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Committee 2002/2003

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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 June 25th 2003** 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. Club Fees 2003/4 – Joining Fee and Gate Key Deposit
2. Life Membership – Discuss Tom J. Report
3. Jackets and Badges
4. Sausage Sizzles
5. Roy Gladman Round 2 – Set Date
6. AGM Preparation
7. Fence

Club Fees

Just to Y\$%# your day you are reminded that club fees for 2003/2004 are due on 1st July and must be paid by 31st July. You will be pleased to know that the Treasurer has advised that we have been able to keep our fees at the same low rate as last year, thanks to successful open days and sausage sizzles. At this stage we are unsure about the MAAA insurance component.



Points of interest from the last meeting

Please note: Some of these items/events may have changed since the meeting.

1. Safety Items

a) Flying Rules – Are our flying rules adequate?

Our flying rules (which are displayed in the shed at the field) were discussed and the meeting agreed that two more rules are required to better control safety at the field. The following rules will be appended to the current list of 12 rules.

1. *Any person who controls a model aircraft at the BRMFC field must be an affiliated member of the MAAA. (Rule 13)*
2. *Any member (MAAA affiliated member) must be able to demonstrate pilot proficiency, if required, to the satisfaction of a club safety representative, before they are permitted to fly solo at the BRMFC field. Pilot proficiency may be in the form of Bronze/Gold wings and/or a practical demonstration. (Rule 14)*

b) First Aid – Is kit stocked and easily found?

After some discussion it was established that the first aid kit is adequately stocked however better signage is required to make location more obvious.

c) Fire Extinguishers – Do they work?

Fire extinguishers are operable, however better signage is also required to make location more obvious.

d) Crash that hit car during VFSAA event.

The President raised the issue of the accident that occurred during the VFSAA scale event held on 4th May that resulted in damage to a P&DARCS member's car. The car was hit due to two factors:

1. The structural failure of the wing brought about by inadequately sized spars and dihedral brace. How do you prevent this from happening when none of us can see how a model is built internally?
2. At the time of failure the aircraft was behind the flight line.

The cars were parked at a distance of not closer than 40 metres from the flight line which exceeds the 30 metre minimum.

The main purpose of this discussion is to drive home the potential dangers that we are faced with and how we can best manage the risks.

2. Life Member Guidelines Report

Tom Jobling tabled the report that he has compiled which details club membership types. The purpose of this is to provide guidelines for the awarding of life membership. Many thanks to Tom for his efforts. Discussion was held over until the next meeting to allow members time to digest the contents. *Tom's report (unedited) is attached to the end of this newsletter.*

3. Barbecue Facilities

Max Rowan and Noel Findlay to look at the cost of putting a roof structure between the sheds to provide some protection for the barbecue.

4. Sausage Sizzles

The Secretary advised that we need to schedule two sausage sizzles to supplement our income for next financial year. August 2003 and October 2003 were suggested. It was thought that BigW would be an excellent location.

5. Post Grading of Field

Max Rowan thought that we should roll the field while Glenn White was of the opinion that it should be left for nature to take its course. No decision made.

6. Annual Display

The Secretary advised the meeting that the VMAA Contest Director (Graeme Scott) has requested the date for our display next year. It was suggested at a previous meeting that we should promote the event as two days to aeromodellers. If we run the event on the same weekend as this year (Last W/E in March) then the date for next year is 27th/28th March 2004. The meeting agreed with this date.

7. Fencing to keep visitors out and control car parking

The requirement for a fence to keep visitors back from the pit area and to better control car parking on the north/south run way side of the shed was discussed. The exact location and fence type will be subject of an on field examination and discussion.

8. Strategic Plan

The Secretary stated that the club needs to document what it wants to achieve in the next 2 years, 5 years and 10 years.

Eg. Membership, Facilities, Flying field, Strive towards field ownership, Events etc

9. Cloth Badges

Max Rowan tabled the quote that he obtained from Ballarat Embroidery for cloth badges (Club Logo).

1. Setup \$57
2. Badges \$6.35 each for 30 or \$6.00 each for 50.
3. Hats \$10.50 with badge
4. Shirts \$25 with badge
5. Jackets \$56 with badge

Max stated that Ballarat Embroidery can also sew (that is create the logo directly onto the base garment).



New Models seen at field

On Sunday 8th June Malcolm turned up with another trainer to add to his fleet. This one was a Kyosho 40 ARF powered by a GMS 40 2 stroke. Malcolm assembled and prepared the model observing all safety precautions by replacing the quick links that come in the kit with quality fittings. Roger test flew the model and it flew quite well.



Crash Report

I would like to be able to say that we have all improved our flying to the extent that we don't crash. I think the main reason

for no crashes is the inclement weather preventing much flying activity.



Club Uniform

As noted in the minutes of the last meeting we are considering the bulk purchase of more jackets, shirts and caps.

The price will depend on how many orders we get. At this stage it looks like costing the following.

- Hats \$10.50 with badge
- Shirts \$25 with badge
- Jackets \$56 with badge

Members wishing to purchase any item, please contact a committee member prior to the July meeting (AGM).



Tips & Tricks

Here's a good tip from Malcolm Miles. Before assembling an ARF model, trace around the major components onto paper or cardboard. You might be able to use the box for cardboard. If the unfortunate happens you will then have some profiles and dimensions to enable reconstruction. This is most applicable to trainer types that have square sided fuselages.



Events

Sport & Scale Fly-In held at the State Flying Field on Sunday 25th May – by Nick Katsikaros

A number of BRMFC members made the trip to Darraweit Guim to check out the State Flying Field and participate in a low key Sport and Scale event held by the Northern Flying Group (NFG). Members that attended were Graeme Allen, Wayne Goodwin, Max Rowan, Glenn White, Roger Carrigg and Nick Katsikaros. Fliers also attended from P&DARCS, Greensborough, CHAMPS, and Baccus Marsh clubs.



A couple of Cessnas. One without a nosewheel. Guess who!!

It was a magnificent day weather wise and NFG did a good job organizing the transmitter pound and pits with a minimum of fuss. The format used was 30 minutes scale alternating with 30 minutes sport and gave most people a good chance to both fly and socialize. The only downfall was that after 30 minutes on the ground there was a mad rush to get back into the air at the beginning of each session. This was kept under control at the

flight line with a flight marshal, usually club president Rob MacDonald, keeping control of things. Maneuvers were called and circuits enforced.

Ballarat fliers put on a good exhibition of scale flying including a demonstration of scale nose wheel damage on "arrival." Thankfully this was about the worst damage seen with no serious crashes all day. Max's Jenny reveled in the conditions and Glenn's Beagle floated around most convincingly. We were also treated to some interesting ground maneuvers by VMAA president Daryl Gunst test flying his long awaited Citabria powered by an OS Gemini twin. This was sorted out by removing the spats and eventually it flew very nicely.



Above: The pit area on Sundays Sport & Scale Day.
Below: A Pic of most of the fliers inside the club house.



There was a pause around lunch for most people with hot food and hot and cold drinks available from the new clubhouse facilities. Thanks go to Villette Gunst (Mrs VMAA Pres) and David Bevan for keeping the food flowing.



Roger's P39 Airacobra doing a low pass

About 3:30 a halt was called to the "formal" part of the day and the votes for the best scale and sports fliers were collected and tallied - all awards were based on the pilots choice format. Ballarat did very well in Scale with Max coming first with the Jenny and Roger's Cessna taking third (high speed passes are obviously appreciated by the NFG sports crowd). Gary Sunderland's Bristol from Bacchus Marsh split the two for second place. All three sports places went to NFG members - first Eric Martorella (Arrow), 2nd Dennis Saliba (modified great planes sportster) 3rd Philip Guardiani (Air sport forty).

The Northern Flying Group is the host or caretaker club of the State Flying Field and as a former member of the club I have

tried to keep in touch. It's been interesting to follow the effort and compare it with our own efforts in our new field. In both cases the real driving force to getting a worthwhile field is the effort of the members and the vision of the club executive. In NFG's case the VMAA has added some dollars and the fees have been increased considerably to make the State Flying Field a high quality facility in only two years.

The official opening of the State Flying Field is a Sport and Scale Weekend on November 22 and 23, and will correspond to both the Centenary of Flight and NFG's 25th anniversary. If this low key event is anything to judge by it will be a weekend you won't want to miss!

(thanks to the "Northern Flyer" for winners names and photos).

Many thanks for the article Nick - Editor.



Coming Events

Roy Gladman Round 2 - Aerobatics

This event has been held sometime in mid winter in past years. We have set date for **27th July** with a backup of the following Sunday 3rd August.

The Roy Gladman events are designed to be fun events and encourage all members to participate regardless of how well they fly or type of the model they have. Don't forget all the totals of the three rounds are added together so it is important to get what points you can.

This year will be the same as last year. We will be flying the APA Sportsman schedule. The maneuvers will be posted in the shed shortly. (There is probably already a copy out there). Don't be too fussed if you haven't got an aerobatic model as a trainer type will do 90% of the schedule. If you don't feel comfortable doing a particular maneuver, then don't attempt it.

Any members not wishing to fly, your help with judging would be appreciated.

There will be a small entry fee to cover the cost of the trophy and a barbecue lunch.

Due to the bitchyness and back stabbing the club trainer will not be available for use!!!!



Event Calendar

June 22 nd 2003	Indoor Electric - Netball Centre Norman Street. 2.00-4.00PM.
July 6 th 2003	F4C and Large Scale - MARCS.
July 27 th 2003	Small Model and Fun Fly - Bacchus Marsh.
July 27 th 2003	Roy Gladman Round 2 - Yendon.
Aug 3 rd 2003	Roy Gladman Round 2 - Backup.
Aug 2 nd /3 rd 2003	Pattern Aerobatics - Cobram.
Sept 20 th /21 st 2003	Mammoth Scale - Shepparton.
Nov 22 nd /23 rd 2003	Official Opening of State Flying Field - Northern Flying Group (NFG).

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

BRMFC MEMBERSHIP – Report by Tom Jobling**Introduction:**

A need exists to formalise the terms and conditions of membership to the BALLARAT RADIO MODEL FLYING CLUB (BRMFC). Membership of any club or group should be an honour and privilege which precludes any such member from bringing the group or its activities into disrepute. In this respect the BRMFC is no exception.

1. Types of Membership:

Various types of membership are necessary to allow the club to function and the members to have a fair voice on matters that may affect their activities or functions within the club. Insurance is essential for a person to fly a model aircraft at the club designated flying ground.

a. General Member

A General member is a person over the age of 16 years that is accepted into the club as a modeller and/or pilot. A general member shall pay all fees levied by the club for membership and pay the deferred Insurance Levy. A general member may fly model aircraft unrestricted at the clubs' designated flying ground. A general member shall have full voting rights at any meeting convened by the elected committee of management.

b. Junior Member

A Junior member is a person under the age of 16 years that is accepted into the club as a modeller and/or pilot. A junior member shall pay all fees levied by the club for junior membership and pay the deferred Insurance Levy. A general member must always supervise a junior member while exercising the right to fly a model aircraft at the clubs' designated flying ground. A junior member shall have full voting rights at any meeting convened by the elected committee of management.

c. Trainee Member

A Trainee member is a person that is accepted into the club as a modeller and/or pilot but has not completed the clubs' designated pilot training programme. A trainee member shall pay all fees levied by the club for general or junior membership (as applicable) and pay the deferred Insurance Levy. A trainee member shall not fly any model aircraft unless under close supervision of a club nominated pilot trainer. A trainee member shall have full voting rights at any meeting convened by the elected committee of management.

d. Social Member

A Social member is a person that is accepted into the club but does not wish to build, display or fly a model aircraft. A social member shall pay all fees levied by the club for general or junior membership. No insurance levy is required. A social member shall have restricted voting rights at any meeting convened by the elected committee of management. These restrictions shall apply to all matters directly affecting the flying of model aircraft and flying field safety.

e. Family Member

The club may permit a family group to apply for membership. All persons so accepted shall fill one of the other designated membership identities. The club may apply such special membership fees as determined at a general meeting of members for family membership. The deferred Insurance levy must be paid for any family member intending to model, display or fly a model aircraft at the clubs' designated flying field.

f. Honorary Member

The club may accept the nomination of a person as an honorary member. An honorary member shall have all the rights of a general member. An honorary member shall not be required to pay any club membership fee. However, should the honorary member wish to exercise the right to model, display or fly a model aircraft at the clubs' designated flying field then that honorary member shall become liable for the deferred Insurance Levy.

g. Life Member

The club may accept the nomination of a person as a life member. A life member shall have all the rights of a general member. A life member shall not be required to pay any club membership fee. However, should the life member wish to exercise the right to model, display or fly a model aircraft at the clubs' designated flying field then that Life member shall become liable for the deferred Insurance Levy.

2. Gaining Membership:

- a. Any person may gain membership of the BRMFC within category a) to e) by being nominated by an existing member, completing the membership application form and paying the appropriate fees and Insurance Levy.

- b. A member may nominate a person to be a Social Member. Such a person should have a general interest in modelling or displaying or flying model aircraft. To actually engage in any of these activities is not required. A social Member is required to pay the Club annual subscription. Should a Social Member decide to engage in club activities then the Social Membership status shall be altered to reflect that decision, eg. Social Member becomes a Trainee Member.
- c. A club member may nominate any person to be admitted as an Honorary Member. Such nomination shall be accompanied by a written proposal detailing the special attributes the nominee would bring to the club. An Honorary Member may be a member of another club, or a prominent person who would bring defined expertise to the BRMFC. An existing member of the BRMFC may also be nominated. That member should have performed exemplary duties within the club. For example, a General Member who has continuous membership in excess of 10 years and has served for at least four years in an executive position could be eligible for Honorary Membership nomination. To be accepted as an Honorary Member the nomination must be presented at a general meeting; debated and carried at the following general meeting by a majority of those members present.
- d. Any BRMFC member may nominate another BRMFC member to be given Life Membership of the club. A Life Membership nomination shall be a written statement showing good cause to why a Life Membership should be granted. Good Cause may include such issues as:
 - i. Extensive service to the club over a minimum of 10 years.
 - ii. A specific incident, where Life membership would be an appropriate reward.
 - iii. Long and faithful membership and service to the club, including executive service. This category of Good Cause would probably apply to an ageing member as reward.
- e. Conditions applying to Honorary and Life Membership include:
 - i. Total Honorary and Life Members shall not exceed 10% of other Club Membership.
 - ii. Honorary Membership shall be reviewed annually, at the monthly general meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

3. Expulsion:

A member of any category may be expelled from the club membership by a unanimous vote of all members present at a general meeting. A motion for expulsion must be made in writing to the BRMFC Honorary Secretary not less than seven days before a general meeting. The motion shall contain all relevant information referring to the request for expulsion.

Cause for expulsion may be any act or behaviour that brings the BRMFC or Model Flying in general into disrepute.

The elected Executive may suspend a member of any category immediately, pending investigation of a report of an act or behaviour that is considered to have the potential to bring the BRMFC into disrepute.



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