



MINUTES

Model Aeronautical Association of Australia

Executive & Council meeting
February 13 7.30 PM AEST

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Attendance List

Note: only members of the MAAA Executive and Council permitted entry to the meeting.

Name	Position
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	President
Craig Burkhardt	Vice President
Rodney Clarke	Secretary
ANSW:	
Dino Riebolge	Vice President
Clive Weatherhead	Secretary
David Lewis	National Registrar
NSWFFS:	
Michael Towell	Vice President
VMAA:	
Reeve Marsh	President
Joe Finnochiaro	Secretary
AWA:	
David Rose	President
Eric Bevan	Treasurer
TMAA:	
Mike Rutledge	President
Tony Sheppard	Secretary
ACTAA:	
Trevor Dalziell	Secretary
ANT:	
Ray Younger	President
MASA:	
David Mifsud	President
Sean Flaherty	Vice President
Jeff Ramsay	Treasurer
Apologies: Roy Summersby, Gary Tansley, David Kennedy	

Welcome to incoming ANSW Vice President, Dino Riebolge & incoming NSWFFS Vice President, Michael Towell

Meeting Agenda

No	Item Description
1	Confirmation of previous minutes
2	Financial Update
3	Tingalpa Loan
4	CAS Update
5	Area Approvals
6	Member Jungle Update
7	MAAA Website
8	Club Activity update
9	Agenda items for Conference
10	Statement of Rules update

No conflicts of interest prior declared.

1. Confirmation of minutes:

Motion: That the minutes of the December 12 Council & Executive meeting are a true and correct record.
Mike Rutledge / Joe Finnochiaro. Motion passed.

2. Financial update:

December financials provided for review. Organisation assets continue to grow in value. P & L: slight reduction in affiliation income year on year. Expenses are underspent across a number of lines. Member services costs have risen due to Club Assistance Scheme and Club Activity Program. This line also includes the full cost for conference. Competition support is up due to the re-start of international competition and MAAA support of competition. All expenses are below budget.

3. Tingalpa Loan Application:

Background: The MAAQ Club Tingalpa have put forward a business case seeking a loan from the MAAA for \$20,000 to help fund solar batteries. Detailed documents attached. The application has the support of the MAAQ.

MAAA Executive supports the loan application – note, Michael Hobson and Mitch Bannink did not vote on the Executive decision due to Tingalpa club membership.

The quality of application was noted.

Comment was made that the MAAA is providing loans to clubs at cheaper rates than those provided by major banks.

Action: Rhyll / Gary to create loan document.

Motion: The MAAQ Tingalpa Club loan application is approved. **David Rose / Mike Rutledge. Motion Passed.**

4. CAS Update:

The Club Assistance Scheme opens in February.

The MAAA Executive recommends dropping the current maximum application amount from \$7700 (inc GST) to \$5500 (inc GST).

Motion: The MAAA Club Assistance Scheme FY 2025 will have a maximum club application amount of \$7700. **Reeve Marsh / Eric Bevan. Motion Passed.**

Michael provided a CAS weighting spreadsheet to ensure an even playing field for all applicants.

Suggested changes to the FY2025 CAS application process:

- All applications will be reviewed against a weighting scale
- 3 Council members will form a sub committee to review applications
- Applications will be de-identified prior to sub-committee review.
- Weighting scale questions will be included, both directly and indirectly, on the CAS application form.
- The results will be provided to Council prior to Conference

Action: Council members to come back to Exec by close of business Monday COB Feb 19.

Action: Craig Burkhardt, Ray Younger and Eric Bevan will form the review sub-committee.

Action: Application forms will be released Feb 21 (delayed)

5. Area Approvals update:

The term observer will be used going forward for Area Approvals

Short term renewals Round 1 (15 clubs) were submitted to CASA. 14 of these have been issued to clubs.

Round 2 (10 clubs) were submitted to CASA. Round 3 (8 clubs) were submitted to CASA on Feb 13.

No short-term renewals will be issued with material changes. This would constitute a new application. Tim is managing renewals, and Mitch is handling all new applications or any applications with material changes.

6. Member Jungle update:

Mick Dallman & David Kennedy are running the Member Jungle migration. Mick confident the system will do all the MAAA requires in membership system.

Member Jungle will “go live” in April. The process of going live Will start in April ready for Renewals in June.

Council endorsed not progressing the Joomla update (iSonic quoted \$7-9K) in acknowledgement that there is a low risk with our website/content and that we have the MJ option in reserve (as a contingency) considering that there is already the bones of our (MAAA) website there.

The current team asked for Council’s confidence and support in delivering the migration. Council confirmed they wanted to see Member Jungle enacted.

Reeve volunteered to write Member Jungle user manual.

7. MAAA Website:

Background: MAAA website currently needs to be updated as its hosting program has reached “end of life”. Upgrading to the latest version will cost \$6520. New Wordpress site will cost \$13346.*

Member Jungle can host the MAAA website now without fully implementing the membership, however Council has decided to delay assessment of website hosting proposal till after Membership system/processes are implemented.

Noted that some members were reluctant to put all tech requirements with Member Jungle when the system is as yet un-tested.

Action: MAAA website will remain as is until more is known about the useability and success of Member Jungle.

**website prices were quoted in 2023 and likely to be subject to slight variation*

8. Club Activity Update:

Noted functionality of new CAP spreadsheet.

Action: Rhyll to create Dropbox file of CAP spreadsheet that can be accessed by Council.

Action: Keith to provide CAP spreadsheet and update to Council on a quarterly basis.

9. Agenda Items for conference:

Member Services, Ciam Delegate and National Registrar positions will be listed as EOI. Applicants will be reviewed and ratified at Conference.

10. Statement of Rules re-write:

Michael provided an update on SOR re-write. Hopeful of a draft being circulated for discussion prior to Conference.

Next Council meeting; April.

Close of meeting: 9.39