

WEST AUSTRALIAN GLIDING ASSOCIATION INC

ABN 92 473 646 426



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday the 17th of August 2021 at 19:00

Held at the Leopold Hotel, 326 Canning Hwy, Bicton

Meeting opened 19:05 by the WAGA President Greg Beecroft, having established that a quorum was present.

RECORDING OF ATTENDANCES

WAGA

Owen Jones (BSS), Greg Beecroft (BSS), Greg Beecroft (BSS), Bryan Blackburn (GCWA), Sid Dewey (BSS), Roy McInnes (BSS), Sally Crawcour (GCWA), Colbi Ryan (NGC), Phil Dodd (NGC), Elizabeth Driessen (NGC), Dayle Found (NGC), Stuart Usher (GCWA), Cameron McDonald (GCWA), Mark Pule (BSS), Andrew Herwig (GCWA), Ben Terrell (BSS), Alan Arthur (NGC), James Cooper (GCWA), Rob Hanbury (GCWA), David Fry (NGC), Kevin Saunders (GCWA), Tom Holt (BSS), Damien Quirk (NGC), David Harris (NGC), Sona Mani (NGC), Arnold Geerlings (NGC), John Suthers (BSS), Elif Herdsman (GCWA & BSS)

Apologies: Geoff Overheau, Paul Croft, Steve Pearson, John Welsh, Andrew Whitehead, Claudia Blackburn, Andrew King, Chris Runeckles

Guests/Visitors:

Nil

REPORTS

All reports have been printed, collated, and bound in a report titled "WAGA 2022 AGM Agenda and Reports" which was distributed to attendees and forms part of these minutes.

Copies are provided to:

- The Gliding Federation of Australia; GFA
- The WA Department of Sport and Recreation; DSR

President's Report (Greg Beecroft)

Report read by Greg Beecroft (Refer to WAGA 2022 Agenda and Reports)

GFA Part 149 approval

GFA is moving towards Part 149 of CASR, Approved self-administering Organisations. The GFA's exposition and supporting documentation is due later this year for CASA review and is taking a large effort by the Part 149 team being managed by Anthony Smith.

GFA Constitutional change

The GFA Board has determined that the existing GFA Objects and Articles of Association need to be modernized to a new Constitution for the following reasons:

1. The current Board of up to 18 is too large for efficient use of volunteers' time. The current Executive also sit on the Board giving them dual responsibilities.
2. The Board and Executive have different roles and responsibilities. Put simply these are strategy and governance for the Board and day to day management for the Executive. The proposed Constitution will provide a more efficient structure for governance and management.
3. Our application for Part 149 approval with CASA requires some management changes which will be more easily implemented with an updated Constitution.

These constitutional changes will need the approval of GFA members which will be sought at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held in late October or September. Further information will soon be available to allow members to gain a good understanding of the changes and to ask any questions.

GFA Strategic plan

Much work has been done to update the GFA's strategic plan and translate it into measurable actions, by who and by when. The long and short versions of the current plan are available at: <https://glidingaustralia.org/strategic-plan/>

The actions identified in the plan are in response to issues raised by members in member surveys. You will notice in the plans that there are actions for the Board/Executive, Regions and Clubs.

Member retention

Member retention is an ongoing issue for gliding in Australia and world-wide. The member surveys have given some insight into ways we can improve retention and much of the work done by the Board, Executive and Departments has been to improve

the new-member experience. This has included:

- The Integrated Training Program (ITP) to focus the student on achieving the GPC and to focus the instructor/coach on delivering “standardized training”. Instructors are required to change over to the new system this year.
- Improving training, support and systems available to clubs.
- Ongoing improvement of our integrity documents, systems and training.
- Some improvements in the Gliding Australia web site.

Club support and development

Amanda VanderWal sportsconsultancy@vanderwal.com.au is engaged by Gliding Australia to provide assistance to clubs with club development, member retention, engagement, grant support, and more. Clubs are encouraged to contact Amanda to find out where she may be able to help.

Club Safety

GFA has a new safety manager and a new MOSP Part 5 – Safety Management System is under development.

Guidance for Club Safety Management Plans and Club Emergency Response Plans is available under Safety Management at <https://glidingaustralia.org/glidingausdocs/>

Clubs are encouraged to become familiar with these documents and their related obligations.

GFA AGM

The GFA AGM is scheduled for 31 Aug, and all are encouraged to attend on-line.

WAGA State Comps

WAGA state comps are to be held in Beverley in January. The rules committee has updated the rules which now require all gliders to be equipped with flarm.

No additional Information

Treasurer’s Report (Stuart Usher)

Report read by Stuart Usher (Refer to 2022 Agenda and Reports)

Supported by the Income and Expenses Statement and Balance sheet

Salient points outlined

2021/2022 DLGSC grant acquittal successfully completed

GFA levies received to June total \$2,421

Total expenditure using WAGA’s cash totaled \$2,219.66.

Current Assets as at 30 June 2022 is \$38,021

Current Liabilities as at 30 June 2022 is \$14,965 (DLGSC funding carried forward unspent in FY22)

Moved to accept: Owen Jones

Seconded: Roy McInnes

All accepted

Regional Manger Operations (Allan Gartland)

Report presented by Allan Gartland (Refer to 2022 Agenda and Reports)

Operational Status Checks

None required this year.

Instructor Trainings:

Level 1 training in progress

Andrew King BSS

L1 Level 1 ratings issued:

Lachie McVey BSS

Justin Price BSS

Pavel Golodoniuc NGC Kevin Wilson BSS

Rick Amery NGC

Level 2 training in progress:

Stuart Usher GCWA

Rick Amery NGC

Alex Babel GCWA

Andrew Herwig GCWA

Level 2 Ratings issued:

Paul Croft BSS

Level 3 Ratings issued:

Nil

Regional Operations Committee

No known significant topics for discussion other than new training system, meeting not held. Flying Instructors Refresher Courses continue, none required for NGC and GCWA though.

BSS required 2 courses to cover 11 instructors.

CFI Changes

Derek McAllan GCWA

Safety or Operational issues:

SOAR reports are a valuable source of data for trends in occurrences. While the eastern states show continued issues with airspace and airprox issues, WA is relatively free of airspace issues though there seems to be a trend in glider/tug proximity issues. What also shows a small trend, however, relates to pre-flight checks. Airbrakes opening on early tow rarely relate to airworthiness and are prevented with thorough pre-flight checks. These occurrences often appear in ES reports where canopies have also opened in flight. An alarming occurrence East happened when a glider was flown immediately after a heavy landing with no inspection. Aileron control was compromised as a result of a separated bulkhead. The aircraft was landed safely but could easily have ended with a poor outcome. Heavy landings should always be taken seriously.

Other Activities:

GFA Zoom meetings were held in place of annual meeting in Melbourne. Main topics discussed included:

De-coupling A, B and C certificates from GPC unit pre-requisites.

Addition of a Local Independent Operator rating for clubs which do not go cross country or are not able to do so.

GFA has re-adopted the square circuit with downwind, base and final all at 900. Turns onto base at lesser angles are allowed if the base turn point proves to be higher to the aiming point than expected. Always square off the base leg prior to turning final.

GFA is planning a competency-based syllabus of training for instructors and is seeking instructors to develop the program. They are also proposing to consolidate instructor ratings into instructor and examiner.

Air services Aust is proposing to lower eastern states E airspace to 6,500ft. This is seen as an improvement on their earlier proposal to lower it to 1,500ft. GFA is going to lodge a submission by the closing date of 12th August 2022, WA is not affected.

The Safety Audit scheme is under review.

ITP training is expected to be rolled out to all instructors by the end of 2022.

information

Regional manager Safety (Phil Dodd)

Report brief presented by Phil Dodd (Refer to 2022 Agenda and Reports)

1. RSA

A) Point to report:

i. Keeping abreast of the COVID situation as it continued to evolve over the last 12 months
ii. Assisting with various club issues through out the year, including liaising with other organizations on joint safety related issues.

B) The new GFA MOSP 5 draft has been published, July 2022, and is available in the documents section of the GFA website. It has been written with the new CASR Part 149 compliance in mind. It is suggested that club presidents, committees, operational teams, and safety officers be conversant with this document. Remember, at this stage, it is draft.

i. The Regional Safety Advisor is again omitted as an "official role", however, I am more than happy if the WAGA committee wish to retain this position, to continue in the role, especially to assist clubs in the role out of the new MOSP 5 document.

ii. There will be new document templates and increased roles for the Club Safety officers

iii. CASA legislation talks about an "Accountable Manager". A person who is ultimately responsible, in the main, for the safe operation on the whole of both the national body, and at club level. This is normally the Club President, who, is assisted in the role by the club instructors for Operational Safety, Airworthiness Officer for Glider Maintenance Safety, and the Club Safety Officer, to help the accountable manager and committees to meet safety obligations. (OH&S, local council requirement, work safe etc.)

iv. There is scope in MOSP 5 for a "Safety Network", which is a group of people that have specific abilities that the GFA Safety Manager can use to fulfill that task.

v. Club Safety Management Systems and Emergency Response Plans have already been established, however these will need to be updated to be compliant with the new requirements, when they become binding.

2. CSOs

With Club AGM's now also happening, it is reminded that the responsible positions, phone numbers, and a general review of our Safety Management Systems and Emergency Response Plans should be revised to ensure any name and contact changes have been incorporated.

3. Activities

A parachute night is still in the making. This is a carryover from last year. As some know, Karen has not been well over the last 12 months and has still not been able to return to full time work, however, she is improving as each month goes by.

Regional Technical Officer Report- Airworthiness (Rob Hanbury)

Report read by Rob Hanbury (Refer to 2022 Agenda and Reports)

A. Training:

1. Airworthiness Course 2022 – was held at NGC in July. John Bugno had it arranged with the help of other NGC members, thanks to all. We awarded 5 Replacement of Component Ratings and 4 Airworthiness Inspector ratings.

2. Refresher Training was done and 13 people were refreshed. Objective is to update inspectors and make them aware of issues.

3. Motor glider course. Arranged for 26 to 28 August. Only 4 students.

4. Minor repairs – FRP. There is a lot of interest/ overbooked. First 8 to be selected. Chris Runeckles is running it in September/ October. Thanks Chris.

B: Airworthiness audits were done last year.

C: The Airworthiness equipment is stored at Rob Hanbury's house and has been put on an online booking scheme and self help. It is working well.

D. Aviation Composites have been approved as an AMO for FRP repairs. I encourage people to use them as they have paid their fees and are a good organization. Every job has been good.

E. Ageing Aircraft / Operators

We have noticed a trend that possibly older members are causing more faults at DI, i.e. quick coupler errors. Be aware, don't get complacent. Make everyone aware and careful. Use a light and glasses.

Good Daily Inspections are the most important step of airworthiness as it happens every day and should catch any developing faults. Proper independent inspections are important, and we need to take more care.

F. Service Difficulty / Defect Reports

Please submit a report for every difficulty that may help others to be more aware. GFA address every SDR submitted, we don't report back on everyone. We need to get better at providing feedback to show it is valuable. But most notices from GFA concerning airworthiness are triggered by and SDR.

Soaring Development Report (Arnold Geerlings)

Report presented by Arnold Geerlings (Refer to 2022 Agenda and Reports)

What is up for this coming year:

- All 3 clubs have planned flying further courses
- We will be working together on a flying faster syllabus at Narromine
- There will be one more silver coach training weekend
- Hoping to have the first formal flying faster course early 2023
- Coaching at the State comps and Carter cup again
- Winter lectures, one to go.

Airfield, Airspace and Avionics Report (Steve Pearson)

Report presented by Greg Overheu (Refer to 2022 Agenda and Reports)

As stated last year, Airspace management changes are now promulgated through the Aviation State Engagement Forum which is an online service which can be viewed at www.avsef.gov.au

There is no more face-to-face meeting with Airspace management, all requests, comments and information are now made through this website.

Our input this year has been for a discrete radio frequency (CTAF) for Beverley which produced no objections from the group. The request was made based on a near miss which was due to congestion at weekends on the common frequency.

CASA and Air Services were then quite proactive and moved forward and approved the new frequency. We have also placed Beverley (W) on the map in the AIP/ERSA.

Requests for NOTAMs this year have been for all the main events and individual club competitions.

Again, CASA Sport have been very helpful on all requests.

As stated last year, CASA revoked the long-standing exemption that allowed gliders into class A airspace. After considerable effort by the GFA, CASA have renewed the exemption on July 14th this year allowing the three "Wave Areas" in Australia (which includes our area at the Bluff) to conduct wave camps. This year we submitted an amendment to allow single gliders to operate independently.

Coupled with this CASA "instrument" the Letter of Agreement (LOA) now allows these operations along with Wave camps.

We have to remember that this is not an automatic process. To fly in the wave based on the agreements, sufficient time needs to be allocated to allow the different sections in Air Services /CASA to promulgate NO-TAMS/Danger areas etc.

Also, single independent gliders operating in Class A will need ADS-B and transponders. Club events will not have this requirement.

There is a current rebate provided by the government for equipping their aircraft with ADS-B.

For the lighter aircraft/gliders we can equip with a smaller version being an "EC" device which does not meet the requirement of CASA in A, C and E airspace but they will show other aircraft where we are and provide traffic for us.

Additional information on this subject be found on CASA's website as Advisory Circular AC-91-23 V1 which deals with ADS-B for VFR aircraft.

Member Protection Officer (David Fosdick)

Report presented by Greg Beecroft (Refer to 2022 Agenda and Reports)

During the past 12 months the club MPOs have continued to ensure that their committees are aware that only members who hold a Working With Children card can supervise or instruct children.

Each MPO maintains a database of their respective WWC card holders to ensure that each card- holder maintains their currency and can legally supervise or instruct children within their club environment. There are currently 75 WAGA affiliated club members who hold a valid WWC card.

Junior Representative Report (Josh Geerlings)

Report read by Arnold Geerlings (Refer to 2022 Agenda and Reports)

A junior weekend was held at GCWA, thanks to the Club for hosting and helping. 6 juniors attended.

All Clubs need to make a bigger effort with juniors, as SDM I will be encouraging fast tracking juniors as their rate of learning and need to expedite training for stimulus is much higher.

Josh is working with James Nugent on trying to get some of the other junior success stories repeated in WA.

WIG WA Report (Sally CrawCour)

Report presented by Sally CrawCour (Refer to 2022 Agenda and Reports)

Girls fly 2 took place the 8th to 10th October at GCWA. We had a full crew and just over 30 flights for the weekend that were a mix of AEF and training flights for lady members from other clubs and visitors.

We used the Soarability Simulators which proved most popular with the younger guests, some even returning the following day to fly. We had a few RECAUS aircraft fly in for coffee on Saturday and Sunday to see what the fuss was about.

The community movie night in our Bellman hangar attracted a few members from town but was mostly attended by club members.

The WIG Training Camp took place over 4 days the first weekend in March 2022. The event was held at Narrogin Gliding Club. Colbi Ryan took over as facilitator at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances on my side and a month out the country. Colbi Ryan did a fabulous job. Everything had however been pre-planned and was ready to go.

The ladies did extremely well, ticking of goal boxes with many completing out landing checks, multiple cross - country exercises, daily inspector ratings and bi-annual reviews. Our youngest member and student pilot signed up over the WIG weekend too.

The assistance and support we received from GCWA and NGC was phenomenal with Rob Hanbury and Arnold Geerlings making their personal aircraft available for our use for cross country training and endless coaching. The crew at Narrogin were top class and professional, kept the ladies safe, flying, fed, and entertained. We left with stronger friendships and a little more skilled. A good and successful outcome.

WIG Activity over the WIG training camp weekend

Total Tug Hours	8 hrs 18 minutes
Total Glider Hours	24 hours 23 minutes excluding some Stemme hours
Total participants	NGC 6
	GCWA 2
	BSS 1

BSS Visit

WIG visited BSS on Saturday the 7th May 2022. 3 ladies from GCWA attended and we had a wonderful time. Hoping this will be the first of many interclub visits.

WA Ladies Records

There were four 15m class West Australian ladies' records broken this soaring season

1. 3 Turning point triangle set on 5th December 2021

2. Free Triangle distance set on 5th December 2021

3. Out and return distance (Original 12/04/ 1994) set on 5th February 2022

4. Straight distance to a goal (Original 25/11/1990) set on 5th February 2022

Off airfield socials

We have had the odd off field social in the past but this year we had a special outing to Mandurah. Most of the WIG Ladies met for lunch and to watch Top Gun together thereafter. The really great thing about these activities is that it is for all the ladies and not just club based. Hence the establishment of a stronger network amongst the women that breaks the age and location barriers.

WIG numbers have increased by 2 this year, both youngsters enrolling at NGC.

Sally CrawCour was awarded the Australian Women Pilots association Soaring Scholarship for 2022.

Looking Ahead

GF2 is aimed for October 2022 and to be held at GCWA. I will be working with the Australian Women Pilots association to encourage cross faculty participation.

Trophy Officer Report (James Cooper)

Report presented by James Cooper (Refer to 2022 Agenda and Reports)

Records

3 Record flights were flown this year.

Sally Crawcour flew, on the 5th of December 2021, the clubs Astir VH-GAL Cunderdin-Ejanding-Hines Hill - Dangin- Cunderdin breaking the Female free distance 345.2 km, 3 Turning Points (Std, 15m and Open = 3 records) and Free Triangle (Std, 15m and Open = another 3 records)

On 5th February 2022 Sally Crawcour flew the clubs Astir VH-GAL to Wagin and back a total of 376.14 km and broke the following records. Free Out and return 15m 376.14 km, Goal (Std, 15m and Open) 188.2 km = 3 records, Goal and Return (Std, 15m, Open) 376.14 km = 3 records and Straight Distance (Std, 15m and Open) 188.2 km = 3 records

In the two flights Sally broke 16 WAGA State records

On the 23rd of January 2022 Norm Bloch broke not only the 500 State but also National Record in the JS3 at 164.54 Kph. It will be interesting to see if this record will ever be broken .

In this flight Norm broke 8 State Records, 100 km triangle (18m and Open), 200 km triangle (18m and Open), 300 km (triangle 18m and Open) and 500 km (triangle 18m and Open)

So Norm broke 8 WAGA State Records.

Between them Sally and Norm broke a staggering 24 WAGA State records. Now that will be hard to beat in future years.

Reports By:

- Beverley Soaring Society
- Gliding Club of Western Australia
- Narrogin Gliding Club

Election Of Office Bearers

Those elected for 2022/23 for the following positions were:

POSITION	NOMINATED 2022/23
<u>BOARD</u>	
President	Roy McInnes
GFA Board Representative	Sally Crawcour
Vice President	Sally Crawcour
<u>Vice President</u>	David Harries
<u>Secretary</u>	Colbri Ryan
Treasurer	Tom Holt
<u>NOMINATED POSITIONS</u>	
RTO Airworthiness	Rob Hanbury
RM Operations	Allan Gartland
Regional Safety Advisor	Phil Dodd
Soaring Development Manager	Arnold Geerlings
Regional Development Officer	David Fosdick
Airfields, Airspace & Avionics	Steve Pearson
Trophy Officer	
Records Officer	Norm Bloch

CLUB DELEGATES		
Beverley	Paul Croft	Owen Jones
Narrogin	Alan Arthur	Damien Quirk
GCWA	Stuart Usher	Andrew Hertig

BANK SIGNATORIES		
	Roy McInnes	Tom Holt
	Owen Jones	

WAGA AUDITOR	Criterion Audit Pty Ltd	

General Business

No general business to report.

Meeting Closed

20:30

Elif Herdsman
Secretary

