

Minutes of the Combined SIGs held at the Aviation Country Clubs meeting 20 July 2013

Present

R. Bould (F/F & C/L Scale), W.Cartwright, G Main (Vintage), C. Pickering, S Hellyer, D.Hodges (Turbine), R. Wallace (F/F), K. Clarke (Helicopter), K Barnes (Control Line), R. Tier (Pylon) D. James (Soaring), M.Brill (Large Models), A. Dick, M. Fairgray, , D. Wright, R. Drummond D, K Botherway, Jonathan Shore, J Selby ,J. Smart, Barry Lennox(Chair)

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Peter Hewson Tony Chadderton Smith (R/C Aerobatics), Matt Wellington (FPV,) Peter Hewson (R/C scale)

Welcome

Minutes of the 2012 Combined SIGs minutes were circulated.

Motion Minutes be accepted - Moved R. Bould Seconded J Selby

Matters Arising from minutes

SIG Funds Ross Drummond (outgoing MFNZ Treasurer) explained that the SIG funds were MFNZ funds managed on their behalf by the individual SIGs who hold approx \$40,000 currently. This amount remains around this level from year to year. .The figure does not include the funds held in SIG cheque accounts.

Wayne Cartwright stated the SIG expenditure /income records were scattered around. RD noted that the SIG activities were on the Sigs websites (Balance of Cheque accounts not included). Wayne noted that of the 9 Sigs, 7 were competition driven. K.C noted that SIGs do other things as well as competitions. The Nat's account from L. Dickens are on the Website.

Stuart Hellyer clarified that the NZ Jet Modellers Assoc was a club, and so distinct from the Turbine SIG. R. Drummond noted that some SIGS have organisations associated with them. Large Models SIG & MANZ. Some Sig activities are funded by funds the SIG generates (entry fees, sponsorship).

Kim Clarke queried the emphasis placed on SIGs role for competitions, when in reality they Competitions do lots off activities outside of competitions

J.Shorer noted that Grant applications from SIGs should go to the Competition Secretary who presents them to the Council. Funding applications from SIGs (or Clubs) should include a budget for the project .

SIG Reports

Soaring David James Copy attached

Vintage Wayne Cartwright .Nationals Vintage programme to capture the growth entry numbers, provides classes of interest, and triggered new classes from the Nationals programme.

Turbine/NZJMA Stuart Hellyer reported that 90% of updated Code of Practice was completed. They plan to introduce an inspection process to address the increase of ARF models, being used. turbine helicopter Code of Practice and Wings certification and LM inspections as required. Inspection at Club and event level were being introduced for safety reasons due to the high Kinetic energy of Turbine models. Airshow Protocol were being developed to address risk management issues with flying at public events.

Jet fliers meet at Tokoroa 1 weekend each month from Sept to May, with a full meeting 18to20 October. The February ANZAC jet meeting at Tokoroa in Feb attracted 55 entries, with 85 aircraft with a significant presence from Australian fliers. The NZJMA are affiliated with IJMA and will send a team to compete at their event.

R/C Scale Peter Hewson absent.

Large Models Mark Brill reported that LM activities were low but with MANZ working with them on Large model inspections. IMAC models are now required to have the LM registration visible on the airframe which makes checking easier for CDs. The problem with structural issues with an imported IMAC from a specific manufacturer had been addressed by Frazer Briggs. Chris Pickering (Jet) suggested MFNZ should be proactive LM ARK by carrying out checks on the first of the type, to determine structural suitability and perhaps X-Rays should be used to check, internal (not visible) structure.

It was clarified that the responsibility of the LM owner to see it is certified and maintained in certifiable condition.

Incoming Council to review LM Certificate scheme on the basis is current scheme works OK, but ARF airframes pose a special case, and perhaps the rating for should be used. B. Lennox offered to talk with CAA on the ability to monitor ARFs. MFNZ to liaison with NZJMA on their voluntary increased checking procedures.

NZJMA carry out pre-flight inspections on all models at their meetings.

L.M Sig's position the onus is on the owner to ensure their models are certified and registered.

Incoming Council to look at LM certification scheme, ARF certifications and model Type rating.

Soaring Turbine NZJMA

Pylon Richard Tier. The number of Pylon meetings in North and South Island was growing, with racing being held on a regular basis. New classes being added which are attracting some newcomers. Tom Wetherill represent NZ at the F3D World Champ in the Netherlands.

Helicopter Kim Clarke interest was good with more competitions. Electric Heli with increasing power, which will need addressing.

Free Flight Rob Wallace reported that Kennedy precision would be held at the next Nats. Electric F/F classes had not yet really caught on. The World Cup events (Kiwi and Kotuku Cups) are being

staged by MFNZ members overseas (USA). This results in some income for the F/F SIG and keeps the events alive pending a new site being identified in NZ.

F/F & C/L Scale Members had competed successfully at the UK Nationals

Control Line Kevin Barnes flagged that there were competition yearlong series being held in NI, and there had been an increase in C/L activity in the S.I.

Aerobatics Tony Chadderton-Smith. (not present)

FPV Matt Wellington. None received.

Nationals 2014 Update Jonathan Shore Nationals Manager

Jonathan reminded SIG that Nat's costs were rising and as a long term trend entries were getting less. MFNZ was seeking to halt this..

The proposal to have premium and supporting events, on the basis of number of event entries was not being implemented in 2014. Previous practices will be followed with the addition of three Rally days to be held on the Clareville Oval. The question remained , Can the Nationals be run better? The search for sites, as close as possible to the Clareville HQ was being pursued.

Mike Fairgray suggested information in the Wairarapa newspaper, with daily events/ times table. Camp atmosphere was important.

Jonathan Shorer requested the assistance of an experienced competition person (s) to assist/advise him at the Nationals