



Minutes

Model Aeronautical Association of Australia

Executive & Council Presidents Meeting 8 April 2022
at 7:00pm (AEDT)

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1. Attendees

1.2 Attendance List

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
MAAA Executives		
Tim Nolan (TN)	MAAA President	Yes
Michael Hobson (MH)	MAAA Vice President	Yes
Gary Pope (GP)	MAAA Treasurer	Yes
Greg Petherick (MAAA Sec)	A/ Federal Secretary	Yes
Mitch Bannink (MB)	Safety Office	Yes
MAAA Council Representatives		
David Rose (DR)	President AWA	Yes
Ross Finocchiaro (RF)	President ANT	Yes
Michael Rutledge (MR)	President TMAA	Yes
Craig Burkhardt (CB)	Vice-President MAAQ	Yes
Reeve Marsh (RM)	President VMAA	Yes
Brett Oakley (BO)	Secretary MASA	Yes
David Kennedy (DK)	Vice-President ANSW	Yes
Gary Tansley (GT)	President CLAS NSW	Yes

1.3 Apologies – David Mifsud (MASA), Terry Bond (NSWFF)

2. Meeting Agenda

<i>No</i>	<i>Item Description</i>
1	Proposed Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from Executive and meeting of 16 March 2022 • Upcoming elections at May conference • The three-year cycle for election of office bearers • Club Assistance Scheme • Flood Assistance Fund • Drafting of MAAA Secretary Position • Honorarium for the Acting Federal Secretary • Membership System • MAAA Conference • Expansion of the Club Assistance Scheme • CASA Changes to Regulations

3. Summary of Previous Actions from Previous Meetings – N/A

<i>Action</i>	<i>Date Raised</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Assigned</i>
01	16/03/2022	TN - Skill sets for roles to be defined and presented to Council at the May Conference	Tim Nolan
02	16/03/2022	Contact Gary Tansley to arrange necessary membership certification for the SAT club	Greg Petherick

4. Summary of New Actions – This Meeting

<i>Action</i>	<i>Date Raised</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Assigned</i>
03	08/04/2022	Three years cycle for Executive positions will be drafted included in the MAAA Statement of Rules.	Tim Nolan
04	08/04/2022	Provide update to all clubs of new support fund and steps to attain funds	Greg Petherick
05	08/04/2022	EOI to be distributed to council for review	Tim Nolan
06	08/04/2022	To table expansion of the current club Assistance scheme at the upcoming May conference.	Tim Nolan
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5. Previous Minutes

TN – Previous minutes completed and distributed to attendees. Minutes tabled with no questions or alterations.

Minutes proposed by Reeve March and accepted unanimously.

6. Meeting Agenda Items**6.1 Upcoming Elections at May Conference - TN**

TN – Noted previous discussion and correspondence to council. The Executive have reviewed correspondence and given the feedback, wish to confirm the upcoming nominations at the May conference. Given the MH was elected as Vice-President and was to fill the remaining term of Tim Nolan, the upcoming elections would be for the following positions:

- MAAA Treasurer – three-year term
- MAAA Safety Officer – three-year term

The Vice-President position would not be for election until May 2023. This would then maintain alignment with the current MAAA approach to fill staggered terms every three years.

Motion - MAAA President - That the two positions, Treasurer and Safety Officer are the only positions up for election at the May 2022 conference – Passed as it was accepted by all attendees.

Action – TN – Three years cycle for Executive positions will be drafted included in the MAAA Statement of Rules.

6.2 Club Assistance Scheme - TN

TN – Reminder that State representatives go back to clubs to remind them that the shutoff date is soon. If clubs need more time, then we can accommodate small delays, but please remind clubs of the upcoming closure.

GT – Two clubs should be completed next week and will come to the MAAA for review.

MAAA Sec – If clubs can get their information to State Representatives by the 25th of April, then this should have sufficient time to have the States review and endorse these prior to being tabled with the MAAA. If the States can get to the MAAA by the end of April, then these can be included in the Conference packs.

6.3 Flood Assistance Fund – TN

TN – Suggestion that we establish a fund to support MAAA clubs that have been affected by the recent flooding events. The suggestion is to provide \$1000 assistance to clubs to help offset the Insurance excess for clubs that either have or will put in a claim. As the final number is hard to determine at this stage the fund could be between \$10-\$25K depending on how many clubs request funding.

MH – Declared that he has conflict of interest as his club was affected and will be putting in a claim

MAAA Sec – Also declared an interest as his club also has a claim

DR – Stated the MAAA should be looking to establishing a future fund for these types of events.

TN - Suggested that these funds should be covered for Declared Natural Disaster then these should be considered by the Council.

MAAA Sec – Suggested that the cut-off should run until 30 June

Motion - MAAA Vice-President proposed fund to be established – Passed by all unanimously.

Action – GIP – Provide update to all clubs of new support fund and steps to attain funds

6.4 Drafting of MAAA Secretary Position – TN

TN – EOI position has started to be drafted. This will be shared with all Council representatives, and any comments will be included. All comments will be considered and included. Once feedback has been received, we propose this to be sent to all clubs, or should this be sent to all members.

Motion - MAAA President – EOI to go all MAAA members - Passed by all attendees.

DR – What is the approach for filling the role?

TN - Approach to get a preferred nominee by May conference. Timeline is the EIO out on Monday 10 April, and close by CoB 25 April. From this hopefully get to 3-4 nominees to be further considered.

GP – Is this position not also going to Seek?

Motion - MAAA President – EOI to also go to Seek - Passed by all attendees.

TN – Additional position on the executive for the *Member Services* role will also go out for association.

MH – Suggested that at the last meeting it was agreed that we would go out based on the position would not be an executive position but would be an ex-officio position and attend executive meetings.

Motion - MAAA President – Membership Services position to go out to all MAAA Members and will be an ex-officio position - Passed by all attendees.

DR – Has the financial remuneration be decided.

RM – We agreed that as a council will need to decide this once we see the EOI and decide what elements need to be included

Action – TN – EOI to be distributed to council for review

6.5 Honarium for the Acting Federal Secretary – TN

TN – Suggest that we need to consider the remuneration for the MAAA Secretary position.

GP – We are currently understanding and need to recognise the efforts undertaken. There is financial funding available, and suggest that we need to make this a Fee for Service

MH – Suggested that this should be an honorarium and not a Fee for Service

DR – Suggest that the amount proposed should recognise the effort provided.

MAAA Sec – Provided an overview of the current workload and the current actions being undertaken by the Secretary's positions, this includes the new membership system.

Motion - MAAA Vice-President – Remuneration for Secretary role is \$50k and the split will be determined by the Executive – Passed by all attendees.

GP – Will check the implications on the potential mix of honorarium and service fee.

6.6 Membership System – TN

TN – System presented in May, please let your membership know that it will be business as usual. Members will pay the clubs just as they have done previously. We will then provide an email with a link to a document to print, it will also be on an on-line app on your phone.

DR – What about the dynamic for older members

RM – Clubs can support these members; they can be directed to other members to assist them as required.

6.7 MAAA Conference – TN

TN – The plan is to have Mark Lewis from CASA present, as well as Andrew Sills who ran the MAAA Survey to provide an overview of responses.

6.8 Expansion of the Club Assistance Scheme – MH

MH – We are currently forecasting a spend of \$50k for the club assistance, given we are running a surplus, we are recommended to increasing the funding scheme.

TN – We will propose this at the conference in May

BO - Should we not consider the Disaster relief to be separate from club assistance.

Action - MAAA President – To table expansion of the current club Assistance scheme at the upcoming May conference.

6.9 CASA Changes to Regulations – TN

TN – CASA 5520 has now be expired and is replaced by 2022. CASA was planning registration of drones and aircraft, but this has been deferred by 12months. Changes from the 1st of May, unless an aerodrome is officially inspected and audited, they will all reverted to grass strips or bitumen strip and can be flown up to 400ft without additional conditions. Above 400ft then other conditions within instruments will then apply. A meeting with CASA is scheduled to discuss and agree what changes will happen with existing instruments.

MB – We may end up with a new MOP for flying off Aerodromes which will reflect what we need to do in these circumstances. The current regulations have defined that unless you are operating a model aeroplane, you should not be within 30m, including taking photos and this is even if you are an MAAA member. This is to bring us in alignment with international rules.

RF – Why is this being brought about

TN – I have met with Pip the new CASA CEO and she understands that we are different to the commercial operations and that we have different operations and equipment, we plan to discuss this Mark Lewis at the conference.

CLOSE: 08:07pm - 08 April 2022 AEDT.