



**MINUTES**  
**Model Aeronautical Association of Australia**

NOTE: ITEMS WERE NOT ALWAYS DISCUSSED IN THE ORDER LISTED  
May 20, 2023. 9.15 – 5.20  
May 21, 2023. 8.30 – 2.20  
Tullamarine, Melbourne

## 1 Attendees:

### 1.1 Attendance List:

<b>Executive</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Tim Nolan	President	Saturday & Sunday
Michael Hobson	Vice President	Saturday & Sunday
Gary Pope	Treasurer	Saturday & Sunday
Mitch Bannink	Safety Manager	Saturday & Sunday
Rhyll McCormack	Federal Secretary	Saturday & Sunday
<b>Other</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Keith Quigg	Member Services	Saturday & Sunday
Greg Petherick	Member Jungle	Sunday

<b>ORDINARY MEMBER</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
<b>MASA</b>		
David Mifsud	President	Saturday & Sunday
Jeff Ramsay	Treasurer	Saturday & Sunday
<b>MAAQ</b>		
Mick Dallmann	President	Saturday & Sunday
Craig Burkhardt	Vice President	Saturday & Sunday
Rodney Clarke	Secretary	Saturday & Sunday
<b>ACTAA</b>		
Steve Millar	Vice President	Saturday & Sunday
Trevor Dalziell	Secretary	Saturday & Sunday
<b>ANSW</b>		
Dave Lewis	Federal Registrar	Saturday & Sunday
Rob Masters	Online editor	Saturday & Sunday
Clive Weatherhead	Secretary	Saturday & Sunday
<b>VMAA</b>		
Reeve Marsh	President	Saturday & Sunday
Joe Finnochiaro	Secretary	Saturday & Sunday
Arthur Bablis	Treasurer	Saturday & Sunday
<b>TMAA</b>		
Michael Rutledge	President	Saturday & Sunday
Tony Sheppard	Secretary	Saturday & Sunday
<b>ANT</b>		
Ray Younger	President	Saturday & Sunday
David Goode	Secretary	Saturday & Sunday
Greg Turnbull	Registrar	Saturday & Sunday
<b>NSWCLAS</b>		
Gary Tansley	President	Saturday & Sunday
<b>NSWFF</b>		
Terry Bond	President	Saturday & Sunday
<b>AWA</b>		
David Rose	President	Saturday & Sunday Zoom
Eric Bevan	Treasurer	Saturday Zoom

### 1.2 Apologies: Nil

### 1.3 Observers:

<b>ORDINARY MEMBER</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Joan McIntyre	NSW CLAS Secretary	Saturday & Sunday
Roy Summersby	NSWFF Secretary	Saturday & Sunday
Randall Mowlam	MAAQ Treasurer	Saturday & Sunday Zoom
David Kennedy	ANSW Vice President	Saturday & Sunday Zoom
Robert Fitzgerald	Observer	Saturday & Sunday
David Axon	Observer	Saturday & Sunday
Toni Axon	Observer	Saturday & Sunday
Murray Wilson	Observer	Saturday
Tyson Dodd	Observer	Saturday & Sunday
Daniel Wheeler	Observer	Saturday
Peter Bryner	Observer	Sunday

### 3. Opening of conference

#### **CONFERENCE OPENED 9.15 MAY 20**

<b>3. Opening of conference</b>	MAAA President Tim Nolan welcomed attendees and provided an overview of the intent of the conference and general housekeeping for the 2023 Conference.
<b>4. 2023 Conference Procedures</b>	<p><b><u>4.1 Conduct of meeting:</u></b></p> <p>The meeting as conducted in accordance with the Rules of Debate.</p> <p>Reports and attachments are available in the 2023 Conference Dropbox.</p> <p><b><u>4.2 Declaration of conflict of interest:</u></b></p> <p>No relevant conflicts declared</p> <p><b><u>4.3 Voting inc. proxies:</u></b></p> <p>No proxies received</p> <p>As per the Statement of rules 13A.3 <i>When an Ordinary Member is admitted under Rule 6.4 and that Ordinary Member has not less than 20% of the total MAAA[Inc] Affiliate Club Member membership as at June 30 of the previous Membership year, then it is entitled to have three representatives at any conference.</i></p> <p>There are 26 Delegate votes.</p> <p>NSWFF noted they did not support 26 Delegate votes. NSWCLAS noted they did not support 26 Delegate votes.</p> <p><b><u>4.4 Recognition of deceased members:</u></b></p>

	<p>A minute’s silence was observed for those members who have passed away in the last 12 month, including:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Bill Swan</td> <td>Bob Carpenter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Howard Field</td> <td>Jim Christie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barry Lee</td> <td>Dave Hegarty</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Garth Wilmot</td> <td>Brian Dowie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ross Ward</td> <td>Maxwell Brown</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Munslow</td> <td>Vern Marquet</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gill Berry</td> <td>Adrian de Vos</td> </tr> <tr> <td>William Webb</td> <td>Ken Battersby</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ian Anderson</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Bill Swan	Bob Carpenter	Howard Field	Jim Christie	Barry Lee	Dave Hegarty	Garth Wilmot	Brian Dowie	Ross Ward	Maxwell Brown	John Munslow	Vern Marquet	Gill Berry	Adrian de Vos	William Webb	Ken Battersby	Ian Anderson	
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<p><b>5. Review and acceptance of 2022 Council Conference Minutes</b></p>	<p>Note: post meeting edit made to Council Conference minutes. Original motion below:</p> <p><i>Definition of Changes:</i></p> <p><i>27A.1 That the election of each Executive Committee member is to occur in accordance with the following roster:(a) President –2024 and every three years thereafter(b) Vice President –2023 and every three years thereafter(c) Treasurer and Safety Officer -2022 and every three years thereafter.</i></p> <p><i>27A.2 That the election of each Executive Committee member shall fall due at the times referred to in clause 27A.1 irrespective of when the member was elected or appointed to fill a casual vacancy on the Executive Council.</i></p> <p><i>Insert “Subject to clause 27A” at the commencement of clauses 23.1, 24.1, 26.1 and 27.1.</i></p> <p><b>Motion - Amendments to Section 27A (part 27A.1, 27A2) of the existing Statement of Rules - Proposed MAAA Executive, Seconded by TMAA - Motion Passed unanimously</b></p> <p>Section 27 refers to the Safety Manager role. The Motion was intended to relate to Section 29 – Elections. Motion amended to relate to Section 29.</p> <p><b>Action item:</b> <u>Agenda item 15. Motions as Per Agenda Item 20</u> to be updated to include full wording.</p> <p><b>Motion: The 2022 Council Conference Minutes are accepted as a true and correct record. Moved: MAAA Executive, Seconded MAAQ. Motion passed.</b></p>																		
<p><b>6. Actions from previous Council Conference</b></p>	<p>See agenda item 5.</p>																		
<p><b>7 &amp; 8</b></p>	<p>Reports available in the Dropbox</p>																		

<p><b>MAAA Reports</b></p>	<p>Treasurer reported revenue remains stable, noting the increase in interest income and increase in insurance premiums. Detailed information available in the Treasurers report.</p> <p><b>Motion: The MAAA accepts the Executive, State, Field and NSIG reports as tabled. Moved: MAAQ, Seconded VMAA. Motion passed.</b></p> <p><b>Motion: The MAAA will engage Peter King as Auditor for the 23-24 year. Moved: MAAA Exec, Seconded VMAA. Motion passed.</b></p> <p><b>Post meeting note:</b> MAAQ are to be commended on their annual reports provided to Council Conference.</p> <p><b>Action: Gary/Rhyll to create template for Eastern States to use for annual reporting based on MAAQ 2023 contribution.</b></p>
<p><b>9. Insurance</b></p>	<p>Presentation from VInsurance Broker Rob Veale on the current insurance market, noting the challenges of sourcing a public liability policy and the associated increase in cost.</p> <p>The MAAA offered the following insurance policies for 2023 - 2024: Public Liability, ISR (property), Cyber Liability, Group Travel, Personal Accident, Association Liability.</p> <p>Discussion on the cultural issue of safety behaviour within clubs and how to mitigate public liability risk moving forward including asking members to contribute to claims made.</p> <p><b>Action item: MAAA Membership forms to include the following: When you sign on as a member of the MAAA you acknowledge there is limited insurance provided, as outlined at <a href="http://www.vinsurancegroup.com/maaa">www.vinsurancegroup.com/maaa</a>.</b></p> <p><b>Motion: The MAAA will take out Public Liability Insurance with Canopius with a \$5000 claim excess. Moved: TMAA, Seconded ANSW. Motion passed.</b></p> <p><b>Motion: Individual members lodging a public liability claim will be required to contribute \$500 towards the excess payment. The financial co-payment of \$500 is not applicable to junior members or instructors and students during instruction. The Executive also may consider applications under financial hardship. Moved AWA, seconded MASA. Motion passed.</b></p>
<p><b>10. 2023 Club Assistance Scheme</b></p>	<p>More than \$200k worth of applications received.</p> <p>Discussion on the need to increase funding available to clubs.</p> <p><b>Motion: The MAAA Executive will determine the distribution of the 23-24 Club Assistance Scheme up to \$100,000. Moved: MAAA Executive, seconded VMAA. Motion passed.</b></p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Financial Reports &amp; budget:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>11.1 Honorariums – closed session:</u></b></p> <p><b>Motion: Honorariums for the 23-24 year will total \$69,000. Moved NSWCLAS, Seconded TMAA</b></p> <p><b><u>11.2 Federal Secretary – closed session:</u></b></p>

<p><b>Financial Reports &amp; budget</b></p>	<p><b>Action: Waive the remainder of probation period for the Federal Secretary and offer an additional \$10,000 from 1 July, as per the current contract.</b></p> <p><b><u>11.3 MAAA Club Activity Grants.</u></b></p> <p>\$50,000 - \$100,000 fund to support activities at club level. Grants of between \$250 and \$1000 for clubs to run eligible events. Primary goal to increase activity at clubs that increases participation, camaraderie, growth, public perception.</p> <p><b>Motion: \$50,000 be allocated in the 23-24 for Club Activity Grants. Moved VMAA, seconded MAAQ. Motion Passed.</b></p> <p><b><u>11.3 Setting 23 – 24 budget.</u></b></p> <p>The budget is presented by the MAAA Executive. \$63k loss tabled. Updated figures including increased expenditure in the following area: Club Assistance Scheme, Insurance, Honorariums, Secretary, Club Activity Grants.</p> <p><b>Motion: The MAAA budget as presented is accepted and approved. Moved MASA, Seconded VMAA. Motion carried.</b></p> <p><b><u>11.4 Setting MAAA Membership fees 23-24:</u></b></p> <p>Discussion on the rising costs of the association, notably a \$113k increase in insurance premiums and an additional \$80k to be spent on club assistance programs.</p> <p><b>Motion: MAAA memberships will remain as per the 2023 financial year. Moved VMAA, Seconded ANSW. Motion passed.</b></p>
<p><b>12. MAAA Elections and Appointment</b></p>	<p>Vice president term 2023-2026 Ballot conducted. 2 scrutineers reviewed the results. Michael Hobson re-instated as MAAA Vice President.</p>
<p><b>13. MAAA Awards</b></p>	<p><b><u>13.1 Hall of Fame nominations:</u></b></p> <p>3 Hall of Fame applications accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ David Law</li> <li>▪ Noel Finlay</li> <li>▪ Noel Whitehead</li> <li>▪ Melissa Law * Nomination included after email to Council</li> </ul> <p><b><u>13.2 Life Membership:</u></b></p> <p>None received</p> <p><b><u>13.3 MAAA Merit:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Gary Oakley</li> <li>▪ Henry Johnson</li> <li>▪ Paul Kumela</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ted Blackwell</li> <li>▪ Tony Gyoles</li> <li>▪ Chris Henry</li> <li>▪ Graeme Fraunfelder</li> <li>▪ Thomas Tobin</li> <li>▪ Michael Rankin</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion: MAAA service awards will be provided to those listed. Moved NSWCL, Seconded VMAA. Motion passed.</b></p>
<p><b>14. Major Events</b></p>	<p><b><u>14.1 NSWFF Motion: Terry Bond:</u></b></p> <p>NSWFFS and CLAS will hold the 73<sup>rd</sup> Combined National championships at West Wyalong. Expected attendance is estimated at 100. Documentation in Dropbox.</p> <p><b>Motion: That combined NSWFFS and CLAS be allocated \$6600 to conduct the 73<sup>rd</sup> Combined National championships at West Wyalong. Moved VMAA, Seconded ANSW.</b></p> <p><b><u>14.2 MASA Motion: David Mifsud:</u></b></p> <p>MASA requests \$2200 to help cover costs of attending the Jamestown air show. Documentation in Dropbox.</p> <p><b>Motion: That MASA be provided \$2200 to help cover costs of attendance at the Jamestown Air show. Moved ANSW, Seconded VMAA. Motion passed.</b></p> <p><b><u>14.3 Call to the floor for additional events:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>NSIG event support:</u></b></p> <p>Discussion on need to support NSIGs to run National/major events up to \$3300.</p> <p>FY24 Budget for National/Major Events in total is \$26,591.</p> <p><b>Motion: The MAAA Executive has approval to grant up to \$3300 to NSIGs for the running of National events. Moved MAAQ, Seconded TMAA.</b></p>
<p><b>15. Upcoming meetings:</b></p>	<p><b><u>15.1 Special Council Finance meeting:</u></b></p> <p>Date to be advised once audited financial reports completed</p> <p><b><u>15.2 Date/location of 2024 Council Conference:</u></b></p> <p>Discussion on the costs of holding an annual conference, and the spike in costs if held away from the Eastern states.</p> <p>2024 Conference will be held on May 18 &amp; 19.</p> <p><b>Motion: The 2024, 2025 and 2026 MAAA Conference will be held in Sydney. Moved: MAAA Executive/NSWCLAS. Motion passed.</b></p>
	<p><b><u>16.1 MAAQ Self-Assessment:</u></b></p>

**16.  
General  
Business:**

Discussion on need for a clear range of skills across the Council. Draft of example assessment in Dropbox.

**16.2a NSIG rules/records update:**

**Motion: All NSIGs to verify, maintain and process MAAA/FAI records. Records to be forwarded to the MAAA for formal ratification and recognition. Moved: NSWCL, Seconded MAAQ. Motion passed.**

**16.2b Rule changes through the NSIG:**

Rule changes are processed and approved by the relevant NSIG and then forwarded to MAAA Executive for ratification.

**Motion: NSIG to maintain group rules. Any changes to be submitted by the NSIG to the MAAA Executive for ratification. Moved: ANSW, Seconded MAAQ. Motion passed.**

**Action: The following be added to the MAAA By-Laws:**

The MAAA Executive is able to ratify proposed changes to NSIG rules outside of the 4-year conference cycle where such changes are deemed necessary.

**16.3 MOP Re-writes:**

A number of MOPs require an urgent re-write. Complex process due to cross referencing between MOPs. All agreed disciplined and quality drafting was imperative.

Ordinary Members will be asked to nominate members who may want to be involved in the process.

**Action item: MAAA Executive will begin working on a subcommittee to review MOPs.**

**16.4 Area Approvals:**

Presentation available in Dropbox.

Safety Manager Mitch Bannink provided a progress report and usage overview of AVCRM, along with the updates in CASA Area Approval requirements.

**16.5 Member Jungle:**

Presentation available in Dropbox.

Greg Petherick provided an update on the challenges, progress and ultimate role out of Member Jungle. Suggested new 'go live' date of October 2023.

**16.6 Life Memberships:**

**Motion: The MAAA return to the previous practice of Federal Life Members renewing through their respective Club and State Bodies (irrespective if they are Club and/or State Life Members). Moved: NSWCL, Seconded MASA. Motion Carried.**

**Motion: The MAAA to create no charge temporary membership for Overseas Visitors and Demo Pilots provided they are approved with the FAI. Moved: NSWCLAS, Seconded ANSW. Motion passed.**



**16.7 Marketing Proposal:**

Marketing proposal available in Dropbox.  
Allocation of \$45,000 for marketing and promotional activities included in the 23-24 budget.

**16.8 Destruction of old records:**

There is a large quantity of old documentation currently stored in Brisbane. Much of it is between 5 – 20 years old.

**Motion: The MAAA Council agree to the destruction of all documents that pre-date 2014. Documents considered historically significant to be uploaded to the MAAA One Drive. Moved MAAQ, Seconded ANSW. Motion passed.**

**16.9 Lease reviews:**

The MAAA owns a number of fields, many running on a peppercorn rent.  
Discussion on the purpose of MAAA owned land.

**Action: MAAA Executive to create a set of principles on what MAAA owned land should achieve**

**16.10 Function/Structure of MAAA and the role of Council/Executive:**

Discussion on Executive/Executive Council/Council roles.  
Statement of Rules requires considerable work to be a coherent, succinct document that is relevant to current day aeromodelling.

**Action: MAAA Exec to create an update to Council structure that will include clear definitions of Council, Executive, Executive Council and the roles, responsibilities and expectations of all levels. Update to be provided to Council.**

**16.11 Establishment of an MAAA Foundation:**

Discussion on setting up a charitable trust that would provide financial assistance in promotion of aeromodelling.

**Action: MAAA Executive will investigate costs of setting up a charitable Organisation. Michael Hobson.**

**16.12 Commercial instructors:**

CASA have confirmed that MAAA Instructors receiving payment are deemed Commercial Instructors and would require a commercial rating. CASA are currently working to address the issue to produce a workable solution.

**17.  
Meeting  
closed**

**CONFERENCE CLOSED 2.20 MAY 21 2023**