

## **Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the WASSI Matamata Aerodrome, 14 January 2021**

### **Opening:**

The Annual General meeting of the Walsh Aviation Support Society Inc (WASSI) opened at 2115hrs NZDT at the Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School at Waharoa Airfield on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2021.

### **Attended by:**

Andrew Bason, Dean Beverley, Steven Bodt, Dene Busby, Taran Busby, Carlton Campbell, Lucian Clark, Roger Clark, Scott Cowley, Carolyn Craig, Phillip Craig, Ross Crawford, Simon Davies, Amit Dhiman, Aimee Elliot, Tracey Gore, John Hamilton, Susan Hamilton, Fred Hansen, James Hillson, David Jupp, Kate Lindsey, Penelope Mackay, Sue Mealing, Murray Miskelly, Kiran Parbhu, Gary Parata, James Pengelly, Gordon Ragg, Grant Reidy, Janelle Rouse, Nicholas Rowe, Callum Ryall, Steve Scott, Aaron Silcock, Mellissa Silcock, Andrew Sims, Jillian Smith, Glen Sycamore, Janet Taylor, Matthew Tiernan, Nicholas Vanderschantz, Timothy Whitehead, Mark Woodhouse

### **Apologies were received from:**

Bianca Barbarich-Bacher, Gerald Carter, Breanna Coffey, Philip Dakin, Amanda De Monte, Caitlin Ferner, Christopher Fraser, Pete Groufsky, Brian Haybittle, Kelly Haybittle, Jack Holworthy, Nathan Manktelow, Sarah Mcilroy, Richard & Carol Metcalfe, Rod Milne, Peter Mount, Tessa Mowbray, Simon Nicholson, Stefan Raabe, Jason Robson, Bronwyn Scott, Andrew Taylor, Michelle Urquhart, Joseph Van Der Gouw, Nicola Vanderschantz, Scott Walsh, Jeffrey Alfred Walton, Alexander Warriner, Helen Warriner, Clive Williams

### **Resignations received from:**

No resignations were received.

A motion was tabled that the apologies be accepted.

It was moved by Phil Craig and Seconded by Carlton Campbell 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. Mark introduced the agenda of the meeting, and reminded attendees of the objectives of the WASSI:

- Raise and hold funds toward the purchase of a fleet of training aircraft and any supporting facilities and equipment that can be used by the Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School;
- Acquire and maintain a fleet of training aircraft and associated facilities and equipment;
- The general and fiscal support and benefit of aviation and aviation students; and,
- Do anything necessary or helpful to the above purposes.

Questions and open discussion were invited and encouraged.

## **Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

The Minutes of the previous WASSI AGM held in Matamata 16 January 2020 were circulated prior to the meeting and were moved as accepted as a true and accurate record by Gordon Ragg, and seconded by Gary Parata. These minutes were passed unanimously as accurate with no matters arising.

## **Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman tabled and spoke to his report.

A number of copies of the Chairman's Report were made available to the members at the meeting and distributed via email previous to the meeting. A copy of the Chairman's Report is attached to these minutes.

The main project during 2020 and on into 2021 has been the restoration of ZK-MUM. Mark discussed the phased restoration process that ZK-MUM is following. The current aim is to have ZK-MUM operational by September 2021.

It was noted that ZK-FML is performing very well at Wellington Aeroclub with aspects of improvement identified by the club being larger wheels, lights, and wiring. Mark noted that the committee proposed to action these improvements as appropriate in 2021. Mark reported that it is likely that due the high utilization rate ZK-FML will require an engine replacement earlier than initially anticipated and this will require funding.

The identification of a potential future purchase of NJT a Piper Tomahawk in USA was reported as being investigated by the committee.

The chairperson was able to report that the WASSI had received commitment of \$110,000 from Carol & Richard Metcalfe in early January. The Metcalfe's would like to see this contribution used to complete ZK-MUM.

The chairperson was also able to announce the recent \$90,000 commitment that had also been received in early January.

The committee will continue to investigate Lions Foundation, Pub Charities, and related funding opportunities and welcomed support from Society Members with expertise or experience in fundraising and charities applications.

The continued small but regular contributions that the WASSI receives from members was noted as being enormously important and appreciated.

A motion was tabled that the Chairman's Report be received and entered into the records of the Society. It was moved by Gary Parata, seconded by Tim Whitehead that the Chairman's Report be accepted. This was passed unanimously.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer tabled and spoke to his report.

A number of copies of the Treasurer's Report were made available to the members at the meeting and distributed via email previous to the meeting. 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.

Noted in discussion contributions are ongoing. These contributions create aircraft that generate income to self-fund and support the society to achieve its goals.

A motion was tabled that the Treasurer's Report be received and entered into the records of the Society. It was moved by Ross Crawford and seconded by James Hillson 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:**

Members thanked the committee for contributions to date and going forward. Members noted the professional paperwork and attitude with which the committee is conducting the business of the society.

A member noted that Penn McKay from Vector Magazine will be at the WMSFS on 15 January 2021. It was recommended that during her visit it would be useful to discuss the support of the WASSI to the WMSFS. To highlight the presence of ZK-FML. To note the ability for anyone in the aviation industry (Vector readers) to contribute to the future success of the industry through support of the WASSI and its goals. It was further noted that WASSI members should remember their opportunity to discuss, promote, and publicise the good work of the WASSI where possible.

Members raised the possibility of inclusion the WASSI at air shows and aviation events. Considerations for the future include static displays of WASSI aircraft, promotional material or event stands, fundraising merchandise, and presence of WASSI members at a stand to discuss the benefits and contributions of the society.

Carlton Campbell passed a motion that the contributions received to date be recognised by the society in the minutes of this AGM. These minutes reflect with extreme gratitude the contributions received in the past 12 months from:

- A significant anonymous donor
- Carol & Richard Metcalfe
- Lion Foundation
- NIBS trust
- Pub Charities
- Waypoints
- And ongoing anonymous and member contributions

This motion was seconded Janet Taylor and was passed unanimously.

## **Conclusion:**

The Annual General Meeting of the Walsh Aviation Support Society Inc. (WASSI) closed at 2147hrs NZDT on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2021.