



**Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Kapiti Aeromodellers' Club
21 April 2015
Paekakariki Surf Club**

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1. Registration, quorum (need 25% excluding proxies), and proxies.

Headcount taken at 44 members. Forty-five signed the register which was circulated during the meeting. This met the quorum requirements of 26.

Nine proxies were received. Two were disqualified as were unsigned. One was disqualified as the proxy holder did not attend. Two were disqualified as they did not nominate the proxy holder.

2. President's welcome

S. Hutchison welcomed attendees, provided guidelines for the conduct of the meeting and asked all non members to identify themselves so they could be excluded from voting. Non-members included J. Shorer, President MFNZ.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from

Mike Tucker	Barry Simmonds	Trevor Pullen *	Robert Keegan *
David Proctor	Ian Crosland	Ernie Thompson *	Nigel Bovey *
Clive Waters *	Peter Smith *	Peter Kortens	Derek Symes
Ryan Groves *	Roy Nichol	Robert Upton *	Sharon de Hair *

(* = proxy lodged)

Moved that apologies be accepted - S. Hutchison. Seconded – A. Rivers. Carried

4. Previous Annual General Meeting minutes

The minutes of the 2014 AGM had been circulated prior to the meeting. No corrections required.

Moved be accepted as read – S. Hutchison, 2nd R. Monk. Carried

Matters arising - nil

5. President's report and adoption

S. Hutchison read his report. Key points:-

- Vibrant club. With membership now at around 110 the club has experienced substantial growth from a membership of 74 in 2009. The size now presents additional challenges in communication, and increased committee responsibilities.
- Significant events in the past 12 months have included - Tree planting with "Park Users' Group", exhibition at Kapiti Primary School, annual rally, show and tell at rest homes and Kapiti Library, and other projects.
- The relationship with the Park management is important and discussions have been had over the impact of upgrades to the walkway. Future areas for discussion with the park management include establishing a more robust tenancy agreement, pest and weed control, walkway impact, access to other areas of the park for different activities (eg helicopters) .

- Improvements include upgrades to the driveway, creation of assembly tables for pits, purchase of a “mulching mower’ for the driveway, and improved signage.
- Thanks to J. von Hartitzsch for field maintenance, donations of vices from E Thompson, A. Rivers for managing external relationships, and everyone who has participated in working bees. Particular thanks to A. Rivers, past president, and the committee for their efforts.
- Committee targets for the coming year include: track maintenance, fence netting, electric fence stakes, water feed from roof to tank, repairs to steps.

Moved that report be accepted - S. Hutchison. Seconded A. Rivers. - Carried
Matters arising – nil

6. Club Captain’s report and adoption

W. Summerton read his report. Key points:-

- Membership numbers are healthy with a continuous stream of new applicants
- Backlog of members who have not yet gained wings. This year planning to put more effort in getting all up to wings standard.
- Kapiti Primary School open day attracted 800-1000 visitors. Thanks to T. Beaumont for the initial concept and detailed organisation. This type of activity is important as a means of gaining public acceptance and support for our hobby.
- The annual rally was adversely impacted by bad weather on the Saturday, but despite this we had an enthusiastic public attendance, generous donations, and few ‘incidents’.
- No major flying accidents or serious incidents over the year, but the Club Captain has noticed a tendency for fliers to stray beyond flight limit boundaries – especially gliders exceeding height restrictions.
- A fun fly competition was initiated during the year, but this gradually faded, probably impacted by adverse weather. Simple competitions are fun and help to develop flying skills and comradeship.
- Proposal for club motto – “3F” equals - - - “flying, fun, and friendship”

Moved that report be accepted – S. Hutchison. Seconded B. Whitaker. - Carried
Matters Arising - nil

7. Treasurers Annual Statement of Accounts and adoption

P Buckrell spoke to the accounts and membership. Key points:-

- club cash flows are approx \$16500 per year, in and out.
- rally profit despite bad weather was \$295.
- Annual surplus was \$571.
- The club made a donation of \$510 to kapiti Primary school from funds raised in the “Open Day” display.
- All expenditure financed from cheque account
- term deposit at year end stands at \$37697, with \$808 of interest due July.
- year end financial membership is 108 compared to 113 last year.

Discussion – R. Monk enquired why the savings account had been closed. P Buckrell answered that it was a cumbersome system needing two signatures. This was accepted.

S Alexander enquired if the committee had a plan for the \$37000 reserves. P. Buckrell answered that it would be useful if the club had to move site, but that no direct plan existed. S. Alexander requested that the incoming committee develop a management plan for potential uses for these funds.

Moved that accounts be accepted - T. Whatmough. Seconded – D. Searancke. - Carried

Notices of Motion

8.1 Changes to Clause 8(f) of the Constitution to clarify use of proxies in voting (proposed – D. Marriott,

Seconded – S. Alexander) . D .Marriott explained that the purpose of the remit was simply to tidy up some clumsy wording and to provide clarification that voting would be the sum of votes placed by those attending, plus proxy votes.

In discussion A. Rivers felt that the remit created more confusion over what a proxy was. He proposed that the motion not be put. Seconded J. Hamill. – carried on a show of hands.

8.2 Banning of rotary wing multi rotors models from the Queen Elizabeth site (proposed P. Buckrell, seconded W. Summerton)

P. Buckrell's remit listed concerns over :

- The clubs culture and flying operations are built around fixed wing model aircraft,
- The flying of rotary wing and fixed wing models is incompatible in the same airspace.
- There are zero MR qualified pilots out of a current membership of 115.
- The advent of multi-rotor "drones" as the media likes to refer to them, is foreseen to become a major problem for your committee due to their ready availability, relative ease of flying and no real control of where or how they may be flown,
- Changes to CIA 101 and the introduction of CAA 102.
- The need for your committee to defend the interests of the club as a consequence of irresponsible non club member flying of rotary wing models or Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPAS) and the threat this poses to tenure of our flying site.

P. Buckrell spoke to the motion citing the club's risk analysis which indicated vulnerability if any model exceeded our height or air space limitations.

P. Brown felt the remit was unconstitutional, being offensive to clause 1b and also contrary to the MFNZ policy of referring multicopter pilots to contact their local MFNZ affiliated club. He moved that the motion not be put. Seconded S. Alexander. Lost on a show of hands.

The discussion then continued.

J. Hamill asked if multirotors were any more likely to exceed boundaries than conventional aircraft.

P Buckrell cited an incident of a non-member flying a multirotor at height over the beach.

P. Halfacre felt the remit was an overreaction. The club can't stop people flying over the beach. We need to be inclusive and support multirotors to fly within our rules. They present no more risk than eg a jet crash. If we ban multirotors it will make no difference to people who operate outside the club's jurisdiction.

F. de Hair also felt the remit was unconstitutional. The club should be actively trying to engage with this group as there is much to learn from them.

D. Marriott (as proxy holder) read a submission from N. Bovey.

J. Shorer (MFNZ) talked about his work in writing the MR wings test. He felt that any expectation that the club could escape being drawn into a multirotor incident by banning them was naive. His personal view was that multirotors would not interfere with and would be compatible with other fliers. A much better strategy would be to get involved so the club could manage the situation.

The vote was put by secret ballot. S. Hutchison appointed R. White and J. Ellison as scrutineers. The motion was defeated 33/9. (After proxies 36/10)

Moved R. West that papers be destroyed, seconded J. Ellison. Carried.

1. Setting of membership Fees for the 2014/2015 year.

Moved that Club fees be held unchanged and that increases in MFNZ fees be passed through. This is an overall increase of \$3 per senior or family member.

Moved - P. Buckrell, Seconded D. Marriott. - Carried

2. Election of the Executive and Ordinary Committee members

President – with A. Rivers having previously resigned, nominations were called from the floor, by D. Marriott. S. Hutchison was nominated by A. Rivers, seconded R. West. Carried

Vice President – with S. Hutchison taking the President role, nominations were called from the floor

for Vice President. D. Lynn was nominated by S. Hutchison, seconded T. Beaumont. Carried.

All other committee positions – each committee position had one nomination and were uncontested. Moved they all be accepted S. Hutchison, seconded P. Brown. Carried This puts the following into roles as:

Treasurer – P. Buckrell

Club Captain – W. Summerton

General Committee – R. Monk, T. Beaumont, B. Whitaker

Secretary – D. Marriott

3. **Appointment of an Accounting Reviewer and confirmation of fee**

Moved P. Buckrell to appoint Mr D. Blank as our Reviewer for the 2015/16 year. Indicative fee \$200 plus GST. Seconded S. Hutchison. - Carried

4. **General Business**

12.1 (P. Halfacre) . Requested that the incoming committee consider having summer club meetings at the flying site, to avoid clashing with the Paekakariki Surf Lifesaving Club activities. Committee to consider.

12.2 (A. Rivers as proxy for R. Upton). Requested that committee consider a reduced membership subscription for the aged. Committee to consider.

12.3 (R. West). Requested that committee consider the concept of a new class of membership – non flying, social member. Committee to consider.

12.4 (M. Hall). Advised that he will be leaving the club to move to Wanaka. Thanks to all who flew with him.

5. **Time, Date and Place of next AGM** – Committee to determine

6. **Closure**

The meeting closed at approx 9.40pm

D Marriott
Secretary 22/4/15

(Incl input from S Hutchison, P Buckrell, W Summerton)