



General Meeting: Saturday 18 August 2012

Minutes

Venue: Building 96, Victoria Barracks

Chairman: G. Morgan

Commenced: 13:30

Apologies: M. Lax.

1. Attendance: 29 members, as per Attendance Book

2. Minutes: The Minutes of the General Meeting of **19 May 2012** were confirmed.

Accepted: (m) J Weingarth

(s) S Drew

3. Business arising from the Minutes/Discussion Points:

- a) Movement of Society artefacts to Bankstown Aviation Museum. Our goods are now in safe storage, and members will be advised when the museum moves to Camden.
- b) Committee Vacancies: There will be at least three vacancies. Members were encouraged to nominate for a position.
- c) Search for a Society Patron: Not mentioned.
- d) Advertisements for Hobby Shops, etc, and Society Banner. D Perkins will tend to this when the Barry Videon Database setup has been finalised.
- e) Volunteers to represent the Society at events: Members requested to volunteer themselves to represent the Society at model shows and the like in order to advertise the Society's existence.
- f) Trip to Canberra in October. Michael will make contact with AWM in an attempt to arrange a visit to the Treloar Centre and a guided tour of the *Over the Front* Gallery.

- g) *By the Seat of Their Pants* Conference at Point Cook in November 2012. The committee was requested to provide assistance at Military History & Heritage Victoria's "By the Seat of their Pants" conference at Pt Cook in November. Gareth, along with Mark Lax and Susan Johnson will be presenting. The Society will part-sponsor the conference by giving each attendee a CD version of our 50th Anniversary *Journal*. Each attendee will also receive an outline of the Society and a membership application form.
- h) Trip to New Zealand in 2013. April 27 is a flying day at Hood/Masterton so the aim of the trip will be to attend that event followed by a trip see the museum at Omaka. An indication of interest is required.
- i) Towards the Centenary of The Great War – ideas for commemorations
- j) Modelling Contest Procedures: The categories were set as A: aircraft models below 1/50 scale; B: aircraft models above 1/50 scale; C: non-aircraft models with a Great War theme; and D: art and photographs. Procedures for display and voting were explained and the additional prizes for best aircraft model and best model of any type.

4. Correspondence and Reports.

a) Correspondence:

b) Reports:

i) President

On 23 May, Andrew Smith and Gareth Morgan transported the Society's artefacts from Marayong to the Australian Aviation Museum at Bankstown for safe storage. We have been assured that when the museum moves to its new home in Camden there will be an area dedicated to aviation in the Great War where the Society's treasures will be displayed.

The Society will be involved in the "*By the Seat of Their Pants*" conference, which will be held at Point Cook in November. Several Society members will be speaking at the conference. All members were encouraged to attend. The Society is sponsoring the conference by giving each attendee a CD copy of the 50th Anniversary Journal as well as a copy of the Society's aims and resources and a membership application.

Following the meeting at the Naval Air Museum in Nowra last year, the Museum gave the Society a copy of the photo album of Major A D Carey, RAF, which included over 90 photographs associated with his wartime service including many images showing the activities of the 1919 North Russia Relief Force in Arkhangel. Gareth was able to identify

some of the men and machines depicted and will advise the museum accordingly. The album will be added to the Society website.

The president gave a talk on Aviation in the First World War to the Loftus Probus Club on Wednesday 15 August, which seemed to be well received. The club gave a donation to the Society.

ii) VP Administration: Nil

iii) Webmaster

The new website is still under design and being uploaded, and should be ready sometime between Sunday 19 August and Tuesday 21 August. The new website will be much more interactive with members being able to directly contribute to it, the idea being that the membership owns and contributes to it rather than passing content through the webmaster.

iv) Treasurer/Membership Secretary

The Society has around \$4600 in the bank. Annual accounts will be presented at the next meeting before they go to Fair Trading. The profit/loss over a two-year period runs at roughly even. The newsletter going electronic has provided significant cost-savings. The changing of banking institution will provide savings to the Society in the form of reduced fees.

There are 121 paid members as of June and there is an annual membership turnover of 16-17 members.

v) Newsletter Editor

The newsletter is now electronic but the last edition was sent to 23 members by conventional means; 11 having specifically requested this and 12 not having a valid email address recorded by the Society.

The BV database is in test mode on the website. The concept is members-only access to 5618 individual records of Australian who served in the AFC, RFC and RAF, or other nationalities who served in the AFC. There will be many search abilities and each file is downloadable as a printable PDF file.

vi) Liaison Co-ordinator

vii) Librarian

Additions to the library are *The Wonder Book of Aircraft* donated by Stuart Curry, *Eden to Armageddon* and two DVDs.

viii) Journal Editor

Report received by email.

ix) Secretary

Acceptance of Reports: (m) Mike Crisp

(s) Mark Dawson

5) General Business:

ASWW1AH car window stickers suggested. Committee to investigate.

6) Raffle Draw

Congratulations to John Baker and Graham Powell.

7) Model Contest Results:

Category A:

1st Prize Derek WHITE for his 1:72 Enrich Taube

2nd Prize: Derek WHITE for his 1:72 Berg D.I

3rd Prize: Peter Chapman for his 1:72 Austrian Aviatik

Category B:

1st Prize: Peter WILLIAMS for his Airco DH9

2nd Prize: Peter WILLIAMS for his Bristol F2B

3rd Prize Derek WHITE for his Fokker F1 and Sopwith 1½ Strutter

Category C:

1st Prize: Mike CRISP for his steam powered, RC vessel, the “Joffre”.

2nd Prize: Derek WHITE for his WWI Tank

2nd Prize: Alex Stewart for his Clerget rotary engine.

Category D:

All three to Derek WHITE for his provided artworks.

7) Next Meeting:

Venue: Building 96, Victoria Barracks

Date: 17 November 2012

Time: 13:30

8) Close: 15:10