

# RV Aircraft Australia (RVAA)

## Annual General Meeting Goolwa 25 March 2023

### Minutes

#### Meeting Opening 10.03am

**Present:** Alan & Suzanne Carlisle, Richard Raymond, Ashley Miller, Gerry Gledhill, Rob Rickards, Ross Woodward, Ian Pearce, Patrick Pulis, Louis Delacretaz, John Siebert, Andrew Schmidt, Bruce Whittington, James Hart, Richard Connell, Blake O'Neil, Glen Willson, Wally Ogilvie, Jon Clark, Gavin Ennis, Chris McCourt, Danny Beger, Bo Hannington, Tim & Michelle Ellerton, Steve Nelson, John Brumpton, Martin Ford, Steve Pegler, Stan Lewis, Jason Sparks, Geordie Crawford, Lyndon Tretheway, Steve Lenne, Peter McMurtrie, David Brown, Mick Hender, Lloyd Bentley, John Jagodnik, Roger Lenne, Brent Fellows, Andrew Leopold, Rob & Sian Rickards, Bill Buttrose, Rob Sharples, Bernie Werninghaus, Mark Krieger, Magnus Badger, Paul McVitty, Terry Daff, Philip Maley, David Pocock, Scott Pottle, Shane & Sue Finney, Jeff Rowlands.

**APOLOGIES:** **Doug McCullough**, Gary Spicer, Praveen Vats, Doug Sprigg, Wendy Featherstone, Raja Suri, Michael Dalton (Agile Insurance), Gerard & Susan Merchant, Carl Boulton, Michael Allen and Tony White of SAAA

Moved apologies be accepted: Tim Ellerton  
Seconded: Rob Rickards Carried

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

**Business Arising:** Motion, moved Alan Carlisle, Seconded Warren Canning "That RVAA apply to SAAA to form an RV Chapter and that chapter be open to all RVAA members regardless of their financial affiliation with SAAA."

Alan Carlisle reported that the SAAA did not wish the assistance of the RVAA and had refused our request.

Moved the minutes as circulated be accepted: Proposed: John Siebert  
Seconded: Patrick Pulis Carried

#### Welcome extended to special guests:

**IOR Mr. Jack Vicary**

**RAAus Matt Boutell & Jared Smith**

**SAAA Declined**

The president reported that some of our guests have tight transport schedules that we invite our guests to speak now.

IOR Mr. Jack Vicary (Manager of Business Development) of IOR was warmly welcomed to the meeting. Jack had travelled from Brisbane to be with the meeting. Jack informed the meeting that IOR were delighted to be supporters of the RVAA and had made a business decision to sponsor RVAA members with a 8 cents per litre fuel discount from all IOR aviation refuellers. Jack detailed to the meeting how the discount was to be applied via the IOR fuel app. The President detailed to the meeting that all members would be notified of the generous offer and due to privacy issues any member who does not wish the RVAA to share their personal details with IOR, that they will have to opt out. A newsletter will be released ASAP regarding this sponsorship and opting out. The meeting was very appreciative of IOR's attendance and sponsorship offer.

RAAus Mr. Matt Boutell (CEO) and Jared Smith (Technical Manager) congratulated the RVAA on its formation and spoke on who the RAAus looked forward to supporting the RVAA into the future. Discussion was taken on the lifting of aircraft weights from 600kg to 760kg and how this will impact the RVAA members. They spoke on the need for repairer qualifications to work on RAAus aircraft, and the soon to be granted access of RAAUS to controlled airspace. Many questions were taken from the floor and the meeting thanked both Matt and Jared for their attendance and their support.

## **REPORTS:**

### **PRESIDENT:**

Well, its official the RVAA Inc now exists, and maintains its own website. We started small twelve months ago with 63 aircraft attending the inaugural meeting to discuss and vote on the formation of an RVAA. In the last twelve months our membership has doubled and continues to grow almost daily. I'd like to thank all those foundation members who in the last twelve months have joined our ranks in the foundation year of our incorporation. It is with some pride you should consider yourself a founding member of the RVAA.

Our insurance partnership with Agile Insurance has seen everyone save on their insurance premiums, and with Agile's generous support, your membership fees have been made to the RVAA on your behalf. I'm aware that not everyone insures their aircraft and to those RV owners I say that \$30.00 per year is a very modest amount for membership to the RVAA.

The RVAA has secured some additional exciting benefits for members that will see all flying members saving more money. The announcement of IOR sponsorship is excellent news! We are not yet one year old, but we are going from strength to strength.

I'd like to personally thank all the volunteer members of the RVAA committee, especially our Treasurer Richard Raymond who has done a sterling job this year. A special call out to Doug McCullough who, whilst losing his cherished son Jason last year to cancer, still gave us his valuable time and support putting together the RVAA website.

Have you heard about our new members Leonardo and Wendy? Leonardo is building Wendy the nicest RV14A you will ever see, photos should be on the website soon. It was Leonardo and Wendy who designed our RVAA logo, who secured our website name and

who made the fantastic RVAA banners you saw at Goolwa, all for free. What a clever couple these two are and just beaut people to meet. Thanks for being great foundation members Leonardo & Wendy.

Next year's AGM will be in Western Australia as we move state to state (clockwise) for our AGM's. Start planning the trip now for an exciting trip west. We don't have dates yet as we await our W.A. team to take the baton from John Brumpton and his Goolwa team at the AGM. Obviously, we will be planning for the best flying weather for the west. I suspect March/April will be looking good for Western Australia. Again, we plan to conduct an RVAA flyaway whilst we are over in Western Australia. You better start planning two or three weeks annual leave for next year.

**Moved: David Brown** "That the Presidents report be accepted."  
**Seconded: Steve Pegler** **Carried**

**TREASURER:**

Treasurer Richard Raymond presented the meeting with a power point presentation which included the following detail:

The Association financial year runs from Jan 1 to 31 Dec. At the end of the 2022 financial year there were 110 full financial members. A further 146 are classified as Associate members having to financially commit themselves at the close of the financial year. A bank account was opened at the CBA on 12 April 2022. The bank balance at 31 December 2022 was \$2,329.66.

The income stream for the year consisted of membership dues which amounted to \$3,630. Of that sum, \$2,580 was received from members directly, a further \$1,050.00 was received from Agile Insurance on behalf of members. Reported in the income stream are charitable donations received on behalf of Flight Youth Engineering which amounted to \$60.00. Income has exceeded expenses this year. The expense stream for the year amounted to \$1,430.34.

Association set up costs including stationary & postage amounted to \$668.74

Incorporation setup costs paid to the Office of Fair Trading amounted to \$167.85, hosting the AGM, as in bus hire and fuel amounted to \$533.45. Bank fees amounted to \$00.30c.

In summary the association has had a satisfactory financial start. Projected costs include payment of \$550 for the website design. Annual reporting costs to the Office of Fair Trading is approx. \$60.00. Hosting the AGM will likely exceed last years figures due to inflationary pressures. Income is projected to exceed expenses, however our sole income source is limited to membership contributions.

**Moved: John Siebert** "That the Treasurers report be adopted."  
**Seconded: Steve Nelson** **Carried.**

**ELECTIONS: All Positions were declared vacant: The Secretary took the chair.**

**President:**

Moved by Tim Ellerton, seconded by Richard Raymond: "That Alan Carlisle be nominated for the position of President": **Carried**

**Vice President:**

Moved by Alan Carlisle, seconded by Doug McCullough, "That John Brumpton be nominated for the position of Vice President". **Carried**

**Secretary: (must be a Queensland resident due to incorporation laws).**

Moved by Richard Raymond, Seconded by Robert Sharples, "That Ashley Miller be nominated for the position of Secretary." **Carried**

**Treasurer:** Moved by Alan Carlisle, Seconded by John Brumpton, "That Richard Raymond be nominated for the position of Treasurer." **Carried**

**Committee Positions:**

Moved by Alan Carlisle, seconded by Richard Raymond, "That the following members be nominated for the position of Committee members, Tim Ellerton, Robert Sharples & Milan (Zac) Zaklan. **Carried**

**General Business:**

**Website:** Richard Raymond moved, seconded by Alan Carlisle, "That a vote of thanks to be extended to Doug McCullough for his work in establishing the RVAA website."

Doug (apology) wish it be noted at the meeting the webmaster assistance in building and shaping the website which has been nothing but brilliant.

**Flight Youth Engineering:** Ashley Miller presented to the meeting a report on the

RVAA's nominated charity is Flight Youth Engineering (FYE) whose mission is to promote aviation pathways and give secondary school students hands-on skills and experience to equip them with the confidence to excel in their chosen careers.

Flight Youth Engineering is a program that sees secondary school-aged students from across Australia build and fly an actual aircraft under the watchful eye of professionals from the industry.

Flight Youth Engineering is very happy to report the safe arrival of our first student-built Vans RV-12IS to Avalon International Air show.

Co-Builder, Daniel Strydom, aged 17 yrs, piloted the RV-12IS all the way from Redcliffe to Avalon with FYE instructor Paul Reddish.

Very cool factor for Daniel to land at Avalon in a brand new aircraft he helped build.

Daniel is also a new 1st year apprentice at Bell Helicopters. The second RV12 being built by high school students in Caboolture should be finalised in the second half of this year. A third RV12 has been ordered and expectations are high.

A special thank you to all the RVAA members who have contributed to making this dream possible.

**Prize for the longest travelled** attended to the AGM, went to Scott Pottle having travelled from Port Douglas to Goolwa, a distance approximately 44 miles further than our Western Australian members.

**Missing RV6:** It was reported to the meeting that the RV6 graphic is currently missing from the front page of the RVAA website. Can this be fixed? Answer of course – thank you.

**Thank you to John Brumpton:** The meeting rose in standing appreciation for the hard work put in by John Brumpton and his team of Karen, Damien, Zac, Lindo, Steve, John, Jeff & Richard and many others for putting on the best AGM meeting yet. Carried by applause.

**Meeting closed: 11.10am**