

Minutes of NSW Division FAAAA
18th January 2023

1.COMMITTEE PRESENT:

President: Phillip Carey (PC)

Vice President & MLO: Keith Boundy (KB)

Secretary: Jeffrey Dalgliesh (JWD)

Treasurer: Ronald Batchelor (RB)

General Committee Present:

Dick Martin (DM)

Howard McCallum (HM)

Todd Glynn (TG) ** Available by Telephone.

John Balazic (JB)

Division Members and Visitors Present:

Terry Hetherington (TH) and Ian Warren (IW).

Apologies: Nil.

2.ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Nil.

3.MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING:

Moved: Dick Martin

Seconded: Ron Batchelor

4.BUSINESS ARISING FROM November COMMITTEE MEETING:

- a. State of FAA Billboard on Moss Vale Road. HMc has spoken to the Museum Director and understands that the FAA Billboard is Museum Property.

ACTION: Ongoing. HMc will re-engage with the Museum Director and report back at March Meeting.

- b. State of Nowra City Gate Guard Iroquois UH 1B 894. HMc reported that the RAAF have a Team that specializes in Gate Guard refurbishment. TH believes Shoalhaven Council are owners but thought possible that if 894 could be declared a Memorial then DVA might be approached for a Grant for refurbishment possibly utilising the NAS Sikorsky paint shop.

ACTION: Ongoing. PC to contact Shoalhaven Council.

- c. PC to attend the Greater Bank and to resign as authorised signatory. Requirement superseded.

ACTION: Phillip Carey, Ronald Batchelor, and Jeffrey Dalgliesh to attend the Greater Bank on Friday 10th March 2023 to resign and sign as authorised signatories on the FAAAA account.

- d. FAAA NSW Draft Constitution status. PC- confirmed that NSW Division is Inc. Minutes format modified to reflect New South Wales inc.

ACTION: PC retyping Constitution prior to release.

- e. FAAA Memorabilia and the WEC. Ascertain if a List exists.

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ACTION: Ongoing. DM to investigate and report in March 2023.

f. Membership Cards.

ACTION: Ongoing. PC to appoint someone to print and distribute with Slipstream.

5. CORRESPONDANCE:

IN:

- a. Numerous emails and letters in relation to new Members and Membership.
- b. Bank Statement from Greater Bank
- c. Updated List of NSW Members.
- d. Letter from President TAS Division thanking NSW President for inviting TAS to join NSW if they fold. TAS Members have agreed to continue as a division but if they fold, they will look forward to joining NSW.
- e. Nowra Veteran Wellbeing Centre opened on 5th December. From PN.

OUT:

- a. Numerous emails and letters in relation to new Members and Membership
- b. Letters to New Members welcoming them to the Division- Paul Norris/Jeffrey Dalgliesh.
- c. Letter to President TAS Division inviting them to join NSW if due numbers they fold.

Acceptance of Correspondence In & Out

Moved: Jeffrey Dalgliesh

Seconded: KB

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Presidents Report for January 2023 (dated 17th January 2023, as amended)

SLIPSTREAM

The future of the Slipstream Magazine remains a real concern. The magazine is becoming less relevant each month.

We have a stop gap editor and I would like to express my thanks for that.

Notwithstanding the best intentions of the membership and those few who expend a significant amount of time and energy getting each issue printed and posted the future of the magazine is at best tenuous.

The loss of Mr Shiels as the editor has highlighted to perilous situation of the magazine.

It is my proposal that the committee prepare and present to the National Executive the following:

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1. A poll of members to ascertain the members view on the type of content that they wish to see. Not a simple task. But asking for a narrative rather than a tick the box response.
2. Create an editorial guideline SOP. Such an SOP would place the obligation on the editor in the first instant of editing the material content. Behind the editor would be a review crew for want of a better description that would consist not necessarily of elected members of the committee and may include any interested and suitably qualified person.
3. Define the content by reference to accepted free speech standards and permit opinion pieces on any subject that is or can be associated with the FAA .
4. Set aside the moratorium in making comment about defence and government. Make political comment but not in such a manner as to be offensive
5. Look to “modernise” the publication to be more relevant to defence today by including reference to services that are available.
6. Define the terms of the SOP down to examples of words and phrases that cannot be used. Keeping in mind that the laws of the land include reference to racial discrimination and equal opportunity.

Bottom line is do we save Slipstream or allow it to fade into the sunset and place all our bits on the web?

VETERANS WELLBEING CENTRE NOWRA.

The centre located at Wallace Street Nowra has opened. 5th December 2022.

There is an active facebook page for those who are facebook savvy. The centre has events and things of interest happening and I refer in particular to a Superbowl party 13 Feb.

There is a meeting room that is named the purple poppy room. No entirely sure of its function e.g. if it is available for functions etc or is a room for old blokes to sit around and winge about stuff.

OLD THNGS IN THE SKY.

The HARS tracker is or should in in the air today. Mr Hetherington is there in his official capacity as windscreen washing number and general dogs body.

Over the weekend I heard the unmistakable wokka wokka of that old war horse and bolted outside to see it heading north and seeming to be all in one piece. I visited the museum on Sunday with my grandson and we saw S70B-2 number 70. I have the original colour scheme blueprints of that aircraft as the lead 70B. Not sure what to do with them.

Moved: Phillip Carey

Seconded: Jeffrey Dalgliesh

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7. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Months of November, December and January have been relatively quiet with normal Membership activities taking place. Most of the Correspondence (In and Out) during this period has been concerned with over payment, under payment or how do I pay my 2023 Subscription- surely there must be a better way of Administrating this yearly effort. For starters rationalisation for NSW Division for Subs with Hard and Electronic Slipstream attracting the same amount would simplify the process. (Other Business)

Jeffrey Dalgliesh does not have direct access to the NSW Division Mailbox, so Dick Martin continues to monitor Memberships and Mail. The Annual Raffle continues to be administrated by Dick Martin and Ronald Batchelor- thanks extended to these members of the NSW Division Committee. Paul Norris national Database Manager has transferred his membership to Queensland Division, but he will continue to provide support to the NSW Division. Thanks is extended to Paul for his support with Membership Data.

The Secretary reiterated the need to keep Lines of Communications open

Jeffrey Dalgliesh, and Ronald Batchelor visited the Greater Bank to remove signatories and establish new ones. PC must visit and validate his present signature.

As of 15 January 2023, membership for NSW Division is 369. This can be further broken down to show: Full Members 338: Life Members 19: Associates 12: and Honorary Member 1. 179 Members had not renewed their Memberships by 15 January 2023. Wayne Hoffman from Sydney has joined as an Associate Member in the NSW Division, and he has been sent a Welcome Aboard letter.

Moved: Jeffrey Dalgliesh

Seconded: KB

8. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The St George account is to be cancelled as soon as possible and remaining funds transferred to the Greater Bank.

Signatory requirements have not been completed at the Greater Bank Nowra. On Friday 10th March 2023 the FAAAA NSW Division President Phillip Carey and Treasurer Ronald Batchelor are to attend the Greater Bank Nowra and resign as Authorised Signatories on the FAAAA Account. NSW Division Secretary Jeffrey Dalgliesh will also attend and become an Authorised Signatory and past Secretary Terrance Hetherington will be removed from the Authorised Signatory list.

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(by Webmaster. Note the dollar figures in the Treasurer's Report have been redacted from this on-line version of the Minutes. An unredacted copy can be requested from the Secretary.)

NEW SOUTH WALES FLEET AIR ARM ASSOCIATION

OPENING BALANCE		.....
INCOME		
	MEMBERSHIP Direct Deposit	.....
	Membership Banked	.....
	WALL OF SERVICE	
TOTAL INCOME		.....
EXPENDITURE		
	Plaques	.....
	Raffle Postage	.....
	Printing Raffle	.....
	John WOS	.....
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		.....
ENDING BALANCE		.....
FIXED ACCOUNT		.....

Moved: DM

Seconded: HMc

9. WALL OF SERVICE REPORT: J. BALAZIC WoS Administrator

In November 2022 the cost of a plaque was increased due to foundry costs. The new pricing of a plaque is \$200.00 for FAAA Members and \$250.00 for non-FAAA members, which includes their first year's membership into FAAAA. The status of Wall of Service (WoS) plaques/applications as of 16 Jan 2023 is as follows:

- a. The total number of plaques on the wall now stands at 1066,
- b. 10 plaques were mounted on the Wall during the weekend 10 – 11 December 2022, eight from Order 51 and two due to adhesive failure,
- c. Order number 52 is open with nil applications, and
- d. An updated list of all plaques mounted on the Wall of Service (dated 11 December 2022) is available for viewing on the FAAA of A website.

Moved: Jeffrey Dalgliesh

Seconded: KB

10.GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. Membership Issues: LM & LM(P) = 19: A = 12: H = 1: FM = 337. Expired (01 Jan 2023) = 179.

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ACTION: Continue updating.

- b. AGM Saturday 11th March 2023.

ACTION: Notice of AGM, precis of motions and nomination forms to be sent by early February 2023 and included in February Flyby. JWD to organise. Returning Officer TBA. Normal Mtg with New Office bearers to follow.

- c. Light Lunch after AGM.

ACTION: DM to organise suitable catering.

- d. JWD requesting NSW involvement in Slipstream & Raffle distribution. Raffle- NSW Division responsibility. Slipstream- National Secretary responsibility with National and NSW Division Members help in packaging and distribution.

ACTION: NFA.

- e. JWD requesting Verification of NSW Subscriptions. Life Members (LF) and Lifetime (Perpetual) (LMP) = Zero: Full Members (FM)- Hardcopy Slipstream= \$40.00 Electronic Slipstream= \$30.00: Associate (A)= \$30.00/\$40.00: Honorary (H) =Zero.

ACTION: NFA.

- f. JWD proposed that 2024 Subscription Rates for NSW Division be rationalised with one rate covering both Soft and Hardcopy Slipstream. Robust discussion by all present with the realization that the Subscription is made up of several elements with the National body setting the price of Slipstream. Committee and Members present agreed that rationalisation irrespective of Slipstream version would be a reasonable move and would simplify administration of Membership. IT WOULD NOT CHANGE VERSION OF SLIPSTREAM that a member receives.

ACTION: Secretary to prepare a proposal for the AGM to rationalise Membership and Capitation fees (Subs) for NSW Division irrespective of Slipstream version elected. Suggested new fee \$40.00 per year for all Members and Associates.

Advance paid Memberships to be honoured.

This proposal to be circulated to all NSW Division Members by email or mail with Notice of the AGM

- g. RB proposes that NSW Division issue a newsletter to our members, he will have the cost involved but will have to discuss the number of times per year. After some discussion the following agreed ACTION:

- Ronald Batchelor nominated as Editor of a short NSW Newsletter.
- RB authorised by the Committee to purchase a suitable Laser Printer.
- Input/Sources unlimited – Content management control by PC - overriding “Do Not Offend”- opinion pieces acceptable but must be topical, not offensive and pass the “pub test”. Political comment OK but cannot attack an individual but would prefer if they were defence oriented.
- ie procurement, sustainability, maintenance, recruiting, member retention suggestions etc such as history of nuclear powered U boats, their operation spheres, tech details etc. Post separation settling.

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- Personal messages/stories about upcoming events and ex members – Editor to obtain agreement prior to publication.
- Publish bimonthly with Distribution by email (to all with email addresses) + very limited mail out only to Members who do not have an email address. First edition late March 2023 (after AGM)
- Trial for 3 issues to ascertain popularity and worth of concept. Review September 2023 Committee Meeting.

h. RB to give the committee an update on Slipstream.

NFA. TH to address in other Business.

i. Nowra Veteran Wellbeing Centre opened on 5th December. (See link below); MP asked by PN to add to next FlyBy.

[State-of-the-art Nowra Veteran Wellbeing Centre now open to veterans and their families | RSL NSW](#) Note Presidents Report. NFA.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

a. JWD proposed that the National Committee be approached to legislate that all future New Memberships require an email address, and that Hardcopy Slipstream would not be available for any new Members.

This proposal discussed and generally agreed with as long as change for new members does not affect present Members and their election for Hardcopy or Electronic versions of Slipstream.

ACTION: JWD to Draft a proposal for the National Secretary to be presented at the National AGM 2023.

b. TH updated the Committee on some HARS issues that are of interest to FAAAA Members:

- Tracker 844 requires a repaint- DVA has been approached for a Grant.
 - Funding for an A4 Skyhawk book edited by Peter Greenfield and Dave Prest has been rejected. Other avenues are being explored.
 - A Firefly aircraft (in pieces) located in the USA- HARS do not have an example in their inventory and are interested in procurement. Funding being sought.
- d. TH as National Secretary is taking over the Editing of Slipstream-immediately. New Computer has been obtained and next edition planned for March.

12. MEETING CLOSED: At 1330EST.

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13.NEXT MEETING: AGM Saturday 11th March 2023 commencing at 1030EST.



Phil Carey

President:



Jeff Dalglish

Secretary