



Sydney Radio Control Society

August 2011

Newsletter

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Annual General Meeting **Saturday 3rd September** **10 am At the Field**

Wet weather arrangements have been made so the meeting will go ahead at the field rain or shine.



Agenda:

- **Apologies**
- **Previous Minutes**
- **Matters Arising**
- **President's Report**
- **Treasure's Report**
- **Secretary's Report**
- **Election of 2011/2012 Committee**
- **Special Resolutions**

THE 2010 – 2011 COMMITTEE

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These items can be purchased from the Club Treasurer

- Club metal badges \$5 ea.
- Club cloth badges \$5 ea.
- SRCS stickers 50c ea
- Club tee shirt \$25 ea
- Club caps \$15 ea.

At the moment the Club has plenty of stock of caps and shirts available, so why not lash out and invest in a new Club shirt and cap. Don't forget that the Club badges issued to this years financial members must be worn at all times. A perfect place to wear it is on your new cap.

These items are available from Rick Pearson at the field.

Sizes for the shirts are small, large and extra large in blue or grey.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It seems ages since I last wrote a conventional President's Letter. In that time we have made great progress getting established at 'The Missions'. Stephen has written elsewhere in the Newsletter of some of the activity that has contributed to this. I would also like to join him, and the rest of the Committee, in thanking everyone who has contributed to the Working Bees to accomplish this, and equally to those who have assisted with the vital work of getting all the materials in place before hand.

In my view the infrastructure that we now have is better than we had at Vineyard. This is more due to it being planned as an entity rather than piece meal but we do have few extras such as the rainwater tank, an outboard-motor powered fishing, (sorry rescue) boat, fire backpacks and other useful amenities. This has all involved spending quite a lot of money but everyone who I have spoken to thinks that it was well worth it.

What we have found is that, although the land drains well, it is flat and so subject to a bit more flooding than we expected when we first looked at it. Road base and gravel have greatly improved it and even after the recent extremely heavy rain the field was still accessible and usable once the rain stopped. The one area that is not as good yet as at Vineyard is the runway. It does need some more soil in one area but is now fairly level. The grass coverage over the reworked area has developed well but there are still bare patches where the loose soil does tend to grab the wheels. From the way the grass seed that we put down has taken we are confident that once the growing season starts again it will rapidly improve and with constant mowing will very quickly become excellent. The grass roots will not only bind the loose soil but should also help to stop the cattle putting down hoof marks and provide some additional smoothing as well.

Inevitably the distance to travel, and some former members becoming used to flying at new locations, does mean that our total numbers are lower and the attendance is less reliable than it was. However there is still a hard core of regular attendees who are now used to the journey and believe that what we have makes it very worthwhile. Certainly for myself the journey now does not seem that far. It is good to see that we are starting to attract new members as well.

Also in the Newsletter Stephen has described the exciting plans that he has for our Web presence. This will not only enhance our image, with all the benefits that will bring, but it will make a real contribution to improving attendance by helping to let us know who else might be there on any particular day.

We are very excited about having our first open day when we hope to be able to share our flying site with other enthusiasts. Roy is intending to put his aircraft on show and it may be possible for a few to make it into a romantic weekend by booking in at his B & B which should be open by then. Please everyone make sure that all your friends put this special day in their diaries. It should be a fantastic day.

Although the Open day is some three months away the next 'event' is the AGM. This is when the 2011/12 Committee will be elected and so is the opportunity for everyone to express a view on how the club should move forward. Hopefully we are in for an exciting few years. Be part of it, whether helping on the Committee or in other ways, or just enjoying flying.

I hope to see you all at the GM, and happy and safe flying.

Mike Close

President

General News

Website

The SRCS committee is not only committed to improving the facilities of the club but also is highly committed to improving the way the club operates and this includes the way we communicate with our members. To this end we have commissioned a new web site and made new arrangements for the way our website is hosted and managed. The committee now has instant access to change and add content to the web site as required. The website as it appears at the moment is just a temporary site whilst our new high tech interactive site is being developed.



“it is more important than ever that members notify our treasurer of changes to email address as soon as possible”

Even as this newsletter goes to print we are currently working on a host of new features that will be appearing on the site soon. The most exciting of these is the calendar feature that will allow members to add events to the calendar letting all other members know when they will be at the field flying, hopefully this will encourage to make better use of our great field.



Sneak preview of what's coming!

With our new improved digital presence it is more important than ever that members notify our treasurer of changes to email address as soon as possible. Eventually members will be able to update their details themselves online via the website but until then please make sure we have your details correct.

Working Bees

As most of you know we had a very successful working bee at the field a couple of weeks ago on the 9th July. A great amount was achieved by not a great number of people. There has been a lot of working bees of the last 12 months and the question has been asked of me “why so many”. The argument here is that it took us many years to get the Vineyard field to where it was before we had to leave so what's the hurry with the new site? I suppose that is a fair question. During the search for the new site there were times when we really doubted we may ever find a site at all. Some of the options that we looked at were positively awful. We were extremely fortunate to have eventually found such a magnificent site and we really wanted to

set the club up in a way that did the site justice. From the outset we had great support from the land owner and knew we would be able to establish a first class facility at the Missions. We have greater scope for improvement than we did at the Vineyard site and we are taking advantage of that to create one of the premier clubs in the Sydney basin. So why the hurry? I guess from a personal point of view I simply want to see the site set up to its full potential and then be able to sit back and enjoy.



Your support at working bees really helps. The last working bee saw some members at the site from 8 am until well after 3. It was a long hard day and a few more helpers would have made a big difference so we really would appreciate your help.



Sydney Radio Control Society The Missions First Anniversary

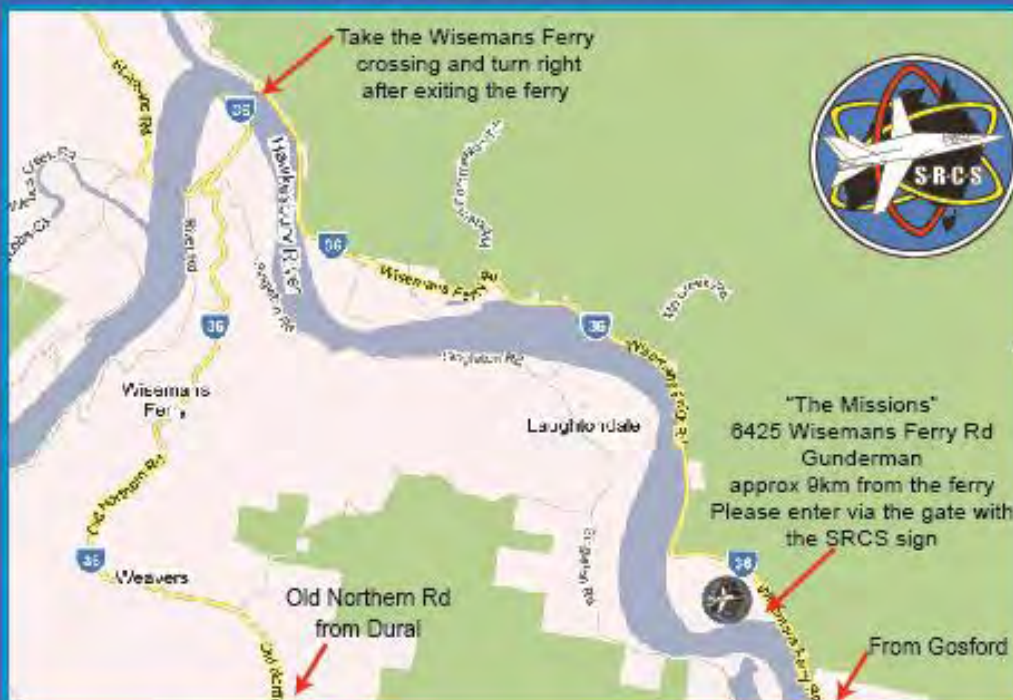


**Saturday 12th November 2011
Gates open at 9am for all day flying**

Help us celebrate one year since the re-launch of SRCS at our magnificent new flying field at the Missions

All types of aircraft welcome

giant models
trainers
scale
fun flies
helicopters
electric
IC
turbines
gliders



\$10 entry fee includes BBQ lunch and a drink!

Enjoy a day's flying with us at the most scenic flying site in the Sydney Basin. All levels of flying skill are welcome, just turn up on the day and fly as little or as much as you like.

No competitions, no pressure, just enjoy flying!

Bring your family along and enjoy a picnic by the Hawkesbury River

MAAA Cards and Permits to Fly for large models must be presented at registration

Full size Tiger Moth and Stearman will be on display!

**Sydney Radio Control Society
Minutes of Quarterly General Meeting 18th June 2011.**

The meeting opened at “the Missions” at 10:35am

Chair: Mike Close

Present:

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|-----------------|------------------|
| John Howard | Matt Holloway |
| Stephen Liseo | Mike Close |
| Baldo Polizzi | Corinne Pellatt |
| Ross Hill | Benjamin Burrell |
| Edward Edelman | Ben Franklin |
| Renton Wright | Shaun McLean |
| Phil Norris | Norm Bantin |
| Noel Dalton | Colin Bruce |
| Richard Pearson | Tim Owen |
| Wayne Laycock | |

Apologies

| | |
|--------------|-------------------|
| John Cahil | Ewald Klinkenberg |
| Rick Rapley | Mark Garratt |
| Col Bacon | Peter Thomson |
| Jodie French | |
| John Hannah | |
| Dave Fisher | |

Minutes from the December QGM: Mike read a summary of the minutes as they were not published in the newsletter.

The strip improvements decided on in the December meeting have gone well, gravel has been put on the entrance road and the water tank is now here.

How have we gone with the mowing roster? Mowing has been completed by volunteers; more container keys have been issued. No problems with mowing at the moment.

Motion to accept QGM minutes: Accepted by Renton, Seconded by Colin.

Motion carried

President’s Report:

The strip has improved; it is not perfect, but better than it was.

The attendance at the field on the weekend has been disappointing. We need to get attendance up and get back to how we were.

Mike thanked Rick for all the work he has done getting the mower fixed and the water tank delivered.

Treasurer's Report:

Club finds as of 18/6/11:

Cheque account: \$230

ANZ account: \$7622

Term Deposit \$41 162 (matures in August)

Expenditure:

\$2500 of soil and gravel including delivery

\$750 on the bobcat

\$400 on seed and fertilizer

\$1000 on the water tank

\$1600 on mower repairs

All up we have spent around \$7000 since the last QGM. This is under budget on the field improvement amount that was approved at that meeting.

Norm: can we be reimbursed for costs via eftpos/electronic transfer?

Rick: yes

We can now pay membership fees via electronic transfer. We still have membership forms – you MUST put a reference of your MAAA number on the payment so we can work out who the payment is from. Once that is done, email your membership form.

Richard will be away from the 27th June to the 4th July. To miss this period you need to get your membership payments to Rick by the end of next week. Please remember it takes 2 days for electronic transfer funds to arrive in the destination bank account.

Will not accept money orders as they are too difficult to bank.

Membership forms will be emailed out and will eventually be available for download from the website.

Please try to email the treasurer rather than calling as then he can be prepared with all the details.

Current membership numbers:

81 members

44 senior

26 associate

4 pensioners

25% of the club are associate members at the moment, we still have 5 life members, and only 2 are active.

Will look for a better deal with the ANZ term deposit. Is everyone happy for us to do that?

No objections raised by the membership.

Secretary's Report:

MAS fees remain the same as last year and the committee has suggested the membership fees based on these figures. The fees are \$114 for emailed and \$124 for posted.

Setting of the Fees:

We can only affect the fee portion for the club. Last year's fee structure was really a dog's breakfast! We have simplified it this year.

Membership numbers will be down this year, but we still need some income for the club. The club fee has remained at \$45 for a long time. We still have ongoing maintenance to pay for with a smaller membership base.

The committee suggests \$175 total which would give \$61 to the club, a small increase. For associate we will add \$10 to the club fee.

Joining fee is still \$150

Gate key is still \$40

Associate pensioner \$42

We wanted to be competitive with other clubs, but still have enough to pay our costs.

Motion to accept this fee structure: Accepted by Phil, seconded by Wayne

No one against, motion carried.

Membership forms distributed.

What we still need to do:

Need to do something under the shelter to stop it getting muddy.

Still need some work on the strip, might need more soil.

Matt: Jamie is now gone, so can't help us with the machinery. Will have to wheelbarrow some dirt onto the strip.

What is the general feeling on the condition of the strip?

A lot better than it used to be

Norm: about 85% there, still some holes that need filling. Once the grass grows some more it should be ok.

Matt: If we get more soil and use the gate to level it out it should be ok.

Norm: we can load the trailer to move dirt around.

Matt: will save several hundred dollars on a bobcat – a bobcat will also rip up the grass.

Mike: we will need another load of dirt to fill the low spots.

Matt: we shouldn't cut the grass any lower than level 2. We should be able to mow frequently from September. We can also put road base under the shelter.

Everyone agrees that road base under the shelter would be a good idea.

Webpage:

Stephen: In the next few weeks we will change the website over. The content is similar to the old one, but we won't be reliant on an external person to update it. It will be more up to date and dynamic.

Corinne: Suggested adding a roster to note days that people will be at the field.

Stephen will build this feature at a later stage. We can also advertise on the webpage if the field is flooded so you don't have to drive all the way out.

Other Activities:

Matt: any other activities that we can have at the field.

Mike: Open days, fun fly's etc

The membership agrees that a fun fly would be good, will look at dates on the calendar, Saturday seems to be a preference. We also need to start up the scale rally again.

Membership:

Matt: Currently membership is closed and we can't change that without a vote. If you are a member of a club in the Sydney region you can't join – outside and new to the sport can join. We want to ask membership for a more open approach to this. E.g.: if you have a friend that wants to join, can we let them in as a full member? Can we relax the rules?

Still need a reason to join but we will have discretion. If we advertise a fun fly we may have people wanting to join.

Phil: If we change the rules like that can we have them as an associate with no voting rights?

Matt: No. Because they can join us as full members by invitation/recommendation by several members.

It will be a case by case basis – it is important that we protect the club culture.

Motion to relax rules to allow appropriate membership: Accepted by Ross, seconded by Phil. Motion carried.

No other business, meeting closed at 11:30am.

Minutes recorded by Corinne Pellatt

Treasurers Report

**Sydney Radio Control Society
Profit & Loss
[Last Year Analysis]
July 2010 through May 2011**

| | This Year | Last Year | \$ Difference |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Income | | | |
| Club Badges | \$24.00 | \$60.00 | (\$36.00) |
| Club Clothing | \$295.00 | \$0.00 | \$295.00 |
| Donations | \$124.00 | \$0.00 | \$124.00 |
| Interest | \$2,757.46 | \$3,537.88 | (\$780.42) |
| Joining Fees | \$0.00 | \$150.00 | (\$150.00) |
| Member Fees | \$6,849.00 | \$18,770.00 | (\$11,921.00) |
| Misc Income | \$92.80 | \$0.00 | \$92.80 |
| Total Income | \$10,142.26 | \$22,517.88 | (\$12,375.62) |
| Expenses | | | |
| Bank Charges | \$41.40 | \$55.20 | (\$13.80) |
| Consumer Affairs | \$48.00 | \$47.00 | \$1.00 |
| Equipment | \$12.40 | \$55.00 | (\$42.60) |
| Field Maint - River farm exp | \$0.00 | \$336.42 | (\$336.42) |
| New field - Agnes banks Rent | \$0.00 | \$420.00 | (\$420.00) |
| Field Main --Mission field exp | \$9,288.65 | \$0.00 | \$9,288.65 |
| Food & drink | \$236.84 | \$0.00 | \$236.84 |
| Gifts | \$296.21 | \$0.00 | \$296.21 |
| Hall hire | \$210.00 | \$340.00 | (\$130.00) |
| Key refund | \$0.00 | \$31.00 | (\$31.00) |
| Locksmith | \$1,078.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,078.00 |
| Website | \$1,305.00 | \$165.00 | \$1,140.00 |
| MAS fees | \$5,718.00 | \$8,743.00 | (\$3,025.00) |
| Postage & shipping | \$710.27 | \$189.50 | \$520.77 |
| Printing | \$328.55 | \$0.00 | \$328.55 |
| News letter | \$0.00 | \$110.70 | (\$110.70) |
| Stationery | \$78.81 | \$29.00 | \$49.81 |
| Refund of membership | \$841.00 | \$480.00 | \$361.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$20,193.13 | \$11,001.82 | \$9,191.31 |
| Net Surplus / (Deficit) | (\$10,050.87) | \$11,516.06 | (\$21,566.93) |

**Sydney Radio Control Society
Balance Sheet
[Last Year Analysis]
June 2011**

| | This Year | Last Year | \$ Difference |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Cash On Hand | | | |
| Westpac - chq a/c | \$230.09 | \$8,114.01 | (\$7,883.92) |
| Westpac - savigs a/c | \$7,622.33 | \$0.00 | \$7,622.33 |
| Petty Cash | \$39.00 | \$10.00 | \$29.00 |
| Total Cash On Hand | \$7,891.42 | \$8,124.01 | \$232.59 |
| Investments | | | |
| Westpac term deposit | \$0.00 | \$20,661.66 | (\$20,661.66) |
| ANZ term deposit | \$41,162.28 | \$39,503.15 | \$1,659.13 |
| Total Investments | \$41,162.28 | \$60,164.81 | (\$19,002.53) |
| Total Current Assets | \$49,053.70 | \$68,288.82 | (\$19,235.12) |
| Buildings | | | |
| Furniture & Fixtures | | | |
| Equipment at Cost | \$24,462.03 | \$16,945.23 | \$7,516.80 |
| Less Accum Dep | -\$15,446.75 | -\$13,855.07 | (\$1,591.68) |
| Total Furniture & Fixtures | \$9,015.28 | \$3,090.16 | \$5,925.12 |
| Total Assets | \$58,068.98 | \$71,378.98 | (\$13,310.00) |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Long-Term Liabilities | | | |
| Total Liabilities | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Net Assets | \$58,068.98 | \$71,378.98 | (\$13,310.00) |
| Equity | | | |
| Retained Earnings | \$71,378.98 | \$64,155.52 | \$7,223.46 |
| Current Year | (\$13,310.00) | \$7,223.46 | (\$20,533.46) |
| Surplus/Deficit | | | |
| Total Equity | \$58,068.98 | \$71,378.98 | (\$13,310.00) |

| SRCS Membership At 28/07/2011 | |
|--|----|
| Senior Email | 30 |
| Senior | 5 |
| Assoc Pensioner | 2 |
| Assoc Snr | 6 |
| Life | 2 |
| Pensioner Email | 3 |
| Pensioner | 2 |
| | 50 |

Election of 2011/12 Committee



As per the rules of Sydney Radio Control Society Incorporated, the Committee is re-elected at the Annual General Meeting held every year. The Committee consists of the office bearers and two ordinary members. The office bearers are the The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor.

The president presides over and chairs all meetings of the association and is assisted by the vice president. The secretary is responsible to keep minutes of all appointments of office bearers and members of the committee, the names of members present at a committee meeting or a general meeting and all proceedings at committee meetings and general meetings.

The treasurer is responsible to ensure that all monies due to the association are collected and received, all payments authorized by the association are made and correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the association. This includes full details of all receipts and expenditures connected with activities of the association. The Treasurer is also the public officer and ensures that all requirements of The Department of Fair Trading are complied with, and all information and affiliation fees required by MARS NSW and MAAA are forwarded as required. The newsletter editor ensures that the information determined by the committee is included in the associations Newsletter, is collated and published to the timescales required.

Nominations for candidates for election to the committee must be made in writing, signed by two members of the association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate. The nominations must be delivered to the secretary of the association not less than 28 days before the date fixed for the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place. If no nominations are received then nominations are called from the floor. The ordinary members assist in the general running of the club.

SRCS Committee Nomination Form

I, _____ being a financial member
(Full name in block letter, please.)

of the **Sydney Radio Control Society Inc.**, for the 2011/2012 year wish to nominate for the following position/s on the committee of the Society. (Please tick box.)

PRESIDENT VICE

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

ORDINARY MEMBER

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Signature

Nominated by: _____ being a financial member of the
Sydney Radio Control Society Inc., for the 2011/2012 year

Seconded by: _____ being a financial member of the
Sydney Radio Control Society Inc., for the 2011/2012 year

N.B. Under the amended Rules of the Society members may nominate for more than one position if they wish.

This nomination should be returned to the secretary SRCS 28 days before the AGM, addressed to:-

SRCS Secretary

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

Notice is hereby given that the following five Special Resolutions, seeking to amend the Rules of the Society, will be tabled at the AGM on 3rd September 2011 in accordance with Rule 4.11.

Resolution 1

Amend rule as below:

2.2.1 An application for membership to the Society:

(a) Shall be made by the applicant in ~~writing on the form set out in Appendix 1 of these rules~~ **a documented format as determined from time to time by the Committee**;

And

(b) The application ~~form~~ is accompanied by joining and membership fees **and** shall be lodged with the Treasurer of the Society.

Reason:

To avoid a Rule change every time a change is required to any detail or method of completing an Application. Note that Appendix 1 will be removed if the resolution is passed.

Resolution 2

Amend rule as below:

4.12.2 The notice appointing the proxy shall be in the form set out in Appendix 2 **1** of these rules.

Reason:

If Resolution 1 is passed this is a consequential change. Note that Appendix 2 will be renumbered if the resolution is passed.

Resolution 3

Amend rule as below:

5.3.3 The Committee shall present at the Annual General Meeting a Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for the preceding financial year, ~~prepared~~ **and audited** by a ~~Qualified Accountant~~ **a person, who may be a member of the Society, but who is independent of the Committee**. The financial year of the society shall be from 1st July to 30th June.

Reason:

There is no requirement from Corporate Affairs to even have the accounts audited. Needing to have them prepared and, by inference, audited by a Qualified Accountant is a cost that is not justified for a Society with the turnover of SRCS. This is too high a proportion of the total Income if a suitable Accountant is not a member of the Society and no one else is available who is prepared to do the task without payment.

Resolution 4

Amend rule as below:

5.2.3 The Society, shall as soon a practicable after receiving any money cash, or when requested by the payee, issue an appropriate receipt.

Reason:

To bring in line with current commercial and business practice in the electronic age.

Resolution 5

Amend rule as below:

5.3.2 All cheques, electronic payments, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by any two members of the Committee or employees of the Society, being members or employees authorised to do so by the Committee.

Reason:

To bring in line with current commercial and business practice in the electronic age by allowing electronic banking.