

Minutes of the P&DARCS General Meeting held on Saturday May 6th 2023 at Burley Field.

Meeting opened at: 1:00pm

Chair of meeting: President, Keith Quigg

Members Present.

Apologies: David Glossop, Darryl Slade, David & Melissa Law, Frank McPherson, Angelo Favalora, Brian Evans

Visitors. Nil

Minutes of previous Meeting: Moved by Simon Ventevogal seconded by Steve Malcman **CARRIED**

Business Arising from Previous Minutes. Nil.

Reports

President: As printed in Newsletter.

Secretary: As printed in Newsletter.

Treasurer: The Treasurer updated the members on the financial state of the Club. Treasurer moved his report be accepted. Seconded by Neil Addicott **CARRIED**

1. 2023/24 Budget and Fee Structure

The Treasurer tabled the 2023/24 proposed Budget and Fee structure as recommended by the Committee for approval. He then went through the document explaining each item and the implications of several of them He also noted that there had not been a fee increase for 12 years.

The Treasurer advised that the Committee is recommending a Full Member fee of \$265, an increase of \$22. The fees of the other member categories are calculated from the Full Member Fee. The fee rise being due to large cost increases over a range of services, fuel etc used by the club

The motion" the 2023/24 budget as tabled, and the Full Member fee of \$265, with other category of fees in line with the fee structure of the club, be approved" Moved by Peter Harris Seconded by Rob Barbuto **CARRIED**

The President noted that once the MAAA and VMAA had set their fees the Club would send out the fee notification.

Registrar: As printed in Newsletter.

Field Manager: Craig noted that there had been a good rain fall over the past weeks which has really helped the runways which were now looking really good. It was noted that the working bee on the West runway which was scheduled for today had been cancelled due to the bad weather. He noted that we would reschedule this working bee as the west strip needed work.

Facilities Manager:

Norm reported that a temporary east strip pilot barrier was being set up in a revised location to gauge members opinion. It is expected that the current East strip pilot barrier will be removed very soon.

Norm noted that one of our members had offered a post hole digger to assist with the construction of the new barrier. This was much appreciated.

Safety Officer: Absent

Editor. Absent

Webmaster: All going well.

Social Secretary. Position vacant

Club Captain: Nil.

Chief Flying Instructor. Nil

Future Planning Sub Committee. Nil

General Business

1. Monty Tyrrell Fly-in Report.

Keith reported that the Monty had gone well with a good number of pilots attending on both days. General feeling was that it remains a 2 day event. The food van appeared to work well. We received about \$1500 sponsorship from the MAAA and VMAA.

2. Frequency and location of General Meetings

Due to the relatively poor attendance at the recent general meetings the committee is seeking comments as to the frequency and location of the meetings to try to increase number attending.

There was spirited discussion with several ideas raised. It was generally agreed that bimonthly General meeting was the preferred.

It was considered that there was an even spread of support for either Zoom meeting or face to face. A proposal for the AGM to be a face-to-face meeting held at a hall or similar venue was discussed.

It was agreed that the committee looking into this for the next AGM.

3. Noise Control

Barry Law asked if there had been any progress with noise control.

There was discussion where several protested that the Large Scale Aeros were being singled out which was not true. The Large Scale Aero association take noise control very serious and will disqualify any pilot with what is considered a noisy model.

Keith noted that the Safety Officer had arranged for very expensive noise monitoring equipment to be at the field for a week. The results were that a small older type of IC motor gave the higher results.

It was agreed that any model considered to be noisy, the pilot be told to land the aircraft and not fly it again until it had be quietened.

4. New Club Locking Procedures.

Daniel briefed the member of the new digital locking system that had been introduced due to some of our “secure” keys being stolen during the recent break in at the club. He noted that to renew the old “secure key” system would cost the club some \$6,000. The new digital system is much less.

Daniel demonstrated how the new locks operated and how to get the secure code via the club web site if you have mislaid it. He noted that a new code will be sent out twice a year.

All generally agreed that the new system appeared very good.

5. Change of Outright Share Purchase Incentive

Peter advised that the Committee had recommended that the incentive for outright share purchase be reduced from a full year membership to one half of a full year fee.

Peter Harris moved the motion that the share purchase incentive be reduced to one half of the membership fee effective immediately. Seconded by Ivan Chiselett **CARRIED**

6. Re-alignment of East Runway

Neil Addicott suggested that the East runway be realigned slightly to angle it away from the car park and Control Line Circle.

The Chairman noted that the committee will look into this suggestion.

Next General Meeting – June 3rd, scheduled at the field.

Meeting closed at 2:20pm