

The Free Flighter Journal of the NSWFFS Inc November 2020



Sam Kirby on the field
at Richmond

Minutes of General Meeting 20 Sept 2020

Meeting opened: 10.10am relocated to 44 Ravel St Seven Hills due to heavy rain at Richmond Flying Field. President Terry Bond in the chair.

Present: Roy Summersby, Reg Towell, Gary Goodwin, Peter Scott, Gail Scott, Geoff Potter, Aaron Booth, Gary Pope, John Pennells, Di Hanna

Apologies:

Barry Lee, Michel Towell, Phil Warren, Bruce Walker, Matt Hannaford

Guests:

Lyn Towell,

Minutes of previous meeting:

Accepted as a true record moved by Peter Scott, sec Aaron Booth carried.

Business Arising

Chief flying instructor has now been qualified and appointed, Mike Ward of the Eurobodalla Club, south coast.

Correspondence out:

Free Flighter, MAAA container, MAAA CFI requests

Correspondence in:

Fly Papers (3)

MAAA NEWS

Treasurers Report:

1st July to 31st August 2020

Moved, Peter Scott sec Gary Pope, carried

TREASURERS REPORT NSWFFS

Opening Balances

C.B.A – A/C No 229300901281	\$27,221.97
C.B.A - A/C No 233610409062	\$435.25
Opening Total	\$27,657.22

C.B.A 1– Deposits	\$11,553.00
C.B.A 2– Deposits	\$00.00

C.B.A 1- Payments	\$16,666.83
C.B.A – Payments	\$00.00
	\$21,878.36
Balance as of 31/1018 C.B.A 2	\$435.25
Closing Total Balance C.B.A. 1 & 2	\$ 22,313.61

General Business:

The Presidents annual report was sent out by email the week before and this was well received.

Terry gave a report on work that was done at West Wyalong between the 11- 14 Sep. This included new sheeting of the walls, a new floor, and the painting of the bedroom. The wall lining and painting of the MAAA container is now ready for the Hall of Fame Plaques to be displayed.

The sheeting on the outside laundry wall near the water heater and water pump is almost complete. Electrical work to the containers and bedroom is now complete. The mowing of the RC strip and around the house is an ongoing task and improves these areas each time it is mowed. These were the major jobs over these four days, we had nine workers and Roy did his best to get the most out of them.

Terry moved, sec Geoff Potter, that, as a direct result of the Covid -19 gathering restrictions, and the restrictions placed on interstate travel, 'Wings over West Wyalong' should be cancelled for 23-25 Sep 2020. Carried

The Southern Cross cup contest will continue in modified form and a new program will be issued shortly. Attendance is limited and Covid-19 restrictions will be observed.

Terry thanked the committee for their efforts over the last twelve months which has been a very difficult year, then declared all positions vacant.

Meeting closed 10.43 am

President	Terry Bond	0417027579
Vice President	Gary Pope	0417268478
Secretary & Newsletter Editor	Roy Summersby	0413588720
Treasurer	Gary Goodwin	0414292050
Registrar	Barry Lee	0402329078

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 20 Sep 2020

Nominations had been received for all positions the only change being that of the vice president. Gary Pope has held that position for some years declined, this position was filled by Aaron Booth.

Gary Goodwin submitted the annual treasurers report, this supplemented the President's annual report emailed to members a week earlier. The report shows that we are in a reasonably good financial position. We have been spending wisely and within our means. We have additional commitments for approximately \$11000 and this has been allocated for work at West Wyalong and repayment of the MAAA loan.

Roy asked the members present if they were happy to continue with a similar flying program for 2021 this was agreed. (Consistent with any Covid-19 restrictions)

The 1st West Wyalong Nationals Championships for 2021 was discussed and will be held in July if possible. The same action applies to Wings over West Wyalong in Oct 2021.

The elected Committee and their positions.

President, Terry Bond 0417 027 579
Vice president, Aaron Booth 0412 127 270
Secretary & newsletter editor, Roy Summersby 0413 588 720
Treasurer, Gary Goodwin 0414 292 050
Registrar, Barry Lee 0402 329 078
Safety Officer, Michael Towell 0433 175 295
Chief Flying Instructor, Mike Ward 0416 081 536
Scale Coordinator, Phil Warren 0405 579 904
Face book Manager, Warren Leadbeatter 0408 801 539
Contest Organizer Richmond, Peter Scott 0434 276 265
Librarian, John Pennells 02 4363 1834

Meeting closed 11.30am.

Editorial November 2020

Hi Team, Last one for the year and one general meeting to go. The meeting will be held on the field again 20 November so do not forget your chair. Hopefully, the weather will be more cooperative than what we experienced at the last meeting.

By the time you read this Len Surtees will be long gone. I should mention that Len is an expert on chuck glider construction and flying. He holds several world and Australian indoor and outdoor records. He had a rest from building and flying for a period and made some interesting sailing boats, I am personally pleased to see him return to the modelling world. A recent upsurge in chuckie interest both on his part and a number of our Friday flyers convinced Len to visit from his haven in Queensland to offer some instruction and building clues. I expect Len to affiliate with the NSWFFS next year to enjoy the facilities that our society can offer.

Over the last two months I have asked some modellers to put together a personal profile. I have been semi successful, and a couple have come in. One came from an interested teacher from a remote settlement in WA who is trying to introduce some local kids to model flying. If I can get the appropriate photos that will go into Wingspan. I will continue to ask so be prepared.

The desire for competition continues but Covid has put paid to any recent state comps. However recent changes to state border restrictions has at last given us some hope. The Southern Cross Cup planned earlier this year will now be held over the Christmas break at West Wyalong. Roy will produce details later in this issue. We will also continue planning the 1st West Wyalong Nationals for Jul 2021.

Our Friday flyers Christmas party will be held on Friday 27 November. You finally get to receive some benefit of the \$2 coin you pay for parking each flying day. The function is catered and a small amount of champs is provided. We also offer our thanks to Pauline Saliba, wife of Charlie owner of the field on that day with a small presentation. We have tried on days gone by to have Charlie visit, but the grass is always more important.

We are still managing to sell 'stuff' on eBay and any donations are gratefully accepted. A recent sale of kits donated by Peter 'Jacko' Jackson netted a handy sum, but we still need more. All proceeds go into improvements at West Wyalong.

That's about all folks. Remember to stay safe over the Christmas period, enjoy the time off if you get the chance.

Terry Bond

President NSWFFS

Next Meeting Friday 20th November 11.00AM

On the field at Richmond.

Due to Covid 19 it has been decided to hold the November meeting on the field at Richmond so we can have social distancing. We do realise some members will not be able to make it. The other side is that Friday nights doesn't suit others so I guess it's a trade of. Maybe next year we will be back to normal. We will provide a few shades and hopefully the rains will stay away.

Christmas party's

These are coming up fast, as always, we have two, the first one will be on Friday 27th November, this is a morning breakfast provided by the Friday flyers. The second one is on Sunday the 6th December, it is BYO lunch, we supply the cooking gear and any drinks left over from the Friday. Before the B-B-Q lunch there is a scramble and a Vintage comp with a few of the SAM's members, see program.

AB Field news

Since our last meeting we have only made one trip to West Wyalong but it was very productive. I managed to get some good workers, I think eight in total, and we managed to get all the programmed work done, and a little bit more. The MAAA container is now lined, painted, and has lighting. It is ready for the hanging of the plaques; this should happen over the new Year break.

The bedroom in the house looks new, paint on the walls, paint on the ceiling, and new look alike timber on the floor, a huge improvement from the very old and filthy carpet. It will be so much easier to keep clean.

The wall on the outside where the laundry window is has now been sheeted, sealing out the weather and hopefully a bit more dust. With all these jobs there was electrical work being done, this included moving switches, wires and new lights in the containers.

While these jobs were happening by the trades persons, other workers were busy cutting grass and generally cleaning and tidying the whole area.

Two weeks after we were there the Control line shed was put up. This job was left to the experts and they have done a fine job as you can see by the photos. This shed and the hard stand was partly financed by the control line society.

Field use

Over the last two months the field has been used by the SAMS group for six days and following them a few of the F2B control line flyers had four days there. We on the other hand held our competitions back hoping that the other states could join us, sadly this hasn't happened as yet, but it is getting closer.

Australian Lady Flyer

Leigh Morgan

1st in Australia Third in the World

The 60's Coupe Postal is an international postal event run by Mark Braunlich for Coupe d'Hiver models built to designs published between 1960 and 1970. The first competition was held in 2014/15 and for several years results were dominated by Sean O'Connor from Australia. Sean won in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. Scores were a bit ordinary except for 2016/17 when Sean made all the rounds as well as three flyoff flights.

It's a nice event to fly. The models are modern enough to fly well and being small don't suffer too much in strength from not using modern materials such as carbon fibre.

Mike Glaister from Victoria participated in 2016 (2nd), 2017(3rd), 2018 (4th) (he seems to be going downhill) and 2019 (7th). Mike likes building, so he has completed a number of models for the competition. He flew a Deuzio in 2016 and 2017 but then changed to a Ferion for 2018. The Deuzio (or perhaps its brother, Mike has built several) was looking for a new home and since Leigh Morgan has shown some interest in the competition Mike generously offered it to her. After acquiring a new rear end, it had its first outing at West Wyalong on June 7, nice and early for the 2019/20 Postal. It's a Winter Cup Postal so the Northern Hemisphere fly from December through March and the Southern Hemisphere June through September. Leigh made just one flight on the 7th at WW but she added three more back in Melbourne (Eynesbury Field) on the 10th. Then, before there were any more good weather opportunities, disaster struck. Melbourne went into lockdown. Outdoor play was not allowed and driving as far as the flying field not allowed.

With just one more flight needed we surveyed the local area for possible flying sites within the allowed travel distance of 5km. In drift of 1 m/s a 2-minute flight only goes about 150m (allowing a bit of time for DT) however in light conditions the direction is often unpredictable so you really need a 300m field. This is quite a bit larger than the usual cricket oval but it happens that there is a suitable large park, Royal Park, just 3km from Melbourne CBD and 2km from us. In 1845 Governor Charles La Trobe set aside a reservation of 10 square km north of Melbourne for parkland and open spaces suitable for the future activity of Free Flight (I added this last part). Over the next 140 years, the area of the park was whittled down with land being taken for the Zoo, the Children's hospital, playing fields etc. In 1984 a competition for a redesign of the park was won by landscape architects Stafford and Jones. A part of their plan involved clearing a large area in the SE of the park where there were cricket ovals, and planting native grasses. Naturally there was outrage from all sorts of groups. Although the voices of the Free Flight community were drowned out, the plan was adopted and we now have a 400m diameter cleared circle of ankle high grass. Good for trimming and, with care, 2-minute competition flights.

We went there on Monday, September 28, two days before the close off date for the competition and the first day for some time that promised suitable weather. Leigh needed a test flight because she had used the three months since the first four flights to patch a lot of tissue holes and the complete model had had a coat of dope. The test was good. DT at 1 minute at good height. Unfortunately, the following competition flight was not so good – 99s. The other Melburnians all failed to get in 5 flights. Sean O'Connor with four and Vin Morgan also with four (all in Royal Park but that is another story). Leigh's four maxes and a 99 was good enough for third place.

Yes, the Covid-19 restrictions were a hinderance. We hope more Australians will fly next year.

NEW YEAR FLYING at the AB Field West Wyalong NSWFFS

New Year get together 28th/12- 2/1st

As everyone is frothing at the bit to fly some competitions we have decided to have a few over this period. That doesn't mean that you can't come and fly whatever you want. Everyone is welcome RC, CL & FF.

We do hope to run these comps weather permitting.

29th/12th F1 A, B, C

30th /12th Combined Vintage & Combined Open

31st/12th F1 A, B, C

1st/1st Reserve Day

F1A,B,C Will be 5 flights, no rounds 1st flight must be in by 8.00am finish by 12 noon.

Open Comps 3 flights no rounds must finish by 12 noon

All Fly Offs next morning

This should get us of the field before the day gets to hot.





A couple more photos of new shed.



Terry's new model



Slowly getting there. Covering, prop and front end to go. A proper open rubber model.

* NSWFFS Contest & Fixture Calendar 2021 *

Date	Event	Venue	Time	C/D
Dec 28 Jan 2	New Years Eve BBQ & Fun Fly No Comps. Just Fun Flying	W. Wyalong stay on the	Flying anytime Field Book in	If you want to go tell Roy
Jan 10	New Year Recovery Day. ½ hr walking Scramble & Scale Rally	Richmond	7.00am – 1.00pm	Aaron Booth
Jan 15	General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7:30pm	
Jan 17	Combined %	Richmond		Roy Summersby
Feb 7	Combined F1 G, H, J, P30 + Scale Fun Fly	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Peter Scott
Feb 21	State Champs P30 + Comb Vintage	Richmond	7.00 – 1.00pm	Gary Pope
Mar 7	State Champs Scramble + Combined % Control Line flying, BBQ Lunch	Richmond BYO Food	7.00am-1.00pm	Michael Towel
Mar 19	General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7.30 pm	
Apr 9-15	AFFS Champs	Narrandera	See FFDU	
Apr 17-19	Southern Cross Cup 17 th . F1A, C & O/R. 18 th F1B & O/P 19th Reserve	W Wyalong	8.00am-1.00pm	Dave Thomas
May 2	E36 + Combined Vintage	Richmond		Aaron Booth
May 15-16	Veteran's Gathering	Muswellbrook		
May 21	General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7.30pm	
June 5-7	NSW State Champs F1A, B, C, O/Power, O / Rubber + Victorian States Champs for A, B, C	W. Wyalong A B Field	8.00am-1.00pm	Dave Thomas
June 20	Bowen comp + Scale Practice + E36	Richmond	7.00am-1.00pm	Roy Summersby
July 3-4-5	Scale Rally Weekend. Scale comp Sat 4th, Sun 5th ½ Hour scramble, Fun Fly C/L fly- ing & BBQ Lunch	Richmond Saturday BYO Food	7.00am till dark Trans Tasman	Phil Warren
July 7-14	1 st West Wyalong National Champs	W Wyalong		Nat's Committee
July 16	General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7.30 pm	
July 25	State Champs F1G,H,J (Combined)	Richmond	7.00am- 1.00pm	Bruce Hao
Aug 15	Scale Rally, P 30, Combined Vintage	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	R. Summersby
Aug 27-29	Cowra Oily Hand Weekend	Cowra		
Sep 12	½ Hour Walking Scramble + Fun Fly B-B-Q Lunch	Richmond BYO Food	7:00am – 1:00pm	John Corby
Sep 17	Annual General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7:30 pm	
Sep 26	Combined % 5 flights	Richmond	7.00am - 1.00pm	Peter Scott
Oct 3	Combined % Multiple Entries	Hinton or Rich- mond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Gary Goodwin
Oct 22-24	Wings Over West Wyalong. All Disciplines RC, CL, FF, + FUN FLY Bowden comp ROG details to come 1/2 Hour Scramble (walking)	W. Wyalong A.B.Field	7.00am-Till Dark	Plenty of Room for ALL
Nov 14	Scale Rally +Fun Fly	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Peter Jackson
Nov 19	General meeting	Dundas Sport	7.30 pm	
Nov 26	Friday Xmas Party	Richmond	7.00am – 1.00pm	Terry & Lyn
Dec 5	½ Hour Scramble, Combined Vintage with SAMS & Fun Fly.	Richmond BBQ Xmas	7:00am – 1:00pm Lunch BYO	Aaron Booth FOOD

Notes All scrambles start at 8.00am