

Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the WASSI, 14 January 2023

Opening:

The Annual General meeting of the Walsh Aviation Support Society Inc (WASSI) opened at 2115hrs NZDT on Saturday the 14th of January 2023.

Attended by:

Sue Mealing, Murray Miskelly, Dean Beverley, Steven Bodt, Jack Boyd, Dene Busby, Taran Busby, Gerald Carter, Andrew Carlton Campbell, Matthew Tiernan, Scott Cowley, Carolyn Craig, Phillip Craig, Ross Crawford, Philip Dakin, Amit Dhiman, Nicola Vanderschantz, Nicholas Vanderschantz, John Hamilton, Susan Hamilton, Fred Hansen, Nicholas Rowe, Callum Ryall, Timothy Whitehead, Jack Holworthy, David Jupp, Kate Lindsey, Jeremy Long, Steve Scott, Aaron Silcock, Mellissa Silcock, Andrew Sims, Mark Woodhouse, Daniel Stuckey, Grace Hills, Grant Reidy, Olivia Reidy.

Apologies were received from:

Clive Williams, Christopher Wood, Mikayla Miskelly, Peter Mount, Gary Parata, James Pengelly, Stefan Raabe, Gordon Ragg, Jason Robson, Bronwyn Scott, Jillian Smith, Andrew Taylor, Janet Taylor, Michelle Urquhart, Joseph Van Der Gouw, Jeffrey Walton, Alexander Warriner, Helen Warriner, Sarah Mcilroy, Penelope Mackay, James Hillson, Brian Haybittle, Kelly Haybittle, Aimee Elliot, Matthew Farrington, Breanna Coffey, Alex Barbarich-Bacher, Bianca Barbarich-Bacher, Andrew Bason.

Resignations received from:

No resignations were received.

A motion was tabled that the apologies be accepted.

It was moved by Mark Woodhouse and Seconded by David Jupp that the record of attendance and apologies be accepted. These records were accepted unanimously.

Introduction:

The meeting was opened and chaired by Mark Woodhouse who welcomed attendees and thanked them for attending.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Minutes of the previous WASSI AGM held in Matamata 14 January 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting. No matters were discussed as arising from these minutes and members did not have any questions regarding these.

The minutes of the 2022 WASSI AGM were moved as accepted as a true and accurate record by Phil Craig and seconded by Murray Miskelly. These minutes were passed unanimously as accurate with no matters arising.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman tabled and spoke to his report.

A copy of the Chairman's Report was circulated to members via email to the Society on 8 January 2023. A copy of the Chairman's Report is attached to these minutes.

The Chairman noted that it had been a challenging year but with great achievements, and the steadfast goal to ensure the development of a fleet of the safest aircraft that we reasonably can for future WMSFS students.

Mark spoke to the significance of the role of all members in supporting fundraising and noted the committee's sincerest appreciation to the many members making regular contributions.

Mark discussed outcomes of the recent WASSI committee meeting relating to the committee's resolve to consider 2023 to be a year of consolidation and cautious progress. Immediate considerations for the WASSI would be to repay two current loans and to raise new finances for completion of MUM and finetuning of NJT.

Learnings discussed by Mark were that full restoration is very expensive and perhaps not the best route for the Society moving forward. Mark noted that refurbishment was more achievable for the Society due to less work often being required and turnaround time meaning that aircraft are able to begin service sooner.

It was reported that the medium-term goal is to balance the fleet with increased numbers of Cessna so that there is an even spread of low-wing and high-wing aircraft available.

The chairman next discussed succession planning. Given the successes and growth of the Society and its fleet of aircraft, the committee had agreed that succession planning and development of the committee structure is needed. The committee will work to develop role descriptions and titles for four potential new roles:

- Fundraising Officer
- Maintenance Control/Fleet Management Officer
- Restoration Officer
- Leasing Officer

Roles may be filled by Society members or non-members and potential candidates will be sought through self-nomination or nomination by a Society peer. Work on this is planned for 2023.

The Chairman wished to reiterate what a successful year 2022 had been and recognized the work by Committee and Society members to achieve such progress in 2022.

A motion was tabled that the Chairman's Report be received and entered into the records of the Society. It was moved by Jack Holworthy, seconded by John Hamilton that the Chairman's Report be accepted. This was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer tabled and spoke to his report.

A copy of the Treasurer's Report was circulated to members via email to the society on 8 January 2023. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes.

The Treasurer directed members to the summary of reports circulated and highlighted the income and expenditures for the preceding year.

The Treasurer noted the impact of ongoing contributions by society members. These contributions create aircraft that generate income to self-fund and support the society to achieve its goals. It was noted that receipts will be forthcoming in May.

A member asked if it would be possible to show lease income for individual aircraft in future. The treasurer confirmed that this would be possible if the Society desired this.

A motion was tabled that the Treasurer's Report be received and entered into the records of the Society. It was moved Fred Hansen seconded by Andrew Sims that the Treasurers Report be accepted. This was passed unanimously.

Motions to be Considered:

No motions were tabled by members either before or during the AGM.

General Business / Questions:

A member asked if there were projections for work to be completed. It was discussed that this was a difficult number to estimate and is a part of the reason that increased committee membership is being explored by the Committee. It was noted that there are 3 aircraft to complete and that props and engines have a finite life that must be managed.

Discussion was had noting the need for increased income generation and support for fundraising.

Further discussion regarding succession planning was had. Topics included:

- Lease management
- Fleet management
- Fundraising & publicity
- Refurbishment management
- A member proposed that some of these roles might be served with a small subcommittee or sharing of the role
- The committee and other members will support the nominated committee members

A member asked if sponsorship could provide a mechanism for fundraising. It was suggested that a fundraising and publicity committee member would be able to investigate such avenues.

Raised in conversation was the importance of the colour scheme and how increased numbers of aircraft in this will support the recognition of the fleet.

A member noted the possibility for WASSI to promote at Warbirds over Wanaka with a static display should a contingent of committee members be able to represent.

Conclusion:

The Annual General Meeting of the Walsh Aviation Support Society Inc. (WASSI) closed at 2225hrs NZDT on Saturday the 14th of January 2023.