

ASC e-News

Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club



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At the last committee meeting we welcomed the following people into membership at the ASC:

Jing Zhang, Yan Li, Roger Chapman, Wai Tsang, Peter Speck, Danielle Thompson, Duncan Herbert, Clive Thomas, Ben King, Gerrard Terry, Matthew Noonan, Sarah Houston, Hans Hiltbrunner, Ingo Bahmann, Noel Byrens, Adrian Cooper, David Vreugdenburg, Harrison Rowntree.

We wish you all the best for your flying endeavours And welcome you to our great club.

SMS member's statement

Have you read the club's Safety Management System statement and returned the form to say you have?

http://adelaidesoaring.on.net/?page_id=716

The LSA Scene

We have started the new year on a very positive note.

Several months of Friday morning dedicated training in Aviation Theory, Methods of Instruction and Flying Training has resulted in two new instructors joining our Training Panel. Welcome to Chantal Didenko and Colin Drew, who have already reduced some of the load from Sue and Karl .

Chantal is generally available on Saturdays and Colin on Wednesdays. At times, subject to work and other commitments, they are available on other days as well.

I wish to sincerely thank Sue Ingham and Phil Pullem who dedicated themselves to assist me by sharing some of the tasks when training Chantal and Colin.

A number of new students joined the ASC in the past few months. Two were RAAF pilots who did a conversion course to RAAus pilot certificates. One is an Orion pilot and the other had just completed his basic flying training and was heading to Perth for advanced training.

Another who made us sit up and take notice was Sarah Houston. Sarah attends University at Mawson Lakes where she studies aviation subjects. She wants to complete her flying training with us before moving to GA at Parafield. She always wears her aviation attire of dark slacks and white blouse with epaulets. She looks very smart, so much so, that we critically check our own outfits.

Looking at a photo of Sarah with Sue, the obvious question is "who is the instructor"?. Sarah has a great attitude and fits in very well. She is also one of our recent solo pilots, along with Fernando Diaz and Noel Byrnes.



Looking at the bigger picture, we are still dealing with the CASA restrictions on the Jabiru engine, however I don't feel that it has had much of a negative effect on our training. Hopefully those restrictions will be lifted on 30th June.

A big thank you from me to Mick Wright for all his attention to detail and hard work to keep us safely in the air.

Karl Faeth

From our Safety Officer

Please maintain a good look out to improve your situational awareness. Particularly when crossing the runways so as not put yourself or others in danger.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting of the Adelaide Soaring Club will be held:

Saturday 6th February 2016, commencing at 5.00pm.
(Items of business below)

VENUE: Dining Room of the Adelaide Soaring Club, Gawler.

(This will be immediately followed by an ASC 'Members Forum')

Daryl Trigg



BACKGROUND

During a review of club administrative procedures in 2015, it emerged that we do not have a legal basis for some processes which are desirable to promote efficiency, members' rights and safety. These matters relate to -

- Becoming a member (i.e. entry to the club);
- Delegation of functions and powers which the ASC Constitution gives only to the Committee.
- Keeping of records.

The ASC Constitution as it currently exists refers to these matters in Clauses 29-33, Clause 42, and Clause 70. These are reproduced as an attachment. The essential features are that for a person to be a member of the club -

"The Committee must vote to accept the applying person as a member"; and

"The membership remains provisional for a period of six weeks after approval by the Committee".

These clauses do not accord with the practices which we need to use if members are to be admitted to the club with ability to fly and use its facilities immediately. Technically at present they must wait until the matter is voted on by Committee, which may take up to two months (there not being a Committee meeting in December).

A further problem is that Clause 42 is inconsistent with Clauses 30-33. Clause 42 says:

42. A member on paying his subscription and entrance fee is thereby considered to have submitted himself to these rules and on these conditions alone is entitled to enjoy all the advantages and privileges of the Club.

To leave the current situation as it is would be inadvisable. Sooner or later we will have a situation where an important question arises about whether a person really was a legitimate member of the Club at a particular time. For instance if somebody made application through the office, paid their subs and then had an accident before the Committee had voted to accept their application, it appears that technically they would not be a member because the Committee has not accepted them, and no-one else can do so. Would they be covered by insurance? What would their situation be with respect to their operation under GFA or

RAAust rules (and hence CASA's)? What would the club's situation be, having allowed a non-member to fly?

In this review another important matter emerged. Nowhere in the Constitution is there any power for the Committee to delegate its powers other than to a subcommittee. This means that all actions of officers of the club and also of employed staff are in question.

Finally, the Constitution requires that records such as minutes of Committee meetings be kept in "a book". This was written before the advent of electronic record-keeping, and should be updated.

Changes to the Constitution can only be made by members voting at a General Meeting (whether Annual or Special) and hence these issues are put before members with a view to adopting the proposed changes.

The changes proposed below have been discussed by the Committee and has its support.

THE PROPOSALS

The following changes to the club Constitution are recommended:

(a) Add a clause as follows:

"Any of the powers given to the Committee or a member of the Committee by this Constitution, or imposed by statute, may by resolution of the Committee be delegated to an individual".

(b) Amend the provisions in the Constitution relating to entry to the club so that the relevant clause reads as follows:

"Every person who has applied in writing on the prescribed form and whose entrance fee (if any) and subscription (if any) have been paid shall on doing so become a provisional member of the Club", and:

"Membership shall be provisional immediately on acceptance of the subscription fee. The provisional status of the person's membership will be converted to full membership in one of the categories set out elsewhere in the Constitution if the Committee votes to accept the application. If the Committee does not vote for or against acceptance of the applicant's membership within 60 days of acceptance of the applicant's subscription fee, then the applicant's status will automatically be converted to full membership in the applicable category."

(c) Repeal the present Clause 42, because the changes in (a) and (b) above make it redundant.

(d) Amend the Constitution:

1. So that the requirement to enter records into a book be supplemented by *"or such other secure record-keeping methods as are approved by the Committee"*.

2. By removing, *"..... and the minutes so kept shall be signed by the Chairman of the subsequent meeting, or in case of his refusing or neglecting to sign the same, then such minutes must be signed by any two members actually present at such meeting"* and replacing with, *"..... and accepted or amended by resolution of the Committee at the subsequent Committee meeting"*.

The combined outcome of these changes will enable a person to become a legitimate financial member by applying through delegated persons in the office and paying their subscription. They can then legally start flying. Committee will still maintain ultimate control and responsibility for management and membership as at present, and record-keeping will be simplified and made consistent with modern office practice.

RECOMMENDATION

At the Special General Meeting I will move that the recommended changes be approved.

Steve Pegler

ATTACHMENT

EXTRACT- RELEVANT CURRENT CLAUSES FROM CONSTITUTION

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB - JOINING AND ENTRY

29. (1) Membership of the Club shall be open to the public.

(2) The Club shall consist of those members who have been elected members (of whatever class) of the Club and whose names are for the time being recorded in the Register of Members of the Club.

(3) Every person who has been elected as a member of the Club in accordance with the Rules and whose entrance fee (if any) and subscription (if any) have been paid shall become a member of the Club.

30. (1) Candidates for election to membership of the Club (other than persons not members of the Club elected as Life Member or Honorary Member) shall make application in the form appropriate to the class of membership sought.

(2) The Committee may approve and vary forms from time to time.

(3) An application for membership may be subject to such specific conditions or agreement (not inconsistent with the Rules) as the Committee may from time to time require.

31. (1) Except in the case of an application for term membership, the Committee shall vote, by ballot if the Chairman so directs, on applications for membership.

(2) Two votes against a candidate shall exclude the application.

(3) The Committee shall reject an application by a candidate who has within the previous 12 months had an application for membership rejected.

For the purpose of this sub-rule, a rejection of an application under this sub-rule shall not constitute a rejection of an application within the previous 12 months.

(4) The Secretary shall cause a candidate to be advised of the result of his application, and if the application was successful shall provide information about the operations, facilities and governance of the Club to the new member.

32. Members who fail to pay their subscriptions, application fee or other amounts due to the Club within one month of those moneys becoming due shall be deemed to be unfinancial members of the Club and subject to such sanctions and consequences as are set out in the Rules or as may be decided by the Committee.

33. Membership shall be provisional for the period from election to a date not later than six weeks from the date of application.

Within this period a member may withdraw his application or the Committee may reverse the applicant's election in which case the entrance fee (if any) and subscription shall be refunded or such proportion thereof as is agreed by the Committee.

AUTHORITY OF COMMITTEE

22. The affairs and general business of the Club shall be managed by the Committee.

Without limiting the powers by law or by these Rules or otherwise vested in them, the Committee shall have power to enter into such contracts in the name and on behalf of the Club as it shall think advisable and shall at all times dispose of the funds of the Club (including the capital thereof) as it may deem best for carrying out the objects of the Club.

The Committee shall exercise all such powers and do all such things as may be exercised or done by the Club, save such as are by these Rules or by any statute for the time being in force required to be exercised or done by the Club in general meeting, subject nevertheless to any regulations or these Rules and to the provisions of any statute and to such regulations not being inconsistent with the said regulations or provisions as may be prescribed by the Club in general meeting, but no regulation made by the Club in general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Committee which would have been valid if such regulations had not been made.

DELEGATION - SUB-COMMITTEES ONLY

23. Appointment: The Committee may appoint sub-committees and may delegate to them respectively all and every or any of the powers vested in it by these rules or otherwise.

RECORDS

70. The Secretary or other official of the Club shall attend all meetings of the Club and of the Committee and take minutes of the proceedings.

Such minutes shall be entered in a book and the minutes so kept shall be signed by the Chairman of the subsequent meeting, or in case of his refusing or neglecting to sign the same, then such minutes must be signed by any two members actually present at such meeting and when signed such minutes shall be conclusive evidence that the proceedings minuted were regular and actually took place and shall be binding on members of the Club.

An eventful calendar - Please let us know what's coming up and we'll add it to the list!

February 2016

Sat 6 Feb: ASC Special General Meeting (SGM) in clubhouse at 5 pm

Sat 6 Feb: ASC Members Forum in clubhouse immediately following SGM. There will be an informal BBQ following the Forum

12-24 Feb: DG1000 at National Gliding Championships

March

Thurs 3 March: CASA Safety Seminar in ASC clubrooms 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

Sat - Mon 12 & 14 March: ASC March gliding competition

Sat 19 March: GFA Safety Seminar in ASC clubrooms 9am-4 pm

Fri - Mon 25-28 March (Easter): ASC March gliding competition

May

May 7-14: GFA glider airworthiness course, ASC workshop and clubrooms.

July 2016

July 16-24: ASC Flinders expedition at Rawnsley Park

ASC on Facebook

Don't forget to check us out on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/adelaidesoaring?fref=ts>



Please shut the gate

Please remember to shut the gate if you are the last person leaving the airfield of an evening.

Some reminders about the limitations that have been placed on aeroplanes with Jabiru engines

The new instrument commences 1st July, 2015 and expires 30th June, 2016, unless cancelled by CASA at an earlier date.

It lists the same limitations as the earlier instrument with the exception that a disclaimer to be signed by students and passengers now has a life of 3 months, an increase from the 28 days listed in the earlier instrument.

- VFR only
- A/craft flown so as to be able to glide clear of populous area and always 1,000' above ground unless taking off or landing
- Passengers & Trainee pilots flying solo need to sign a statement saying they are aware of & accept the risks of an engine failure
- Trainee pilots must have successfully completed engine failure exercises (in the previous 2 hours flying or previous 7 days whichever is the most recent) before solo flying
- At Gawler the limitations will have an effect on runway use where 23 and 31 have the best options for forced landings after take-off.
- The full runway length must always be used for take-offs on ALL runways.
- On 05 and 13. No 'touch and goes' by students unless they are flying under the direct supervision of an instructor and there is a significant headwind component.
- Pilots are to commence gentle climbing turns when safe after take-off (500') to stay clear of populous areas with a view to using a cross strip or suitable forced landing area (non-populous) in case of a power loss.
- Depending on wind conditions, circuit traffic and gliding activity, Pilots can consider using runways 23 and 31 for taking off, even with a crosswind that is within limits, and landing on 13 and 05.
- Appropriate radio use under these circumstances is essential as a safe operation is always paramount.
- If Pilots have any doubt when considering their options, DISCUSS THEM WITH AN INSTRUCTOR.

And a reminder that you need to have a check flight if you haven't flown in a month.

OUR EMAIL LISTS - A reminder of their purpose

ascannounce - **This site is for conveying official information within the club.** Only officials of the club can post items on this list. Typically only one email per week is posted on this site so it is not a problem in terms of overloading anyone's email system. This is a vital function for our club and all members are urged to read all material that is presented on ascannounce.

ascmembers -This was intended to be a chat site. Any club member can post anything on it which concerns club matters. It is moderated only to the extent that any obscene or illegal material is removed. Naturally not everyone wants to receive the posts that result, so you can opt out of this site if you wish.

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