



1. Queensland Gliding Association Inc.

**Committee Meeting**

Monday 14 May 2020,

ZOOM Videoconference

**MINUTES**

Meeting commenced at 1905

1. ATTENDEES/APOLOGIES

1.1. Attendees

Jenny Thompson [JT]	Jeff Simpkins [JS]
Lindsay Mitchell [LM]	David Villiers [DV]
Bob Flood [BF]	Sarah Thompson [ST]
Barry Collins [BC]	David Kinlan [DK]
Greg Schmidt [GS]	Ivor Harris [IH]
Neil Dun [ND]	Peter Brunton [PB]
Elaine Burke [EB]	Trevor Burke [TB]
Ray Crowhurst [RC]	John Tucker [JT]
Greg Barrington [GB]	Graeme Ballard [GPB]

1.2. Apologies

Nathan Johnson	Ben James
Miles Gore-Brown	Denis Lambert
Garrett Russell	Brian Marshall

2. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

2.1. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2020 confirmed as true record.

**Adopted [moved JT, seconded DV]**

3. BUSINESS ARISING

### 3.1. Inaugural Zoom Meeting and opportunities for wider member participation

There was discussion about the use of Zoom to hold meetings, including in the medium to longer term after the COVID-19 restrictions have been eased/removed. The overall reaction from those present was positive. It was noted this was a first use of the technology and it provided opportunities for greater involvement in GQ and better interaction between GQ and member clubs, particular for those distant from Brisbane. Greg Barrington commented that GQ meetings agendas and minutes were not posted on the GQ website. It was agreed this would be remedied.

Action:

**GB to send minutes to ST for publishing on GQ website**

### 3.2. State Competitions Policy

Bob Flood spoke to his email circulated in the morning about 2020 competitions. There was discussion about the email and the uncertainty of knowing when the COVID-19 situation may change to allow competitions to be held. The agreed position was for Bob Flood to publish the dates proposed in the email with the matter to be reviewed at the next GQ Committee meeting in July.

Actions:

**BF to forward the proposed competition dates in the email agenda item to ST to publish on the GQ website.**

**Review at the next GQ Committee in July.**

### 3.3. Member Protection Information Officer vacancy

Jenny Thompson spoke to the item. She said that Phil Southgate had filled the role but as he has shifted to NSW, the position is now vacant. Jenny emphasised the importance of the role and the need for each region to have an officer. The purpose is to provide a contact if complaints are lodged. Jenny stressed that the role is an information one only. The Member Protection Information Officer is to direct parties to where information is available and actions that may be taken. Jenny also commented that a GFA Board sub committee was currently reviewing and updating these roles. Jenny will place an item on Member Chat seeking expressions of interest. Members were also asked to keep their eyes and ears open for a suitable person to take the role on. If no one is available in the GQ region, the role will be carried out by GFA in the interim. It was

Actions:

**JT to put notice seeking on Member Chat seeking expressions of interest**

**LM to take on responsibility for the matter**

### 3.4. AGM — When to Hold and How

It was agreed to re-evaluate this matter at the July meeting when the COVID-19. There was also discussion about the use of ZOOM. A Zoom or combination meeting is anticipated for the AGM. Greg Schmidt proposed that a good quality microphone be purchased for future meetings.

Action:

**Sarah Thompson to purchase from GQ funds a suitable quality microphone for use in future Zoom combination meetings. Adopted [moved GS, seconded LM]**

### 3.5. Membership Statistics Report

Jenny Thompson spoke to the item. Queensland membership numbers are tracking evenly, although the figures in their current form are not good enough in terms of accuracy or currency to circulate. Sharon Brunton has prepared an analysis for the GFA. This is to be delivered to the Board and JT will publish it as soon as it is available.

Action:

**JT to publish the GFA analysis when it is available.**

### 3.6. Club Affiliation Rules

Matter raised by Jenny Thompson for information/discussion only. JT informed the meeting she is preparing a paper on the restructure of GFA because of the complexity of the affiliation arrangements and consequences of these including member protection issues. There was general discussion and acknowledgement of the complexity of the affiliation arrangements regarding members, clubs, GFA and GQ.

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE

## 5. REPORTS

### 5.1. President's Report – Jenny Thompson

Jenny raised a number of issues for discussion:

#### 5.1.1. Expos

Targetting GQ participation at schools , universities etc.. GQ is booked into the 2021 Aviation High Expo. Also need to target University O Weeks and the like.

ST commented that marketing information is to be circulated on how to get started with Universities.

TB asked about Air Cadets. LM replied that AAFC had lost interest in gliding.

BF asked about Scouts. Action: **BF will make enquires of Scouting Queensland.**

#### 5.1.2. Youth Glide

Action: **PB to discuss matters with ST**

#### 5.1.3. NQSC

Action: **GB to contact Nathan at NQSC again. GQ could assist with NQ members becoming instructors**

### 5.2. Treasurer's Report – Jeff Simpkins

The \$2000 for 3 new trophies has been allocated.

The GQ PO Box account has also been renewed.

Zoom connection dropped out. Report unable to be completed.

### 5.3. GFA Report – Lindsay Mitchell

Jenny Thompson is Board Training Coordinator for GFA and IT Executive. Sarah Thompson is Marketing Executive.

Jenny spoke about the Training Manual. Operations due in May but expected by the end of June.

Sarah spoke about the complexities of the GFA website and the issues involved in updating the site.

#### 5.4. Airfields & Airspace Report – David Jansen

No report received.

#### 5.5. RMO Report – Ivor Harris

Since the last meeting:

- WGC — Some limited solo flying. Some limited instruction will take place from Sunday 24 May 2020.
- Byron Bay GC — Solo flying only
- BGC — Recommencing flying from Saturday 23 May 2020.
- CGC and DDSC — Not flying as yet.
- Ivor is happy to assist club CFIs and Level 3 instructors regain currency.
- GFA has extended instructor currency requirement and safety audit requirements.
- Instructor course that was scheduled for July will not take place. Hope it can be rescheduled for later in the year.
- Incidents:
  - 2 at Warwick involving aircraft not making CTAF calls during gliding ops — an FTA student from Wellcamp and a flight of 3 C-17s crossing the field at 4500'.
  - Caboolture motor glider and another aircraft.

Report noted and discussed.

#### 5.6. RTO-A Report – David Villiers

Audits have been suspended as a result of the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, as the restrictions are starting to lift, audits of the Warwick AAFC and Warwick GC will be undertaken shortly.

SOAR defect report backlog has been cleared. Only one has been received recently, a failure in an engine retraction mechanism on a PIK-20E near Mareeba. It seems a nut fell off a bolt, which then fell out. Engine stopped but could not be retracted and this resulted in an unplanned outlanding and serious damage to the aircraft. Pilot was not injured.

Planning is proceeding for an Airworthiness course in Queensland to be held in mid 2020. It will be after 1 July to fit in with the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions. Because of the current restrictions I am planning on holding it over 8 days at DDSC, for a maximum of 12 participants. I will have a budget proposal shortly, and request that GQ support the course with up to \$2500 in funding. This is similar to the agreement for the last course held in 2018.

Report noted. Discussion followed. Trevor Burke asked about running an engine course at Gympie way. DV commented that the issue was finding someone to run the course. He suggested Cath Conway in SA (if available) with GQ providing support for travel costs when travel is possible. DV also commented that RA Aus could also possibly run a 2 – 4 stroke course.

#### 5.7. Webmaster's Report – Sarah Thompson

Sarah informed that Webinar updates will be on the GQ website.

Sarah also advised that Avalon 2021 had been cancelled. GFA involvement in the event could not occur.

#### 5.8. YouthGlide Qld – Peter Brunton

Reported as follows:

YG has 102 juniors and 30 Air Cadets. YG has grown by 30 this year. This represents 36% of the new members of GFA.

Report noted and discussed.

#### 5.9. Club Reports

##### 5.9.1. CGC [Bob Collins]

Tug is in for maintenance. Will be out of service for another 2 months. No flying will be possible. Currency is an issue. May need to fly with other clubs.

Trevor Burke commented that Gympie may be able to help with a tug. He also stated that Gympie can also help with currency.

##### 5.9.2. Bundaberg GC [Greg Barrington]

Flying will recommence from Sunday 24 May 2020. Club has no shortage of instructors Youth growth has faltered due to COVID and flying training by CQU aviation students.

### 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 6.1. Strategic Planning and Development

No discussion

#### 6.2. State Government Grants

No discussion

#### 6.3. Events/Expos

No report. See JT comments under President's Report

#### 6.4. Winter Lectures

Now replaced by Webinars on GQ website.

#### 6.5. COVID Matters — Bob Flood

Advised that he is researching requirements for an item to be posted on the GQ website

#### 6.6. Missing Equipment — Bob Flood

Scales were borrowed last year but not returned. Would members please look around for them and return to Bob if found.

Testing tow hooks — KSC has its own tester.

### 7. NEXT MEETING

Monday 13 July 2020 at 7pm

### 8. CLOSE

Meeting Closed at 9:15pm.