

Horsham Week 2007 - Pilots Meeting
Tue 6 February 2007 at 1300 hours
Chaired by: Rolf Buelter
46 pilots in attendance

Minutes of meeting held on 9 February 2006 were presented and accepted.

Matters arising:

Safety and procedures

Agreed to change finishpoint to 3km radius from windsock instead of 2km, which barely includes runway 26. The centre of the airfield is approx 50 metres from the windsock.

Funds

Agreed that entry and towing costs be kept as low as possible.

In 2007 the entry fee is \$100 and \$30 per tow; increase due to fuel costs.

In 2004 charges were \$125 /\$30; 2005 - \$100 / \$25; 2006 \$100/\$25.

Again agreed that \$3,000 be maintained in reserve to cover tug costs in the event of 2 consecutive minimal flying years; to be reviewed in 2008.

Financial report

Peter Buskens presented summary of income and expenditure.

Net profit from 2006 competition was \$165.52.

Net profit from 2003 competition \$3,591.89; 2004 profit \$2,518.51; 2005 profit \$141.52.

Total in bank at the start of the 2007 competition - \$7,010.94.

Funds to be invested to return a better interest rate.

2007 Budget

Rolf Buelter outlined similar financial outcomes to 2006 - approximate break-even

There are 44 pilot entries in 2007.

It was emphasized that all funds are credited back into the Horsham Week bank account; no individual or club receives any monies for involvement in running the competition.

Surplus

Several options for use of surplus funds were discussed. Agreed to lower entry fees for 2008 and budget for a deficit on \$1,000 in 2008.

Tow planes

Again, 4 tow planes in 2007. 4 should be sufficient for 2008 unless more than 40 gliders enter.

Pre-registration

Pre-registration will be required in 2008 to assist with planning tugs etc. A late-entry-fee-penalty was discussed but it was agreed that intention to participate was sufficient without asking for entry fees in advance.

Scoring

Scorers are again using their own computers. Pilots to transfer daily flights onto sticks if possible. Anyone interested in learning or assisting with the scoring is welcome.

Handicaps

Competition declared a dry comp because of local water shortage; handicaps used are the official GFA handicaps for club class (unballasted).

Cu-Sonde

David Wilson advised that the Cu-Sonde is not essential; alternative logging devices are being explored.

Website

Horsham Week again has its own website thanks to Bruce Cowan, with links to the GFA site.

Souvenirs

No souvenirs in 2007; t-shirts to be organised for 2008.

Article

Jo Pocklington to write article for Soaring Australia.

Victorian State Competition

Horsham Week organizers regard the event a regional entry level competition. The Vic State Comp has been part of Horsham Week since 2003 as no other club offered to host the event.

Bendigo Gliding Club indicated interest in holding next Vic State Competition; November or March were discussed as possible dates. 10 pilots indicated that they could attend both Horsham Week and Vic State Comp if held separately.

VSA Coaching Week

A cross-country coaching week will again be held immediately prior to Horsham Week in 2008 and will be widely advertised.

Marshalling

One participating club organising the marshalling works well. Rolf noted that MaxHedt needs a permanent understudy to learn the ropes and expressed thanks to Max for all his assistance.

Horsham Week 2008

The pilots voted to continue to hold Horsham Week.

Dates

First competition day to continue to be the first Saturday of the first full week in February.

Appointments for 2008 Horsham Week

Competition Director:	Rolf Buelter
Met:	David Wilson
Scorer:	Brian Wood
Treasurer:	John Ashford
Tug Master:	Brian Wood
Safety Officer:	tba

Safety Officer

There is a mandatory requirement by the Council (and by GFA if the comp is a sanctioned event) that a safety officer be appointed who is not flying on the day. There was discussion regarding the role and importance of a safety officer and various options for 2008.

Tow ropes

New ropes purchased for Wimmera Soaring Club; old ropes and rings need replacing.

Juniors

Again agreed to subsidise entry fees up to a total of \$500 for Australian juniors (up to 26yo) in 2007. There was a \$100 entry fee subsidy for Ben Loxton in 2006 and 2007.

Contribution to Future Competitions

While funds available, agreed to contribute up to \$1,000 from accumulated funds to each future competition providing \$3,000 remains in reserve. ??????????

Tug Pilots, Scorer and Met Man

Agreed to subsidise tug pilots, chief scorer and met man \$25 a day.

Tasking

Discussion regarding introduction of Run Tasks as well as AAT and Speed Tasks. Agreed to write 'run tasks' into local Horsham Week rules to increase flexibility. Agreed to suggest that the Vic State competition rules also be formally changed to accommodate run tasks.

Insurance

\$1million third party insurance is compulsory for the competition.

FLARM

Discussion regarding making FLARM compulsory and how to equip gliders that are without a FLARM. Approx 50% of gliders at the 2007 event are carrying FLARM.

Agreed that FLARM be compulsory for 2008 Horsham Week. Correct wording to be checked with Tim Shirley for writing into local rules.

Agreed that Horsham Week will strongly urge the VSA to purchase FLARM units for rental purposes.

Banking

The pilots appointed the Competition Director, the Treasurer and one other as individual signatories on the Horsham Week bank account.

The Competition Director is Rolf Buelter in 2007 and 2008,
the Treasurer is John Ashford in 2007 and 2008 and
'one other' is Peter Buskens in 2007 and 2008.

meeting closed