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Committee 2003/2004

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The next meeting of BRMFC is to be held at Central Highlands Table Tennis Centre (corner of Howitt and Doveton Streets) on **Wednesday February 25th 2004** commencing at 7.30PM. Please come along to the meetings and support your club and be part of the decision making process. Don't forget to bring a plate for supper afterwards.

Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. Subscription Installments
2. Membership Participation Scheme
3. Strategic Plan
4. Incorporate Member Protocol into Constitution
5. Annual Display
6. Roy Gladman Round 1 – Novelty
7. Bronze & Gold Wings
8. Field Maintenance

Points of interest from the last meeting

Note: Items mentioned here may have changed since the meeting held on 28th January.

1. Annual Display 28th March 2004

The open day sub committee positions were filled at the last meeting.

Catering: Rick & Pam Pimblott

Public Relations: Graeme Allen

General Duties: Glenn White, Roger Carrigg, Max Rowan.

To relieve the General Meeting of the details, a sub committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 11th February commencing at 7:30PM at Roger Carrigg's residence (11 Lawrie Drive Alfredton).

2. Strategic Plan

Due to Graeme Allen's absence this item was held over until the next meeting.

3. Incorporate Member Protocol into Constitution

Due to no action on this by the Secretary, this item was held over until the next meeting.

4. Field Maintenance

In the absence of Max Rowan (Field Maintenance Officer) there was no formal report. Glenn White reported that several members erected a bull nose verandah over the servery window on Saturday 10th January. (This was reported in the January 2004 newsletter). Glenn also pointed out that the gate/s into the compound are being left open which allows the sheep to get in and prune the

trees/shrubs that we are nurturing. Please make sure that the gates are closed if you are the last to leave. (A small sign is needed on the gate into the property to remind us when we leave)

Action: Editor to place a note in next newsletter to remind members to close gates.

5. Roy Gladman Round 1 – Novelty

After some discussion the date for this event was set to **Sunday 29th February 2004**. The make up of the events may change slightly from last year and is still under consideration by Glenn who has taken on the mantle of CD since the events inception.

6. APA – Model Engines Trophy

This weekend (1st Feb) we are hosting the APA Model Engines Trophy at our field. It is a two day event and we will be providing on field catering both days. Rick and Pam Pimblott to organize food.

Kevin Thomas volunteered to unlock the field for Henry Hutchinson on Friday afternoon so he can layout the field.

Need helpers at the field both days – may be providing breakfast on Sunday morning if there are enough takers. Henry H. has advised that there will be 24/25 entries which means we need to cater for around 50 people.

7. Club Trainer

Roger Carrigg raised the issue of the club trainer. The problem is you cannot use it easily when required. The purpose of the trainer is to be able to give visitors a go in the hope that it may attract them into the sport/hobby and also become new members. We have a couple of old Hitec Tx's and a buddy lead, but what we need is a low end

computerized Hitec Tx that is dedicated to the trainer. Members to keep an eye out for secondhand trainer aircraft with radio gear etc.

Action: Members to keep an eye out for secondhand trainer aircraft with radio gear etc.

8. Membership Participation Scheme

Rick Pimblott tabled a Membership Participation Scheme with the aim of encouraging members to get involved in club activities. Copies of the scheme were handed out to the meeting for discussion.

Murray Anstis raised the point that it is similar to the President's Trophy that he ran for 3 years several years ago. Murray stressed that it involved a lot of work and finally died for that reason.

This will be discussed further at the next meeting and no doubt several meetings thereafter.

The following is Rick's proposal as tabled at the meeting:

At the start of this financial year I suggested that there was no need to increase our component of the annual fee, however there has been a lack of enthusiasm from most of our members, leaving a mammoth task to a few, to raise funds, maintain our excellent flying conditions.

With this in mind I regret to propose the following.

To raise our fees by \$50.00. This increase may be displaced by accruing 50 points, these points may be raised in many ways, listed below.

- 25 Points :- President (Executive Committee)
Treasurer (Executive Committee)
Secretary (Executive Committee)
- 20 Points :- Newsletter Editor (Committee)
- 15 Points :- Field Maintenance (Committee)
Participating at the annual display day (Saturday only)
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Member of open day sub committee
- 10 Points :- Vice-president (Committee)
Safety Officers (Committee)
Attending a working bee
Signing of a new member
- 5 Points :- Publicity Officer (Committee)
Public Officer (Committee)
Participating at a sausage sizzle
Attending public promotions (Wendouree Village)
- 2 Points :- Returning Officer (Committee)
Newsletter articles (If published)
Attending each monthly meeting
Representing BRMFC at other flying club events (Flyers only)

NOTE – The executive committee may at their discretion award points for anything else that may arise in the future.

It is the responsibility of each participating member to ensure that the points accrued are noted by a committee member.

Also any spouses participating at any of the above will earn 50% of points value for the member.

Rick Pimblott BRMFC Treasurer



Subscription Installments

Now that we are in the new year, bear in mind that subs will be due in just over 4 months time. If you have a few spare dollars why not start and submit subscription installments to the Secretary. It will make the burden a lot lighter come the end of June.



VMAA News

The VMAA Web Site is constantly being updated, members are reminded to look at the site and notify the VMAA of any corrections required.

The following email addresses are to be activated shortly if not already done so. Generic names are being used so they can be redirected to the current incumbents personal email address.

president@vmaa.com.au
secretary@vmaa.com.au
treasurer@vmaa.com.au
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Club Registration fee

The annual club registration fee of \$10 has been removed and replaced by a once off only fee. For existing clubs it is deemed that they have met this obligation by payment of the previous year's fee. If a club has no membership for 12 months then the club is no longer a member and must re-apply for membership. This change has been brought about mainly because clubs overlooked the need to pay the fee.

Obviously the amount will need to be recouped by the member affiliation fee.

Country Meeting

The VMAA is looking to hold another country meeting and possibly combine it with an Instructors course. Clubs interested in hosting a Country meeting to be held later this year should contact the VMAA Secretary.

MAAA Secretary

The VMAA is supporting Roger Frankish for the position of MAAA Secretary at the MAAA Council Conference.

MAAA Treasurer

The VMAA is also supporting Ken Geddes for the position of MAAA Treasurer at the MAAA Council Conference.

Airshows Down Under 2005

The VMAA Executive has agreed that aeromodelling will be represented through the VMAA at this event once again.

It is with great regret that we must inform you that our friend and aero modeller Leo O'Reilly lost his brave battle

with cancer and passed away on Monday February 2nd aged 72 years.

Leo and his company have been long time supporters of modeling events around Australia. Leo was awarded lifetime membership of the MAAA in 1991.

The VMAA executive moved that Darryl Gunst should represent the VMAA at Leo's funeral.

The President and members of BRMFC pass on there condolences to Leo's family and friends.



New Member

Dale Deppeler joined the club on the 25th January 2004. Dale was a member of BRMFC about 17 years ago and has decided to get back into the sport/hobby. We wish Dale every success and look forward to his company out at the field.



Matters of Concern

We have a touchy subject to deal with concerning smoking out at the field. Of late there have been a lot of cigarette butts around the pits, this causes two problems 1. They are unsightly. 2. If they are seen by our Landlords i.e. Pat or David Fiskin there would be questions asked. Part of our lease agreement is that there would be no smoking in the open. As the field cannot be policed all of the time it is up to each member to do the right thing. **Always be aware of the fire danger during this very dry period.**

On another subject, please make sure that the gates (3 of them) into the compound are closed if you are the LAST to leave. We don't want the sheep pruning our trees/shrubs or crapping in there.



Methanol

Would members please note that there will be a change in where we purchase methanol. In an effort to keep cost down the club intends to buy a 200 litre drum and decanter this to members at a considerable saving, it is expected to cost \$25.00 per 20 litres more details to follow.

Rob Beardall has offered to store it at his place which is only a couple of km's from the field. Contact arrangements for Rob to fill your drum will be put in place shortly. It is important that everyone is aware of when Rob can be contacted.



New Models seen at field

On Sunday 15th February, Nick had a new model to test fly. It is a small trainer, with a 40 sized motor. After a little trouble with the motor the model was successfully test

flown by Nick in (by this time) very windy conditions. Model handled the wind with ease and seemed to have no vices. We think the plan is to teach his son Nathan fly.



Nick's trainer that he intends to use to teach his son to fly.

Murray had his small Sabre with a ducted fan motor at the field not to fly but to run the motor I think that it is only a 15 but boy does it scream its head off. There seems to be plenty of power but I think that the model is going to be a hand full due to its small size.



Murray giving the engine a test run – nice legs!

Another model seen out for the first time was Glenn's new Pattern model. The model isn't new, it was purchased on our last trip to Hamilton. It has had a OS 120. four stroke fitted and like Murray it was only out for an engine run.



Crash Report

Well I (Glenn) have made it again. This time it was my Hornet fun-fly machine. My own stupid fault, after flying the Bearcat I changed the model memory in the radio but hit the wrong buttons to lock it in. Needless to say immediately after take off the model rolled over and crashed due to reversed ailerons. The fuselage is a write off but the wing can be salvaged. What is it they say, "The older you get!!!!" ?

We hear on the grape vine that Tom has been at it again. On a recent day at the field he crashed two of his models. Don't know under what circumstances.

Lawrence is another one that is helping to keep this column going (and Murray at Top Gun). We think that he has lost two trainers and he suspects there may be a fault with his radio. Probably the worst thing is not knowing exactly what went wrong.



Not a pretty site! – All that was left of Max’s Lark.

Last Sunday 15th February wasn’t a good day for Max. He lost his Lark (pattern ship). After ten minutes of flying it just went off the air. The model went in vertically with full throttle and there was nothing much left of the plane. As you can imagine after our long hot spell the ground is like concrete but this didn’t stop Max’s engine burying itself. It’s bad enough losing a good model but when the motor is damaged it just makes it so much worse.



Max digging his OS91FS out of the ground

One thing that hits home when you see a crash like that is why we don’t allow flying over the pits.

There have been way too many crashes these last few weeks. Is it pilot error or are we not paying attention to detail.



Recent Events

On the week end of February 1st our field was closed to general flying to hold the Model Engines Trophy (Pattern). The weather wasn’t too good to start off with very low cloud. I (Glenn) thought that I would get out to the field

early, to get things ready. I was there by 8.00AM but by then most of the competitors had arrived and were preparing to get things under way. The persisting low cloud was proving to be a nuisance as was Roger because we were all waiting for him to arrive with the milk so we could have a hot drink of coffee. He arrived at 9.30 only an hour late but it was just about then that the clouds lifted and the comp got underway. These guys are really well organized and by late afternoon proceedings were on schedule. We didn’t have to do anything other than provide and cook the food.



The Kitchen Staff – Roger, Rick, Pam (Working hard as usual) and the kitchen bitch (Wayne).

There was only one mishap, one model crashed on a landing approach apparently the Rx lost the signal and went in to fail-safe.



The dismal weather on Sunday morning before it cleared.

When Sunday arrived it was hard to believe it was still summer. It was cold and drizzling with rain and again very low cloud. We started off with a good breakfast of bacon and eggs and by 11.00 flying got underway, a quick break for lunch and by mid afternoon they were all finished. See results published further on in this newsletter. Two of our members (Kevin Thomas and Phil Pope) flew in the competition. I am sure that if we have any potential Pattern flyers they would be only too pleased to help get you started.

Thank you to the members who helped out on the weekend and to all the flyers that ate lots of food to give the club a profit of over \$200.00.

The flying results are as follows:

Sportsman: (4 entries)

- 1st Chris Simmons
- 2nd Philip Pope (BRMFC)
- 3rd Allan Saint
- 4th Adam Crossman

Advanced: (3 entries)

- 1st Bruce Thompson
- 2nd Stuart Davies
- 3rd Tim Smout

Expert: (13 entries)

- 1st John Brann
- 2nd Michael Smout
- 3rd Fernando Monge
- 8th Kevin Thomas (BRMFC)
- 13th Henry Hutchinson

Masters: (4 entries)

- 1st Andrew Burgdorf
- 2nd Paul Marlan
- 3rd Nathan Notley
- 4th Graham Scott



Coming Events

Roy Gladman Rnd 1 Novelty

The date for this event is **Sunday 29th February 2004**. We would like to get things underway by 9:30AM.

The events are:

- a) 3 minute timed flight.
- b) Climb and glide.
- c) Balloon burst
- d) Carrier deck Landing
- e) Spot Landings

This is designed to be a fun day. There will be a small registration fee to cover the cost of trophy and BBQ lunch. There is no reason why any member who can fly solo cannot participate in this event. The rules will be available on the day and can be changed at will.

As usual judges will be open to bribery! And of course the judge's decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered in to. Also the club trainer is **not** available as a standby model!!!

Time permitting we propose to do some Bronze Wing testing. So if you are interested be prepared.

BRMFC Annual Display 28th March

Probably the most important date on our calendar is fast approaching. We have a display committee organized and they are taking care of the arrangements. Like last year, we will be doing the catering which adds another dimension to the workload. Things don't just happen by themselves, we have to thank the committee members who are organizing everything. ie. Advertising, food, permits, toilets, sound systems, displays, field preparation, invitations, trophies, prizes, ultra lights, car parking, Tx pound, tents, the list goes on. The day needs to be successful as this is what keeps our fees as low as they are. With this in mind we encourage you to lend a hand on the day. Many hands will be needed, so try and make yourself available on the day.

Seeing as we are doing the catering maybe with a kind word to your wife or partner they may be able to make some cakes or slices that can be sold from the canteen.

As usual we are running a raffle to coincide with the event which will be drawn on the day. Seeing as the Xmas one was so successful we are running it along the same lines but with an Easter theme.

Hopefully a book of raffle tickets will be distributed with this newsletter if they are printed in time.

We will be relying on the members to sell as many as possible. We have booked two days at Wendouree Village to promote our display and sell raffle tickets. If you are able to spend an hour or two, please contact Glenn or Roger so that we can organize a roster.

Stop Press! We received the VMAA public display permit this week.



Event Calendar

- Feb 21st 2004 NFG visit to Mt Holloback.
- Feb 29th 2004 LEURA Fun Fly – Camperdown.
- Mar 6th/7th 2004 State Champs: Old Timer – Haddon, Ballarat
- Mar 14th 2004 MARCS Annual Fly In – Boundary Road.
- Mar 21st 2004 Annual Display - Keilor (KDMAS)
- Mar 21st 2004 Scale Rally Monty Tyrell Memorial - (P&DARCS)
- Mar 27th/28th 2004 Annual Display - Yendon (BRMFC)**
- April 3rd/4th 2004 VMAA Trophy (P&DARCS)
- April 4th 2004 VFSAA Round 1 Keilor (KDMAS)
- April 11th 2004 Scale Rally – Carrum (PARCS)
- April 17th-24th 2004 57th Nationals - Busselton WA.
- April 23rd-25th 2004 WW2 & Military Scale - Wagga.(WMAC)
- April 25th/26th 2004 Fun Fly – Echuca Moama
- May 2nd 2004 VFSAA Fun Scale Rnd 2 - Ballarat

That's all for now. Good flying.
G.W & R.C.



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