prize : Video – *WWI Fight for the Skies*

**Category C:** No entries

**Category D:** Photographs  
**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** Photograph 4 of Sopwith Pup from Point Cook Museum

Graham Phillips Prize: Camel framed photograph

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** Photograph 1 of Maurice Farman from Point Cook Museum

Graham Phillips Prize: *Fighting the Flying Circus* by E V Rickenbacker

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** Photograph of AVRO 504K  
Graham Phillips Prize: *Battlebags* by Ces Mowthorpe

### **Model Section:**

**Category A:** Small Scale Aircraft (1/72 or smaller)

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** (Felixstowe F2a)  
Derek White

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** (Sopwith Snipe 7F.1 [R Barker 201 Sqn RAF])  
Derek White

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** (Fokker K.I [M.9] April 1915)  
Peter Williams

**Category B:** Large Scale Aircraft (1/48 or larger)

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** (Sopwith 5F.1 [A A N D Pentland – No 87 Sqn RAF])  
Derek White

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** (Sopwith Baby [Blackburn built] Great Yarmouth 1918)  
Peter Williams

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** (Ansaldo SVA 5 [*87a Squadriglia*])  
Derek White

**Category C:** No entries

**Category D:** Open Division (figures, ships and vehicles related to WW1)  
**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** Model of H.M.S *Hood*  
Derek White Prize: Modeller's Cup

**Modeller's Cup:** (Best in Model Category D)  
Derek White Model of H.M.S *Hood* (1918 to 1941)

**Ron Cooper Trophy:** (Best in Model Categories A, B & C)  
Derek White Sopwith 5F.1 (A A N D Pentland – No 87 Sqn RAF)

**President's Prize:** (Best overall in Show)  
Mike Crisp Model of *Spirit Of Australia* (Ken Warby)  
Prize: *100 Years of Aviation*