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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 September 24th 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. Strategic Plan
2. Life Member Protocol
3. Field Maintenance – Fence, water leaks etc
4. Annual Display Date Clash
5. Sausage Sizzle

Apology

It seems that we have offended some of our members with our attempt at humour. The article about Jack Schitt contained some poor language, for this we offer our apologies and our assurance that we will endeavour to vet our articles more crucially.

It's not easy trying to get a newsletter out every month (hark I think I hear violins in the background). It's difficult trying to sort out all the articles and information that you send us for inclusion in the newsletter!!



Points of interest from the last meeting

1. Subs By Installment in advance

The Secretary outlined the **Subs By Installment** plan that the club decided to adopt at the last meeting and distributed booklets of deposit slips. This enables members to pay their subs by installment in advance for the next financial year up to any amount that is convenient. For example if a member decides to pay \$20 per month or thereabouts and pays 8 installments he will have a credit of \$160 by the time the fees are due. The member fills out the deposit slip and receipt butt and hands to Secretary or Treasurer who signs the receipt butt.

2. Strategic Plan

Graeme Allen to compile. Graeme requested a note in the next newsletter asking members for their ideas regarding the direction they see the club taking and what the club should strive to achieve.

Action: Graeme Allen to put together Strategic Plan.

Action: Editor to put a note in next newsletter asking for input from members.

3. Life Member Protocol

Due to lack of room in the last newsletter to print the revisions arising from the last meeting this item was held over until the next meeting.

4. Field Maintenance

a) Fencing

As reported in the last newsletter a 50m fence has been erected between the buildings and the pit area. It was decided at the field by the members present when the fence was erected to construct an 'L' shaped fence enclosing all the buildings. Max Rowan reported that he has discussed the proposal with the Landlord and it is okay. The meeting requested Max to proceed based on the costs of the 50m fence. It is estimated to be around \$500. The fences will better define the car park, controls spectator movement and will also keep the sheep out thus enabling the trees to grow.

There was some discussion regarding the wording of the warning sign to be attached to the fence. We finished up with *Restricted Area – No spectators beyond this point.*

b) Tank overflow

Roger Carrigg pointed out that the water tank requires an over flow pipe to direct the over flow away from the back of the shed.

Action: Glenn White to get plumbing fittings and oversee job.

c) Water leaks

Roger Carrigg also pointed out that the water leaks in the container and site hut need fixing. It was generally agreed that a roof needs to be erected over the

container. The site hut servery window needs better flashing.

Action: Max Rowan to look at site hut window seal.

d) Trees

Murray Anstis reported that he has some trees to plant. It was agreed that once the enclosing fence is erected the trees can be planted. (The landlord stipulates trees indigenous to the area only)

e) Rocks

Peter Barnett sadly informed us that he recently hit the pile of rocks in the out field during a dead stick landing causing considerable damage. (Bad luck Pete) Graham Waterhouse and Tom Jobling offered to remove them next week.

Action: Graham Waterhouse and Tom Jobling to remove the rocks.

5. Annual Display – Date Clash

The Secretary stated that he has contacted John Lamont to see if the VFSAA can move the round of the VFSAA competition at Keilor so that it doesn't clash with our annual display scheduled for 28th March 2004. John has agreed to our request and is awaiting confirmation from the Keilor club.

6. Financial Members

The Secretary made the members present aware that un-financial members are NOT able to fly until their fees are paid.

7. Jackets and Badges

Gordon Hicks is taking orders for club jackets etc. We wish to get a batch ordered ASAP, so anyone who wants a jacket etc and has not contacted Gordon please do so at home on 5332 4572, Mob. 0427 033 981 or grov@dodo.com.au

8. Sausage Sizzles

The Secretary stated that we have received the Council permits for our two sausage sizzles planned for the calendar year. The first one is on Saturday 27th September at Safeway Sebastopol which is the weekend after the next meeting. We will need a show of hands at the next meeting.

9. Roy Gladman Round 2

The chairman reminded the meeting that the Roy Gladman Round 2 event is to be held this Sunday, with Sunday 14th September as a backup if the weather is unkind to us.

10. Other Items

a) Hand Towel Dispenser

June Waterhouse has kindly donated a hand towel dispenser along with a packet of hand towels. The dispenser can be fitted on the wall in the site hut near the sink. The club thanks June for the kind thought.

Action: Tom Jobling to take dispenser out to field.

b) Mower

Graham Waterhouse has been busy looking around at replacement mowers to get a feel for what is about and the likely costs. The reality is that the club could be faced with a decision regarding the mowers if the

gang mower broke down and was difficult and expensive to repair.

c) Newsletter

Graham Waterhouse raised a concern over an article that appeared in the August 2003 Newsletter that he considered was inappropriate. He thought that the editors should not print such items given that the newsletter is distributed beyond the club. The meeting agreed.

Action: Editors to restrain from printing content that could be interpreted as inappropriate.

11. Toilet Verandah

Tom Jobling reported that he has constructed and erected the verandah over the toilet door to protect it from the elements. Plumbing has also been fitted awaiting inspection from Glenn White. The cover walls have also been made and are awaiting fitment. (Many thanks Tom.) Tom fitted the cover walls last Saturday 13th September.

12. Incoming Mail

- a. 25th July – Letter of resignation from Steve Carter.
- b. 21st August – Permits to operate food stalls on 27th Sept. and 29th Nov 2003.
- c. 25th August – VMAA Minutes of meeting held on 14th August.
- d. 26th August – Notification from City of Ballarat that they are conducting food stall inspections.
- e. 26th August – Letters from VFSAA and MAAA re – accident at our field on 4th May 2003.
- f. 26th August – Advice from Events Ballarat that they will be collating Autumn/Winter Calendar for 2004 during October/November. (Need our event date)

13. Outgoing Mail

- a. 24th July – Email to John Lamont regarding our annual display 2004 date clash with VFSAA event at Keilor
- b. 18th August – Posted overdue subscriptions reminder to 9 members.
- c. 18th August – Sent off permit applications to Ballarat City to operate food stalls on 27th Sept. and 29th Nov 2003
- d. 23rd August – Posted Annual Statement to Consumer Affairs with cheque for \$35.
- e. 24th August – Distributed August 2003 newsletter to all members. (2002/3 members) Posted 20 newsletters to members
Email 26 newsletters to members.
Email 20 newsletters to other clubs, organizations and interested persons: eg. VMAA Secretary, VMAA Editor.
- f. 27th August – Letter to MAAA Secretary, re – accident at our field on 4th May 2003.



VMAA News

1. VMAA is putting together a club information kit which has guidelines for the formation of new clubs. Covers such things as Council permits,

minimum 10 members, safety requirements, field layout etc.

2. VMAA is to update and re-print the VMAA directory. Clubs and SIGS are requested to send in their details ASAP. To be reprinted by December 2003.
3. Nine (9) applications for public displays around the state.
4. MAAA has closed out the incident where a car was hit at our field back in May.
5. Preparations are well in hand for the official opening of the state flying field on November 22nd & 23rd
6. VMAA Secretary is seeking to update software from MS Office 95 to latest office suite at a cost of \$750. *(Can't expect those that take on positions in the VMAA to work with outdated equipment. It all takes too long as it is without making the job harder than it needs to be. Ed I know.)*



New Models seen at field

The first weekend in September proved to be one out of the blue, after all the bad weather we have had Fathers day turned out to be great flying conditions.

Max has put a lot of work into his latest project, a nice Pitts Special. The model has a wingspan of around 57" and is Powered by a G.M.S. 120 two stroke motor. The model doesn't look big enough to take an engine of that size but looks can be deceiving!



Watch out for those fingers Max!!!

After some time fiddling with the motor (2hrs or more), the Pitts was deemed ready for its maiden flight. The model seemed to taxi nicely with no tendency to nose over, it was pointed into wind and with the throttle fully opened flying speed was reached within 10 meters. Model rotated without any problems and soon gained a safe height; Max didn't have to do much trimming and the model behaved nicely. Having done four or five circuits Max had a problem with the motor, after throttling off it

just refused to pick up again with no alternatives a landing had to be made. There was no time to set up a nice long approach as one would like on a models first landing, instead Max had to get the Pitts down as soon as possible as it was fast loosing air speed. Making a hurried approach

Max misjudged the models speed and with no throttle it got a little too slow and stalled onto the runway. Landing heavily some minor damage was done to the landing gear. All in all it was a good test flight and it looks like the Pitts will be a great model.

P.S. Do you know anyone with a good 120 two stroke for sale!!

On the same day Glenn brought out his GAF Nomad which is powered by two Yellow Jacket 0.15's running 8x4 props. As the motors were brand new and had never fired a shot the main purpose of the day was to see how the motors would run. There were no problems when the motors were run separately but a major problem arose when both motors were running. A harmonic vibration set in they had to be stopped which meant there could be no test flight. We think the solution will be to change the plywood engine mounts to aluminium. Stay tuned!



Glenn's Nomad fitted with two 0.15 motors - economical

Tom arrived later in the day with another trainer. This one came from his next door neighbour for a song. It is powered by an OS 40 and came complete with receiver and servos. Roger test flew the model and it flew exceptionally well. Good buying Tom! During the test flight, Roger gave Tom the Tx and he had several uneventful circuits.



Crash Report

It seems that we missed one or two crashes in last month's newsletter (thought you got away with it didn't you?). When you go out flying mid-week it takes a little longer for the news to filter through. Graham Waterhouse, Ray Clarke and Peter Barnet all had mishaps.

Peter had a dead stick landing and was unfortunate to find the only pile of rocks in the paddock. The wingtip hit one of the rocks, spun his model and did some damage, which we hear has since been repaired.



Interesting Membership Facts

As of now we have 39 financial members with one or two others expected to rejoin. We have 25 Seniors ,2 Juniors, 6 Pensioners, 5 Life and 1 Associate member. Our average age is just under 50. Maybe the following prayer applies to most of us.

THE SENILITY PRAYER.

God grant me the senility to forget the people I've never liked anyway. The good fortune to run into the ones that I do like and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Now that I am older (but refuse to grow up), here's what I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing, and still have most of it.
2. My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran
3. I finally got my head together, now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.
5. All reports are now in, life is now officially unfair.
6. If all is not lost, where is it?
7. It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
8. Some days you are the dog, some days you are the hydrant.
9. I wish the buck stopped here, I sure could use a few.
10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
11. Accidents in the back seat cause ...kids.
12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
13. The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you are in the bathroom.
14. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.
15. When I am holding all the cards, why does everyone decide to play chess?
16. It's hard to meet expenses ... they're everywhere.
17. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
18. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm here after.



Working Bees

It is that time of year again there are lots of jobs to be done. It was decided at the last meeting that we would continue with the permanent fence and enclose all of the buildings. Max is organising the materials, once we have them we will want to get on with the job A.S.A.P. Due to the time of year the weather uncertainty and events calendar, working bees have to be slotted in when ever possible. Don't be surprised to get a phone call at short notice requesting your assistance.

On Saturday 13th September a working bee was held and we managed to make excellent progress with the fence to encircle the compound. Max Rowan, Peter Evans, Peter Barnett, Tom Jobling, Rob Beardall and Roger Carrigg

spent most of the day at the field and got the posts in the ground and some of the wire strung. The rain held off until about 4.00PM, anyway I think everyone had had enough by then.



Subs By Installment

Roger has come up with an easy way of pre-paying our annual club fees. He has put together books of coupons; they operate very much like a chequebook in that when you wish to pay an amount (can be any amount from \$1 up) you just fill out the amount selected on your coupon. Roger will tare this from the book and sign the docket, which you keep. The monies that are collected will be banked regularly and will not be used for any reason other than payment of club fees. If through unforeseen circumstances club membership was not required any monies paid would be refundable. There are some books out at the field in the shed on one of the racks. Some members have already taken advantage of the system and have made payments.



Membership Protocol

Please read the membership protocol at the end of the newsletter. This needs to be discussed at the next meeting and amended as necessary so that we can adopt this set of rules. It puts guidelines in place to cover the situation where a member wishes to nominate another member for honorary or life membership.



Container Keys

I (Roger) am still trying to account for the eight (8) container keys. The keys to the lock on the container are registered security keys and are numbered 1 to 8. Key 1 – Glenn White, Key 2 -----, Key 3 -----, Key 4 – Roger Carrigg, Key 5 -----, Key 6 – Max Rowan, Key 7 – Roger Carrigg (spare), Key 8 – Hugh McCormick. As you can see keys 3, 4 and 5 are unaccounted for.

Please help to fill in the gaps.



Strategic Plan

As Graeme Allen has taken up the challenge of drawing up a strategic plan for the club he has requested input from you – the members. Where do you want us to be in 5 and 10 years time? What do you want the club to achieve?

Please submit your thoughts to Graeme so that he can get this worthwhile document put together. A copy will then be pinned up on the notice board at the field.



Sausage Sizzle

Don't forget that we have our first sausage sizzle for the year on **Saturday 27th September** at Safeway Sebastopol. We need to be set up and running by 9.00AM. Anyone able to lend hand, please contact Glenn or Roger. These are very important fund raisers that enable us to keep our membership fees down. (We need a new mower)



Shepparton

Several members are making (or did make – depends on whether you get this before the weekend) the annual trip to Shepparton this weekend (20/21 Sept) for the mammoth scale event. This event attracts some of the best models in the country and is well worth seeing. Full report and pics in the next newsletter.



Event Calendar

Sept 20 th /21 st 2003	Mammoth Scale – Shepparton.
Oct 18 th /19 th 2003	Mallee Rally – Warracknabeal.
Nov 22 nd /23 rd 2003	Official Opening of State Flying Field – Northern Flying Group (NFG).
Nov 29 th /30 th 2003	Hamilton Fun Fly and Swap meet.

Indoor Electric flying - Netball Stadium Norman Street
Wendouree (2.00-4.00PM)

21st September, 5th October, 19th October.

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

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BRMFC MEMBERSHIP – Report by Tom Jobling (Amended by Roger Carrigg from minutes of June 2003 meeting)**Introduction:**

A need exists to formalise the terms and conditions of membership to the BALLARAT RADIO MODEL FLYING CLUB Inc. (BRMFC Inc). 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. Public liability Insurance is essential for a person to fly a model aircraft at the club designated flying field.

a. Senior Member

A Senior member is a person over the age of 18 years that is accepted into the club as a modeller and/or pilot. A senior member shall pay all fees levied by the club for membership and pay the prescribed MAAA Insurance Levy. A senior member may fly model aircraft unrestricted at the clubs' designated flying field. A senior 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 18 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 prescribed MAAA Insurance Levy. A senior member must always supervise a junior member while exercising the right to fly a model aircraft at the clubs' designated flying field. A junior member shall have full voting rights at any meeting convened by the elected committee of management.

c. Associate Member

An Associate member is either a Senior or Junior member and already belongs to another VMAA affiliated club. The associate member pays the prescribed MAAA Insurance Levy through the other club. Proof of membership is required by way of the MAAA card. The associate member has all the rights of the Senior or Junior member category.

d. Social Member

A Social member is a person that is accepted into the club but does not wish to fly a model aircraft. A social member shall pay all fees levied by the club for senior 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 prescribed MAAA Insurance levy must be paid for any family member intending to 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 senior 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 fly a model aircraft at the clubs' designated flying field, then that honorary member shall become liable for the prescribed MAAA 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 fly a model aircraft at the clubs' designated flying field then that Life member shall become liable for the prescribed MAAA 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 MAAA Insurance Levy.
- b. A member may nominate a person to be a Social Member. Such a person should have a general interest in aeromodelling. A social Member is required to pay the Club annual subscription. Should a Social Member decide to

engage in club flying activities then the Social Membership status shall be altered to reflect that decision, eg. Social Member becomes a Senior or Junior 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 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 over 50% of the club membership. Nominator would need to lobby members to attend meeting to gain required votes.
- 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.

To be accepted as a Life Member the nomination must be presented at a general meeting; debated and carried at the following general meeting by over 50% of the club membership. Nominator would need to lobby members to attend meeting to gain required votes.

- 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.
 - iii. *(Need to establish a clause that defines where a member is non active for a specified period of time the life membership is revoked.)*

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 aeromodelling 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.