

**Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting of the Recreational Aircraft
Association of NZ Inc.
Held at Rangiora Airfield, Rangiora on
Saturday November 19th, 2011.**

1 Evan Gardiner (President) **opened** the meeting at 11:00am and welcomed those present.

2 **Proxies** were confirmed for-

| Club | Proxy | Voting strength | % strength |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Canterbury Rec | Dave Mitchell | 94 | 17.00% |
| Southern Rec | George Taylor | 52 | 9.00% |
| Bay of Plenty | Colin Alexander | 30 | 5.00% |
| Waikato | Stuart Parker | 29 | 5.00% |
| Wairarapa | Colin Alexander | 23 | 4.00% |
| Nelson | Bob Wagner | 19 | 3.00% |
| South Canterbury | Evan Gardiner | 19 | 3.00% |
| Gyrate | Colin Alexander | 9 | 2.00% |
| Golden Bay | Bob Wagner | 7 | 1.00% |
| Motueka | Bob Wagner | 5 | 1.00% |
| Fiordland | George Taylor | 3 | 1.00% |

With 51% of members represented, a quorum was declared.

3 **Attendees**

Executive Members present-
Evan Gardiner (chair)
George Taylor
Peter Treanor
Colin Alexander (Tech)
Stuart Parker (Admin)

Approx 25 members were in attendance.

4 **Apologies** were received from-

Ken McKee/Napier
Al Hart/Motueka
Mike Sheffield/Rangiora
Bruce Norrie/North Canterbury
Bradley Yorke/Southland
Bill Penman/Feilding

5 The **minutes** of the 2010 AGM

The minutes (posted on the RAANZ website) were taken as read and discussed.

Moved: That the minutes be accepted as correct (Stuart Parker/Evan Gardiner/carried).

6 **Matters arising** from the previous minutes

There were a number of issues arising that were noted to be covered later in General Business.

7 Evan Gardiner read the **President's Report** (published on the RAANZ website)

There was some discussion regarding the accessibility of microlighting being reduced by the increasing cost of aircraft, the lack of low cost entry level machines, and the resulting increasing average age of pilots.

Moved: That the President's report be accepted (Evan Gardiner/Phil Budding/carried).

The meeting moved a vote of thanks to Evan as he completes his 3 year term as President and must stand down.

8 Stuart Parker read Bill Penman's **Operations Report** (published on the RAANZ website)

There was some discussion regarding the possible increase to 600kg MAUW. Existing microlight registered aircraft would need manufacturer's declaration to increase MAUW beyond the current certification.

Moved: That the Operations report be accepted (Stuart Parker/Doug Anderson/carried).

9 Colin Alexander read the **Technical Report** (published on the RAANZ website)

It was suggested that the IA and Instructor forums and roadshows be merged to cover both at the same time for little extra cost. Suggestions for next Instructor forums to be around weather related events and training standards.

Moved: That the Technical report be accepted (Colin Alexander/Stuart Parker/carried).

10 Stuart Parker read the **Treasurer's Report** (published on the RAANZ website)

With budgeted income expected to meet expenditure, annual subs to remain at \$70.00 per year.

There was also a suggestion that RAANZ consider start-up loans to clubs (eg to assist with aircraft purchase).

Moved: That the Treasurer's report be accepted (Stuart Parker/Doug Anderson/carried).

11 **Election of Officers.**

There were 5 vacancies on the executive, due to 3 completing their 3 year term (Peter Treanor, George Taylor, Evan Gardiner), and 2 resigning (Peter Rutledge, Caroline Trevella).

Nominations for executive-
Stuart Parker (Peter Treanor)
George Taylor (Evan Gardiner)
Peter Collins (Dave Mitchell)
Evan Gardiner (George Taylor)
Rodger Ward (Dave Mitchell)

With no further nominations from the floor, all candidates were elected elected unopposed.

12 **Remits**

Executive nomination procedure

Proposer- RAANZ exec

Change clause 11.1 of the Constitution from

No person shall be elected to office unless that person is present at the Annual General Meeting at which he or she is to be elected, or has previously signified his or her willingness to accept nomination.

To

No person shall be elected to office unless that person has been formally nominated by their Club, and is present at the Annual General Meeting at which he or she is to

be elected, or has previously signified his or her willingness to accept nomination. The candidate shall declare his/her relevant background, affiliations and intentions to the AGM, either in person or by written declaration.

Discussion

This change is intended to recognise and reinforce the involvement of clubs in identifying and promoting candidates to best represent their interests on the executive, and to avoid ad hoc gap-filling nominations from the floor. The candidate declaration is intended to provide the AGM with sufficient information to make an appropriate assessment of the candidate before voting.

Moved: That the remit be accepted (Stuart Parker/Evan Gardiner/carried).

Tenure of office

Proposer- RAANZ exec

Change clause 19.1 of the Constitution from

The tenure of office of all members of the Executive Committee, with the exception of the office of Immediate Past President, shall terminate on the appointment of their successor. Any member of the Executive Committee being absent for three consecutive meetings without leave of absence shall, unless otherwise resolved by majority of the Executive Committee, cease to be a member of the Executive Committee.

To

The tenure of office of all members of the Executive Committee, with the exception of the office of Immediate Past President, shall terminate on the appointment of their successor. Any member of the Executive Committee being non-contributing for three consecutive current agenda items without leave of absence shall, unless otherwise resolved by majority of the Executive Committee, cease to be a member of the Executive Committee.

Discussion

The executive conducts its business via email on the RAANZ forum, rather than face to face meetings. This change is to reflect that fact and clarify expectations for active involvement in the online issues under discussion.

Moved: That the remit be accepted (Stuart Parker/Evan Gardiner/carried).

Merge the responsibilities of the Administration Liaison and Administration Officer.

Proposer- RAANZ exec

Change all references to 'Administration Liaison' to 'Administration Officer' in 7.2, 7.6, 10.1.2, 10.1.5 (delete Admin Liaison), 11.4 (delete Admin Liaison), 12.1, 18.1.1 (delete Admin Liaison), 23.1, 24, 24.1, 24.2 (remove clause), 26.2.

Discussion

In our Constitution and Exposition we have an Admin Liaison role. This was originally to cover the situation where the Admin Officer was purely clerical, and there was a need for a higher level link back to the Exec. Reality is that with a small organisation the Admin role is more aviation specific, is directly represented on the Exec, and there is no need for a separate Admin Liaison position.

The changes are straightforward, and just reflect what we are doing right now.

Moved: That the remit be accepted (Stuart Parker/Evan Gardiner/carried).

FAI/CIMA membership

Proposer- RAANZ exec

That RAANZ resign from membership of the FAI and CIMA sub-committee.

Discussion

RAANZ is the NZ participant in CIMA (Microlight Commission of the FAI). We pay an annual fee of \$800 to this organisation. CIMA's main business is the promulgation of standard competition rules; maintenance of microlight flight records; management of the Colibri awards for microlight flying; and organisation of the annual World Airgames.

At present members do not make use of these services, and RAANZ itself could provide any required services at an NZ level, or via Flying NZ at FAI level.

Moved: That the exec investigate withdrawing from direct FAI membership (Brent Thompson/Stuart Parker/carried).

13 **General Business**

AGM format

There was some discussion about revising the AGM format to possibly merge it with a fly-in or similar event. No decision was made.

Declining membership

There was general discussion regarding declining membership, with the incoming exec tasked to consider this issue.

2012 National fly-in at Motueka

Bob Wagner briefed the meeting on the planned fly-in at Motueka- weather always sorted, all welcome.

RAANZ accessibility

There was discussion about the possibility of improving accessibility by introducing 0800 RAANZ toll-free calling and direct credit card payments. These were decided against on the monthly costs to RAANZ against the minimal usage expected.

Max Clear's death.

Max's significant contribution to microlighting over a long period was noted and appreciated.

14 There being no further business, Evan thanked the attendees and **closed** the meeting at 13:00pm.