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Ian Partleton's Spitfire, not flown at this stage, needs a permit.

SATURDAY	APRIL 27	Airshow at West Sale
SUNDAY	APRIL 28	Airshow at West Sale - General flying at all sites -
WEDNESDAY	MAY 1	Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	MAY 5	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN -
SUNDAY	MAY 12	Mothers Day & General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	MAY 19	Bairnsdale Club Mid May Muster
SUNDAY	MAY 26	General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	JUNE 2	F3A event at Lake Narracan
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 5	Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
SAT/MON	JUN 8/9/10	KING S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND... Various Events see VMAA calendar
SUNDAY	JUNE 9	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN.
SUNDAY	JUNE 16	Slope Day at No Pine & General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	JUNE 23	General flying at all sites & Combat Classic Event 3 at 11.00am
SUNDAY	JUNE 30	General flying at all sites

From the President...

Hi all

In the past month I have not flown much on club Sundays. However, on the last 2 club days of April I have been witness to the Combat day and the great Warbirds day. On the Combat day I was an enthusiast observer of the combatants in each heat and the good natured banter between heats of who got who and with what!

On the Warbirds day, a great turn up of pilots with 20 plus warbirds including Corsairs, Spitfires, Mustangs, P40 and one Zero. Ian Parlo has obviously had much influence as the Corsairs outnumbered everything else. Other models were also on show so overall a wonderful day was enjoyed by all.

My thoughts are that the club is in a really good place at present. Keep up the good work.

See you at the field.

Bill Reid

Minutes of the April 2024 General Meeting held at the MOE RSL meeting room at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd April 2024

- 1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30
- 2 Present – 12 members Chris Davenport, Wayne Lewis, Godwin Bugeja, Fred Barabasz, Brian Adams, Stephen Loft, Ivan Walker, Jamie McLaughlin, Rex Mitchell, Ian Partleton, Ollie Wilson & Rod Hilsley
- 3 Apologies – Ash Bence, Bill Reid, Ian Heafield, Paul Mitchell & Mick Dye.
- 4 Visitors – Roy Urand, Bret Mitchell & Jodi Wilson.
- 5 New Members applications – None
- 6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 6th March 2024 – As per the April 2024 Newsletter

Moved : Secretary

Seconded Ian P Carried: Yes

7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

7.1 NOVA use of the field – They gave us a \$50 donation and did not use our site.

7.2 Mick's presentation has been sent out to the 9 councilors , Lauren Setches (LCC LN rep) & Keisha Halstead (LCC)

It was suggested that it be sent out to all Club Members also.

8 Correspondence In & Out and Business arising from Correspondence

8.1 Out - Newsletter to members, VMAA & various others

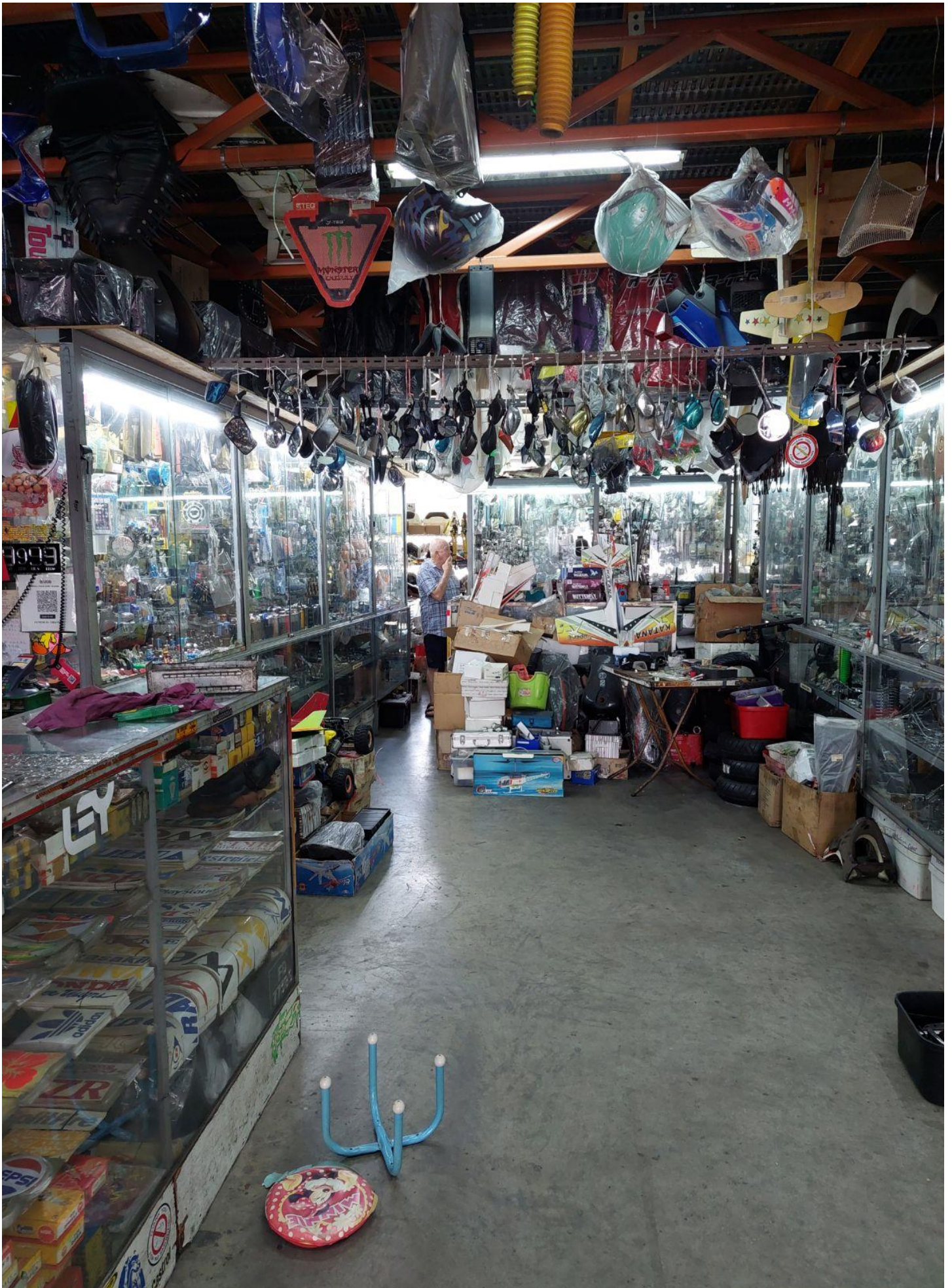
8.2 In - VMAA Minutes

8.3 Out – email to 9 Councilors with Mick's video attachment

8.4 Phone call from John Gillam with a grievance and it was backed up with an email. – Moved to General Business.

Moved : Secretary

Seconded: Brian A Carried: yes



Above - Rex Mitchell visited this Hobby Shop whilst in Singapore recently

Club Flyday at Lake Narracan (Sunday 7th April)

It was not a good day weather wise and only 4 flyers turned up to fly in a westerly wind gusting to 30kmh an overcast sky and the odd shower of rain.

Fred Barabasz had a large Pattern model with an electric motor running on 2x6S batteries (12S) and it flew well. Fred also assisted Doug with his new Carbon Cub.

Stephen Loft was flew his Combat SPAD.

Doug Jowett had a flight with his new Carbon Cub with Fred's assistance and of course the model was on a Safety receiver.

Jamie McLaughlin flew his Ultra Sports and had no problems

They had all departed by 11.30am

Combat Cup

Sunday 14th April was a perfect day for this event and we had the most starters that we have ever had in this event. 9 members lined up to fly in this event which got underway at 11.00am. It was fine and sunny with a light Westerly wind. Perfect conditions for this event.

Lofty, Wayne, Ian, Rex, James, Brian, Jamie & William were all flying Lofty Combat SPADS and Godwin was the only one flying a nitro powered balsa Combat model.

The first event was a 1 minute timed flight and Ian P got the Max 200 Points for being spot on 1 minute.

The second event was loop,roll,loop,roll,loop, roll in the quickest time. James came first with 10 seconds.

The 3rd event was the 10 seconds inverted flight and Ian P again got spot on the 10 seconds.

The 4th event was the Spot Landing and Rex got a Max score and was inside 1 metre.

By 11.35am this part of the event was over and a sausage sizzle lunch followed

At Midday the Combat part of the event began and there were 2 cuts in **round 1** with Lofty & Jamie getting 1 cut each.

Round 2 saw 3 cuts with James, Lofty and Ian P getting one each and unfortunately, Rex took his eyes off his SPAD and it wasn't there when he looked back. It had gone vertically into the paddock and the motor shaft had sheared off so he was out of the event. At this stage I was wondering if I had brought enough streamers !

Round 3 saw no cuts but quite a few mid air clips and Jamie was knocked out with no elevator and his SPAD was not damaged but needed a new elevator servo so he couldn't fly in round 4. Ian P also had and 1 Aileron broken off but managed to finish the round.

In round 4 we were down to 7 pilots and there were 4 cuts and Brian got two of them, Wayne got 1 and James got 1. Again there were a few midair Clips and Lofty had a chunk torn out of his SPAD wing and Godwin had some damage to his wing also. After this round we had used 11 streamers and I only had 2 new streamers left over for next time.

Thanks to all those that entered the event and to Chris, Eric & Owen for doing the time keeping & scoring.

Also thanks to Bill Reid for cooking the Sausage Sizzle lunch and cleaning up the kitchen.

For the first time there was a tied score for second place and counting the all 4 rounds it was still a tied score so a flip of a coin decided who was second and who was third. Final Scores for the Combat Cup are

First Place James Morfitt 1490Well done James

Second Place Ian Partleton 1470

Third Place Stephen Loft 1470

William 1350

Godwin 1320

Brian 1280

Wayne 1275

Jamie 1050

Rex 480



Above – the Combat Cup & Trophies



Above – Ian Partleton lost half an aileron in the Combat

Combat Classic

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The Combat Cup Combat part was also Event 2 of the Combat Classic event.

Final Scores after Event 2 (there are still 2 Events to go)

James	900	+	850	=	1750
Lofty	780	+	850	=	1630
Godwin	800	+	750	=	1550
Wayne	730	+	750	=	1480
Will	730	+	700	=	1430
John	700	+	000	=	700
Brian	000	+	700	=	700
Jamie	000	+	500	=	500
Roy	750	+	000	=	750
Ian P	000	+	750	=	750
Rex	000	+	480	=	480

The next Combat Event is the Combat Classic Event 3 which is programmed for Sunday 23rd June 2024.

Have you got the correct Wings ? Several members have “Bronze Wings” and should be upgrading to “Silver Wings” or even “Gold Wings. Don’t be afraid to have a go at the manoeuvres, especially when you may be the only one in the air. It can only make you a better pilot. In case you haven’t noticed, there is more to flying RC than just flying around in circuits.

<http://www.maaa.asn.au/images/pdfs/forms/Form-016-POWER-BRONZE-SILVER-WINGS.pdf>

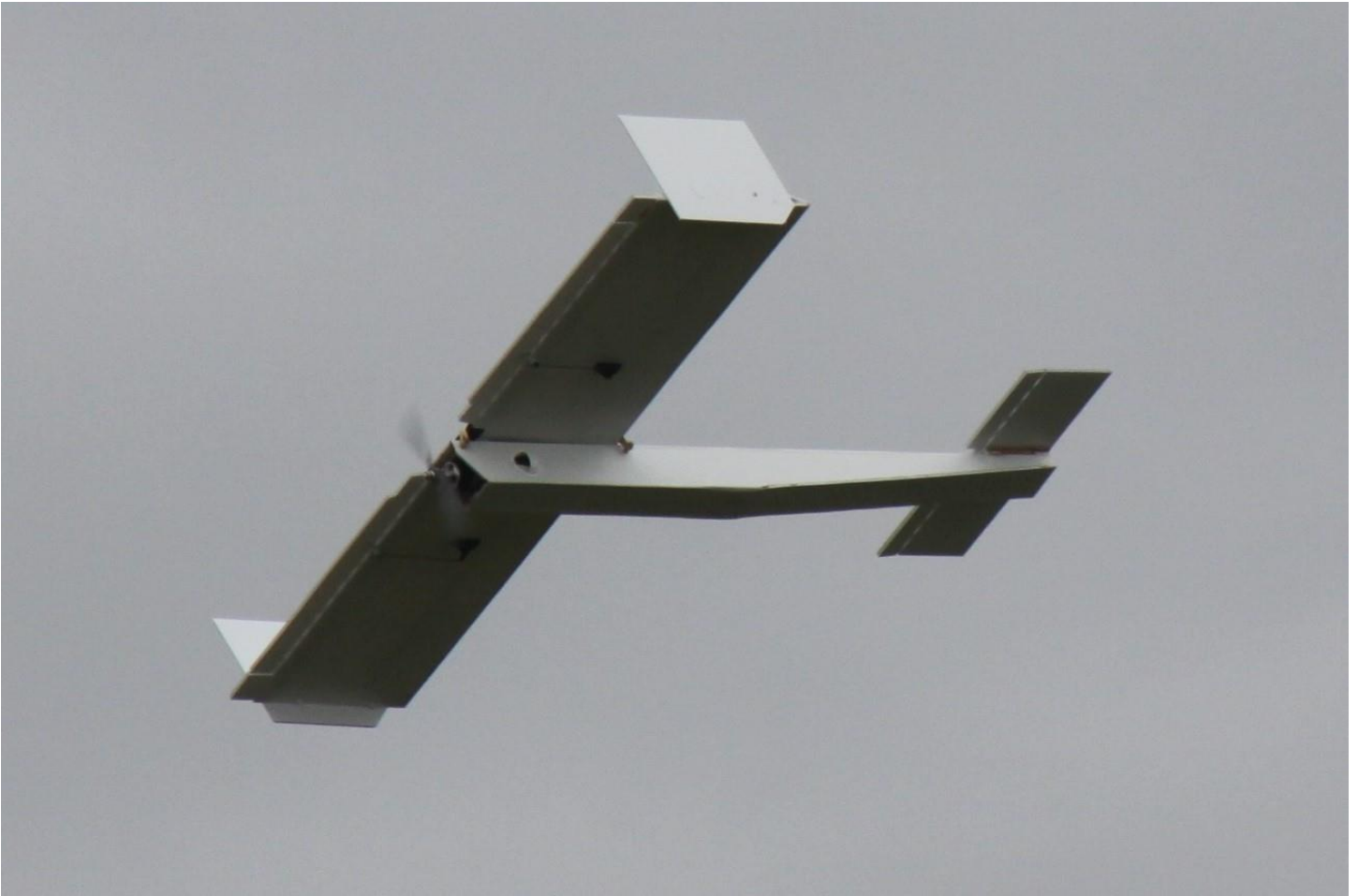
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(read in conjunction with the MAAA Bronze, Silver & gold Wings Sheet as there are manoeuvres that we do not do, included in this pdf)



Above – Chris lost his 1700mm span Mustang when it ran out of power, possibly with a faulty ESC, before the Warbirds day



Above – Lofty has designed a “SPAD Canard” using the Combat SPAD Wing. The first flight was hairy as the C of G was 12mm out. Second flight was successful but with the winglets it was auto leveling the wings. Modifications to the winglets worked well and the model now flies nicely. Well done Lofty. I hear the orders are already rolling in.

Warbirds day – Sunday 21st April 2024

It was an overcast morning with a light wind to start and the sun did come out around 12.30pm by which time the wind had picked up to over 30kmh. There was a good rollup of members and a very good selection of Warbirds, some flying and some just on display. A fitting tribute leading up to ANZAC Day this coming week.

William McLauchlan flew a Navy Cub, his small A10 Warthog & Chris gave him a small Mustang which broke the nose when testflown by Wayne.

Glen Neal had a large electric foam Spitfire and a large electric Corsair and they both were flown well in the capable hands of Glen.

Wayne Lewis flew a FMS Foam Corsair and a Hobbyking Typhoon. Unfortunately on the second flight the Corsair went off the air and was heading for the lake and ran straight into a tree and fell to the ground. (see the pic)

Chris Davenport had a van full but none of the Warbirds flew as he had lent his NX8 Transmitter to a friend who was at another event and didn't want to set any of them up on the DX6 that he was using on this day.

Chris had a foam Hurricane, a Spitfire, a Catalina, a F35 Lightning II, an F15 Eagle, an AT 6 Texan, a SE5A and the small Mustang that he gave to William.

Ian Partleton flew 2 different size Corsairs, and had a large Spitfire that still needs a permit to fly(it was just for static display on this day and looks great)

Stephen Loft had a Zero and a small Corsair

Brian Adams flew an Elephant Biplane, his electric Corsair and a Nitro Powered Sopwith Pup.

Mick Dye flew a large Piper Cub and his large Ryan had an engine failure on takeoff and landed in the paddock with minor damage to the undercarriage.

Rex Mitchell flew his very nice chrome colored P51 Mustang and his P-40 Warhawk

Bill Reid flew a small electric 1100mm span Spitfire.

Of course there were several other members in attendance and everyone was flying models other than Warbirds. Some pics follow.....



Above – Bill Reids Spitfire - 1100mm span foamie



Above – Rex Mitchell's Mustang on a low pass



Above - Mick Dye's Piper Cub



Above - Mick Dye's "Ryan"



Above – the Davenport collection & he still has more at home



Above – Ian Partleton's collection and he has more Corsairs at home



Above – William’s Navy Cub on the concrete strip



Above – Wayne’s Corsair went off the air and hit the tree 4 metres up and no it didn’t bring down that branch when it hit the tree. The tree actually saved the model from going into the Lake.



Above – Wayne Typhoon doing a low pass



Above – Glen’s Corsair coming in for a landing...Gear down, flaps down

Thanks to Brian Adams for supplying some of the Warbird Pictures.
He did supply a memory stick with 347 pics from the Warbirds Day.



Above – Lofty’s Zero flying nicely



Above – Not sure who’s side this majestic flying machine was on.



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CURRENT FUEL SITUATION – 13-4-24

(Note the price change for 4 stroke)

Roy is still purchasing fuel from Toy World in Bulk at a 20% discount and is leaving a small quantity in the flying field container.

Current prices inclusive of the 20% discount for 2 stroke and 10% discount for 4 stroke are:

2 Stroke \$48 / 4 litres

4 Stroke \$63 / 4 litres

Could club members please ensure that they immediately advise Roy (at field or text 0417 562014) when taking any fuel and pay prior too, or shortly after.

If you want to transfer the money here are the details:

BSB 063530 Account 10029601

Account Name: Roy White.

Col Cliff Memorial Trophy

This event was programmed for February 17th 2024 and the weather was quite suitable but there were not enough starters on this day so the Back up day was 24th February 2024. ON this day we got 6 starters and it was fine and sunny so the event got underway at 11.00am but by the time we had all done the first 4 events the wind had come up to 30kmh so we had a lunch break hoping the wind may back off but it didn't so the second half of the event was postponed.

The current suggestion is that the event be finished on a Thursday for the 5 who fly on Thursdays and the only entrant that works can do his 4 events on a Saturday or Sunday.

Fees for 2024 -2025

The MAAA have their annual conference during May and fees will be set then. At this time, I do not expect our Club Fees will change but I will be very surprised in the MAAA & VMAA fees don't go up. Insurance seems to be going up every year and the MAAA adsorbed the increase last year, but this year it may be a different story. The only thing you can count on is that fees very rarely decrease ! I believe the MAAA does a great job in negotiating our Insurance needs.

Fees will be due before 30th June 2024

Agenda for the May 2024 General Meeting
To be held at the MOE RSL meeting room at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st May 2024

- 1 Meeting Opened at :
- 2 Present –
- 3 Apologies –
- 4 New Members applications –
- 5 Visitors –
- 6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 3rd April 2024 – As per the May 2024 Newsletter

Moved : Secretary Seconded Carried:

- 7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

- 7.1

- 7.2 Mick’s presentation has been sent out to the 9 councilors , Lauren Setches (LCC LN rep) & Keisha Halstead (LCC)

- 8 Correspondence In & Out and Business arising from Correspondence

- 8.1 Out - Newsletter to members, VMAA & various others

- 8.2 In - VMAA Minutes

- 8.3 In – email from Lauren Setches LCC inquiring about our 300m limit

- 8.4 Out – email reply to Lauren Setches.

- 8.5 In - Out & In -email to & from Keisha about a visit by LCC to Lake Narracan – possibly a Thursday in May

Moved : Secretary Seconded: Carried:

- 9 Treasurer – As supplied

31-3-2024 Starting Balance \$ 7997.29

Income \$ 0.00

Expenses \$ 40.00

30-4-2024 Balance \$ 7957.29

Comm Bank TD \$ 49701.58 (this investment was renewed on 9-7-23 for 1 year)

Bendigo Bank TD \$ 5383.08 (this investment was renewed on 26-3-24 for 1 year)

Total Investments \$ 55084.66

Total Funds \$

Moved : Treasurer Seconded: Carried:

- 10 2023-2024 Membership at 28-3-24 – 27 Seniors, 11 Pensioners, 2 Junior, 3 Life, 4 Associate, 1 Social. = 48 financial members

- 11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: -

- 12 Relocation Update: - Some Council reps will be out sometime in May.

- 13 Flight Proficiency –

- 14 Safety – time spent on the strip

- 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 JD Mower

- 15.2 Fees

- 15.3

- 15.4 Other

- 16 BENT WHEEL AWARD

- 17 BOMB AWARD -

- 18 SHOW & TELL –

- 19 CONFIRM PROGRAM -

- 20 Next meeting will be a General Meeting and will be on Wednesday 1st May 2024 at the Moe RSL.

- 21 Meeting Closed at :



Above - Wayne was wondering why his SPAD 40 started cutting the grass whilst doing touch & Go's. 3 of the screws holding the motor to the motor mount had come out and the 4th screw was very loose. One more touch & go and the whole motor would have fallen off. Luckily the screws were trapped behind the motor mount and were retrieved.

Many thanks to those who have contributed to the newsletter with Articles, Pictures and information this month. It would be good to get some new contributors. Thanks also to our regular contributors in particular for their monthly contributions.

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