



Minutes

Model Aeronautical Association of Australia

Executive & Council meeting

October 31, 2023, 8.06pm

Agenda items were not always discussed in the order listed

Attendance List

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>
MAAA Executives:	
Tim Nolan Michael Hobson Gary Pope Mitch Bannink	President Vice President Treasurer Safety Officer
MAAA Executive Team:	
Rhyll McCormack Keith Quigg David Lewis	Federal Secretary Member Services National Registrar
MAAA Council Representatives:	
MAAQ:	
Mick Dallman Craig Burkhardt Rodney Clarke	President Vice President Secretary
ANSW:	
David Kennedy Clive Weatherhead	President Secretary
NSWFFS:	
Terry Bond Aaron Booth Roy Summersby	President Vice President Secretary
NSWCLAS:	
Gary Tansley	President
VMAA:	
Reeve Marsh Arthur Bablis	President Treasurer
AWA:	
David Rose Eric Bevan	President Treasurer
TMAA:	
Mike Rutledge Tony Sheppard	President Secretary
ACTAA:	
Trevor Dalziell	Secretary
ANT:	
Ray Younger Greg Castles	President Treasurer
MASA:	
David Mifsud Sean Flaherty	President Vice President
Apologies: Joe Finnochiaro	
Note: The following individuals requested access	

	<p>to the meeting but were not permitted past the waiting room (some incomplete details provided):</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>			

Meeting Agenda

No	Item Description
1	Confirmation of previous minutes
2	Show cause notice
	2.1 Show cause notice Terry Bond
	2.2 Show cause notice Aaron Booth
	2.3 Show cause notice NSWFFS

Tim confirmed no members of the MAAA Exec would be voting during the meeting.

Tim confirmed process of MOP028 would be followed.

All present were asked to declare conflicts of interest – none. Mitch Bannink confirmed he would not be representing ACTAA.

ANSW confirmed that for the October 31 meeting they would cast one vote. Total votes for the meeting: 24.

Action: An MAAA Council meeting will be scheduled in the appropriate time-frame to discuss and finalise the MAAA Council voting allocation. Rhyll.

1. Confirmation of September minutes:

Motion: That the minutes of the September 26 Council are a true and correct record. **Mike Rutledge / Eric Bevan.** Motion passed.

2. Show cause notice:

Background: At the September 26 Council meeting it was resolved to issue show cause notice to New South Wales Free Flight Society President, Terry Bond, New South Wales Free Flight Society Vice President, Aaron Booth, and to the New South Wales Free Flight Society as an ordinary member. The three show cause notices were sent via email on October 5, along with supporting documentation.

Council members were included on the email.

2.1 Show cause notice: Terry Bond

Terry was provided time to address Council.

Motion: That Council, having considered the alleged conduct of Terry Bond, as set out in the letter from the MAAA dated October 5, related materials and submissions made by or on behalf of Terry Bond determines that disciplinary action (including the possibility of expulsion from the MAAA) is appropriate and justified. Furthermore, if this motion is passed, Council will consider and determine an appropriate sanction to be applied.

Vote taken. 13 / 11. Motion passed.

General discussion: need for appropriate behaviour from those representing the MAAA Council, particularly in an online capacity. All agreed personal vilification of MAAA Council and Executive members will not be tolerated, nor will questioning the integrity of the organisation and sharing information when asked not to. Council members are expected to work together in a positive manner that will promote and further the sport of aeromodelling. Michael Hobson provided a document in response to the Show Cause response. Document included.

Discussion on appropriate sanction: General agreement that permanent termination of membership should be a last resort, but that the member had been reprimanded in the past for behaviour without success. General agreement that the Member should be removed from Council until a time Council saw fit to overturn the decision. Member is able to lodge an appeal but, given Council would preside over the appeal, the process would be unlikely to change the outcome.

Motion: Warning letter to be issued to Terry Bond and Aaron Booth advising that they would be removed from the MAAA Council and that further poor behaviour would not be tolerated. **Vote taken 17/4.** Note: AWA had left the meeting. Motion passed.

2.2 Show cause notice: Aaron Booth

Aaron was provided time to address Council.

Motion: That Council, having considered the alleged conduct of Aaron Booth, as set out in the letter from the MAAA dated October 5, related materials and submissions made by or on behalf of Aaron Booth determines that disciplinary action (including the possibility of expulsion from the MAAA) is appropriate and justified. Furthermore, if this motion is passed, Council will consider and determine an appropriate sanction to be applied.

Vote taken 15 / 9. Motion passed.

Terry Bond was asked to cease streaming/filming the meeting at 9.34. Terry confirmed he was streaming and confirmed he would stop.

General discussion: need for appropriate behaviour from those representing the MAAA Council.

Discussion on appropriate sanction: General agreement that permanent termination of membership should be a last resort. General agreement that the Member should be removed from Council until a time Council saw fit to overturn the decision. Member is able to lodge an appeal but, given Council would preside over the appeal, the process would be unlikely to change the outcome.

2.3 Show cause notice: NSWFFS

Roy Summersby was provided time to address Council.

Motion: That Council, having considered the alleged conduct of the New South Wales Free Flight Society, as set out in the letter from the MAAA dated October 5, related materials and submissions made by or on behalf of the New South Wales Free Flight Society determines that disciplinary action (including the possibility of expulsion from the MAAA) is appropriate and justified. Furthermore, if this motion is passed, Council will consider and determine an appropriate sanction to be applied.

Vote taken 7 / 17. Motion lost.

Close of meeting: 11.27pm.