



# **Annual General Meeting**

## **Saturday 17 November 2012**

### **Minutes**

**Venue: Building 96, Victoria Barracks**

**Chairman: G Morgan**

**Commenced: 13:30**

**Apologies:** Steve McMahon, Michael Molquentin, David Perkins, Ray Withnell

A minute's silence was observed for the passing of former President of the society Geoff Ruddoch.

**1. Attendance:** 22 members as per attendance book.

**2. Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of **12 November 2011** were confirmed.

**Accepted:** (m) D White (s) M Crisp

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

**a) *Journal***

The 2012 edition of the Journal has been posted to all members. From 2013 the Society will be producing two 60 page Journals each year, rather than a single 100 page edition. However, to maintain production, the editor will require content, and members were again asked to consider writing articles about an aspect of Great War aviation.

**b) **Membership numbers****

121, including 4 life members with a member in each state and mainline territory

**c) **2013 Membership Fees****

To greatly simplify membership matters, it has been decided to change to a simple \$40 membership fee, with all members included in the raffle, with effect from 1 January 2013. Overseas members will pay a surcharge of \$15.

**d) New Raffle Arrangements**

All members, including overseas and Life Members, will be allocated an entry in the raffle, with the prize being a new book on Great War aviation.

**e) Event Planning for 2013**

NZ Trip deferred to November: more time, try to get a package together

Qantas Heritage Museum Visit has been proposed. Access and other issues such as parking will be investigated/negotiated by M Garside.

Possible Meeting at, or excursion to, Newcastle/Williamstown (Fighter World) and/or Lithgow Small Arms Factory.

February Meeting: Aircraft Recognition Quiz

May Meeting: Debate on Great War Aviation topics

August Meeting: Sale of surplus items?

November Meeting: AGM

**f) Nominations and voting for 2013 Office Bearers**

The following members nominated for positions on the Executive Committee in 2012 and the results of the vote are as follows:

POSITION	NOMINATION	RESULT
President	G Morgan	Carried
<i>Journal</i> Editor	P Chapman	Carried
Liaison Coordinator	G Mullens	Carried
Librarian	P Williams	Carried
<i>Newsletter</i> Editor		Position absent
Secretary	D Sheehan	Carried
Treasurer/Membership	A Stewart	Carried
Secretary		
Vice President	M Garside	Carried
Webmaster	A Smith	Carried

**4. Correspondence and Reports.**

**a) Correspondence:** Nil

**b) Reports:**

i) President:

Gareth Morgan, Mark Dawson, Des Sheehan and Peter Williams manned a stall at the Sydney Scale Model Show at Hornsby two weeks ago. There was some interest in the Society, hopefully from prospective members, and \$80 was raised from the sale of old Journals.

On 12 November, Military History and Heritage Victoria conducted a Conference on the AFC at the RAAF Museum at Point Cook. Two Society members, Andrew Kilsby and Daryl Moran, played leading roles in organising the event and three members delivered papers: Mark Lax, Michael Molkentin and Gareth Morgan. The interest shown was pleasing, and there were several promises to join the Society.

ii) VP Administration: Nil

iii) Webmaster:

The website is up and running. The *Australian Airmen in the Great War* database is live and functioning and information on how to join was explained in last newsletter.

There have been 8000 unique visitors to website with the most popular article being the one on the Mesopotamian Half-Flight from a previous journal.

There are 20 photographic collections, 5 online interviews of airmen and links on how to research Great War Aviation. There is a Non-restricted list of names of Great War Aviators available in order to whet a general observer's appetite to join to access further information.

The library collection will be listed online.

A suggestion to scan library books to view online was essentially rejected on the grounds of the possibility of infringing copyright.

iv) Treasurer/Membership Secretary:

There are currently 121 total members. The Society's position is financially stable. G Morgan moved that a new simplified membership fee of \$40, which includes entry in the raffle draw be introduced. M Lax seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The 50<sup>th</sup> luncheon was self-funded.

Account moved to a fee-free account with Westpac.

v) Newsletter Editor: Absent

David Perkins edits his last newsletter as he is standing down as newsletter editor.

vi) Liaison Co-ordinator:

Powerhouse museum social gathering not well attended (4 members).

Event suggested for after February meeting.

vii) Librarian:

Margaret Travers has donated in excess of 10 books.

viii) Journal Editor:

ix) Secretary: Nil

**Acceptance of Reports: (m) S Drew (s) J Baker**

### **5) General Business:**

The President announced the award of the Pat Moy Shield for exceptional service to the Society to Andrew Smith, for exceptional services as web-master.

Andrew Smith nominated Peter Chapman for honorary membership. Seconded by M Lax. Unanimously carried.

Derek white offered some splendid aircraft pictures for members to purchase for a gold coin.

Committee was thanked for attending at the Sydney Model Show and invited to attend next year.

Andrew Smith suggested aviation-related advertising be allowed in the Journal. This would help to cover journal costs. Supporting comments by Greg Mullins and Mark Lax. Moved by A Smith, Seconded by M Lax. Carried with two opposed.

### **6) Raffle Draw**

Prizes:

2 copies *Aces Falling* by Peter Hart

2 copies of *Bloody April* by Peter Hart

2 copies of *Somme, The Heroism and Horror of War* by Martin Gilbert

2 copies of *Above Flanders Fields* by Walter Pieters

Winners: Peter Williams and Mark Lax who both selected *Aces Falling* by Peter Hart

### **7) Next Meeting:**

**Venue:** Building 96, Victoria Barracks **Date:** 16 Feb 2013 **Time:** 13:30

### **8) Close**

After the meeting, Life Member Colin Owers presented the Eric Watson Memorial Address on the Curtiss Flying Boat.