

# Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting of the Recreational Aircraft Association of NZ Inc.

**Held at Waikato Aero Club Inc clubrooms, Hamilton airfield on  
Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006.**

1. Ian Sinclair (chairman) opened the meeting at 10:30 am and welcomed those present.
2. Proxies were confirmed for-

Club	Proxy	Voting strength	
ARMAC	Anton Lawrence	22	3.2%
BOPMA	Colin Alexander	61	8.9%
CRAC	Brent Thompson	87	12.7%
GFG	Ian Sinclair	23	3.4%
HBMC	Ken McKee	17	2.5%
NMC	Evan Gardiner	17	2.5%
NRFC	Kevin Hartley	47	6.9%
SCMC	Ian Sinclair	34	5.0%
SRAC	Evan Gardiner	58	8.5%
WMLC	John Pratt	24	3.5%
WCMC	Ian Sinclair	24	3.5%

With 60.6% of members represented, a quorum was confirmed.

13 members were in attendance, including 5 Executive members.

3. Executive Members present-  
 Ian Sinclair (chair)  
 Evan Gardiner  
 Anton Lawrence  
 Brent Thompson  
 Stuart Parker (secretary)
4. Apologies were received from-  
 Alistair Hart  
 Barry Winslade  
 Shorty Cole  
 Peter Kernahan  
 Paul Woodley  
 Mike Sheffield  
 Rob Dhryfout  
 Rob Peck  
 Phil Budding
5. The minutes of the 2005 AGM were read and discussed.  
 Matters arising from the minutes were

- i. 406MHz beacons. Bob Walton asked what submissions had been made by RAANZ to CAA. Anton Lawrence explained that there was an inevitability about the introduction of what will ultimately be a very useful safety aid, but that we had proposed a 50NM radius before being required. We await the final ruling. Microlights will be permitted to use wearable, hand-deployed PLBs rather than fully installed beacons. Colin Alexander pointed out that current prices about \$700 for GPS equipped PLBs, and likely to fall further.
- ii. Trophies. Ken McKee asked whether there had been any progress on tracing and recovering the various trophies. Stuart Parker said that calls for info on the RecPilot had not elicited any response, but worth repeating to rattle some cages or memories.

**Moved:** That the minutes be accepted as correct (Ian Sinclair/Nancy Hodge/carried).

6. Ian Sinclair read the President's Report.

- i. Vote of thanks to Anton for the excellent IA seminar and Technical CD project.

**Moved:** That the President's report be accepted (Ian Sinclair/Ken McKee/carried).

7. Evan Gardiner read the Operations Report.

- i. RAANZ FRTO now submitted to CAA, awaiting their confirmation.
- ii. No confirmed host club for the 2007 national fly-in. Any suggestions or interest?
- iii. Training manual is now web based and under revision, with input gladly accepted from interested ATOs and Instructors.

**Moved:** That the Operations report be accepted (Evan Gardiner/Colin Alexander/carried).

8. Anton Lawrence read the Technical Report.

- i. 406MHZ beacons. Minimum radius requirements to be confirmed.
- ii. Technical Project CD. Major undertaking. Will be published on website and updated as defect reports are collected and processed. Important that defects are reported to build this database and possibly save a mate's life- REPORT IT!

**Moved:** That the Technical report be accepted (Anton Lawrence/Stuart Parker/carried).

9. Stuart Parker read the Treasurer's Report.

- i. Noted that the accounts are not yet signed off by the auditors pending certificates from the banks re final account balances.
- ii. About 30% of members now on email list. This has helped to offset the increased mail-outs for membership, BFR and inspection reminders.
- iii. Aim is less than 7 day post-to-post fulfillment of certificate and exam processing.
- iv. Given that we are funding activities out of subscriptions with a modest surplus, and with no extraordinary activities scheduled for next year, recommend that subs remain at \$65 per annum.

**Moved:** That the Treasurer's report be accepted (Stuart Parker/Ken McKee/carried).

10. Election of Officers.

Candidates and nominations were received as follows

- i. Brent Thompson                      Continuing term
- ii. Rob Peck                                SCMC
- iii. Paul Woodley                        CRAC

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| iv. Anton Lawrence | ARMAC |
| v. Ian Sinclair    | SCMC  |
| vi. Peter Kernohan | MMC   |

With no further nominations from the floor, the candidates were elected unopposed.

#### 11. Remits

RAANZ Exec- That the requirement for RAANZ membership include membership of a RAANZ affiliated club be removed.

- i. Evan Gardiner proposed the remit and spoke to it, outlining the background issue of more loosely associated non-political clubs with pilots who wish to remain as RAANZ certificated pilots, and our wish to accommodate them into our system.
- ii. Colin Alexander, Trevor Barrett and Ken KcKee spoke of their club's concern that such a move may weaken their clubs as membership would not be seen as a given requirement.
- iii. Trevor Barrett recounted the initial ideals of safe, free, low cost flying that is achievable under the club structure, and may be compromised by a looser system without the influence and peer pressure that a club structure provides.
- iv. Evan Gardiner proposed an amendment to the remit- **'7.1 The Society shall consist of an unlimited number of full members. All members must be current members of a club which is an Affiliated Club of the Society, or members of a flying club approved by the Society.'**
- v. Those present agreed that this amendment retained the benefits of a club based structure, while giving RAANZ some room to accommodate properly constituted and run non-affiliated clubs which shared it's values. Noted that RAANZ will need to establish a minimum requirement for such clubs to be approved to avoid rogue pilots' clubs.

**Moved:** that the amended remit be accepted (Evan Gardiner/Colin Alexander/carried)

#### 12. General Business

- i. RecPilot. Ian Sinclair volunteered to continue the next 12 month editorship. Favourable comments from the floor on frequency and content- they look forward to reading it. Suggested we include an exec profile so people know who is who around the place.
- ii. Rec Aviation Australia magazine. Anton tabled copies for review. 12 issues per year at AUD5.50 per issue. They are interested in working with us to include RecPilot or share content.  
**Moved:** Continue discussion, but not compromise the local RecPilot publication, and with no additional cost or compulsion to members- ie if individual members want it, they pay outside of the RAANZ subscription. (Ken McKee/Colin Alexander/carried).

#### 13. There being no further business, Ian closed the meeting at 12:50 pm.