



**ROYAL
AERONAUTICAL
SOCIETY**

NEW ZEALAND DIVISION

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**MINUTES of the 66th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the NZ Division RAeS
held Friday 22 May 2015
at 1700 HRS at the JAMES COOK GRAND CHANCELLOR The Terrace,
WELLINGTON**

PRESENT

Frank Sharp
(Chairman)
John Barrack
John Cook (Hon.
Treasurer)
John Macilree
David Morgan

Ritchie de Montalk
(Hon.Secretary)
David Saunders
Pat Scotter
Alister Buckingham
John Mounce
Des Underwood

Neville Hay
Hugh McCarroll
David Jupp
Allan Boyce
Bryan Franklin
Adrian Morris
Norman Taylor

APOLOGIES

Patrick Neville
Perry Mathews
Richard Leaper
Ron Tannock
Paul Cockerton
Phil Brazier
Graham Gilmour

Don Flemming
Graeme Harris
Gordon Alexander
Graham Hunt
Barrie Hopkins
Des Ashton

OPENING

1. The Chairman welcomed members and opened the meeting at 1705 hrs.

Presidents Annual Report

2. The Chairman circulated and presented his annual Presidential Report. In response to the observations made in the report about the increased use of modern communications and social media John Macilree observed that there were now 750 followers of the Societies twitter account.

This report is attached as Appendix 1.

Annual Accounts

3. The unaudited accounts (Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Financial Position) for the year ended 31 March 2015 were circulated at the meeting.

The Treasurer spoke to the accounts and noted the positive turn around in the Divisions finances through funds raised from the various activities and from Sponsors during the period.

As the financial reporting dates had been changed by an earlier resolution of the Council, the accounts, as presented, covered a one-off fifteen month period to align with a March 31 reporting date. The accounts were tabled unaudited due to the extra time needed to compile them and the non-availability of the Auditor.

It was moved that the Council be authorised to accept the audited accounts, once they are available. (Sharp/McCarroll) – carried

The audited accounts will be circulated to all members in due course.

Election of Council for 2015

4. Council members with one year to serve on their two year term who do not need re-election were:

Capt Allan Boyce	FRAeS
Mr David Jupp	AFRAeS
Mr Frank Sharp	FRAeS
Sqn Ldr John Barrack	MRAeS
Mr John Macilree	MRAeS
Mr Michael Pervan	MRAeS
Mr Des Underwood	ARAeS

5. Council members available for re-election were:

Dr Ritchie de Montalk	FRAeS
Mr H McCarroll	MRAeS
Mr J Mounce	FRAeS

6. With the number of standing plus nominated Council members being within the number of members prescribed by the Constitution and Rules, the need for a ballot was negated. The chairman therefore moved that the 2015 Council of the New Zealand Division be all those named above. (Sharp/Underwood) – carried.

Appointment of Hon Auditor and Hon Solicitor

7. Mr John Gribble (auditor) and Mr Barrie Hopkins (solicitor) both being agreeable to continue in those roles were re-appointed. (Sharp/Macilree)-carried.

General Business

8. Norman Taylor questioned the progress to date of re-activating the Auckland Branch. After considerable discussion it was concluded that while some limited success had been achieved long standing problems due to travel difficulties, a widely dispersed membership, and the lack of suitable meeting venue was continuing to thwart any efforts to establish a viable Auckland Branch.

Norman Taylor suggested that the Society should host a suitable social event in Auckland in order to stimulate interest among existing and potential Auckland Branch members.

David Morgan noted that there seemed to be a lack of strategic vision and mooted the establishment of a three year strategic plan. To achieve this the Council should actively recruit Council Members who have special talents. David suggested that there should be a special Council meeting held in Auckland to progress the re-establishment of the Auckland Branch and offered the services of Air New Zealand as a sponsor for such an initiative.

This offer was gratefully noted and the Council will pursue this initiative in the near future.

Some Auckland based members raised the point that they had not been informed about some of the Auckland based activities. It was further determined by the meeting that the Members email 'mailing list' will be reviewed immediately to ensure accuracy and to improve communications. The recent annual fees letter requested members to advise and update their email if they wanted to be contacted by that means.

Authority of the Council to Approve the Minutes of the 66th AGM

9. The meeting gave the NZ Division Council authority to approve the minutes of this AGM and to action any matters arising from the minutes.

(Sharp/Hay) – carried

CLOSURE

11. The Chairman thanked the members attending the AGM.
The meeting closed at 1750

Frank Sharp
Chairman

Ritchie de Montalk
Hon Secretary

Appendix 1 Chairman's Report

RAeS NZ Division 66th Annual AGM

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2015 AGM

The year's activities began with a very successful Awards Dinner in Wellington. There were a record number of recipients and a great night honouring a diverse range of achievers and achievements from throughout the aviation industry, both defence and civilian. The support from the Wellington Branch for this event was much appreciated.

We have welcomed six new members to the Division during the year including Air Vice Marshal Yardley, Chief of Air Force who accepted a Fellowship. There were also three new Members and two new Associate members. Mr Barrie Malloch who presently works for ICAO in Indonesia was upgraded from member to Fellow.

In support of its "Youth in Aviation" initiative an Aviation Field Day was held at Hood Aerodrome in Masterton on 19 October 2014. This was primarily organised by the Wellington Branch, but actively supported by the Division. It was a great success with the young participants receiving presentations and displays across a broad spectrum of aviation from parachuting and gliding to agricultural aviation to flight-training and Air Force careers. There were flying displays and those present visited the world class collections and displays associated with the Sport & Vintage Aviation Society and Sir Peter Jackson's hangar full of WW1 aircraft.

Other organisations and individuals who are also working with youths have been in contact and an informal network is developing.

The winner of the competition, which was run amongst the attendees prior to the actual day, won a flight in a Massey University Garmin 1000 equipped DA40 aircraft.

The RAeS 2015 Symposium on Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) titled "Shared Skies" took place on 16 January 2015, also at Masterton in association with the biennial 'Wings over Wairarapa' airshow. The symposium was held on the Friday and then had associated RPAS trade displays on the Saturday and Sunday of the airshow. This year, the Division partnered with Callaghan Innovation (a New Zealand Government agency charged with supporting emerging technology and innovation). There were 230 attendees and the

whole day proved to be a great success. The RPAS sector is thriving and growing rapidly in New Zealand and the need for the regulators to keep pace with the technology and the need for careful integration with 'mainstream' aviation was obvious.

Following some active representation we received a satisfactory level of sponsorship for the Annual Symposium.

There has been some action and activity with the Auckland Branch, but, despite the best efforts of a few souls, particularly Bryan Franklin, the 'Branch' has achieved only spasmodic success to date. The CPD function continues with a small group who are based at Mangere and their efforts are appreciated locally and by the Division. It is somewhat mystifying to non-Aucklanders why there doesn't seem to be a critical mass of members (considering the number of Divisional members with an Auckland address) to sustain a conventional 'Branch'? However, if there is to be one it will have to be driven by organic support from Aucklanders.

Council members are finding it increasingly difficult to find time amongst their busy schedules to attend Council meetings and the use of modern communications to hold 'virtual' Council meetings is increasing. I would like to see increasing use of social media to communicate more regularly to all of our members; most of whom have now provided e-mail addresses. Thanks to Phil Brazier in Christchurch the Division's web-site has been more active and is now providing a service for members and Branches. Having said that, if our web site is to compete within the galaxy of brilliant sites that exist and have appeal to younger citizens and potential members then there is some serious work to be done with it; and that does not come without cost.

Annual Fees have increased marginally in keeping with this Council's policy of acknowledging London's 'expectations' and moving incrementally towards them at a rate of increase that reflects NZ incomes and inflationary pressure. The amount and quality of e-based information coming from London continues to improve and NZ members can feel a little better served, however, we continue to seek e-versions of current presentations and electronic access to the research library.

2016 is the Society's sesquicentennial year (150th) and the Division is working to celebrate it in an appropriate way. Presently we have had agreement in principle from the Governor General's office that he will host a formal dinner at Government House (Wn) in May (provisionally Friday 1 April, but, date TBC). We would expect a maximum effort turn-out for that so start saving. Additionally, we have been in contact with NZ Post and they are agreeable to the Society having customised CAL postage stamps produced. These will bear the Society's 'logo' and will be available to members either directly or through their Branches. More information on sesquicentennial activities will be forthcoming as the activities are firmed-up.

Frank Sharp
President NZ Division RAeS