

**ROYAL AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY, NEW ZEALAND DIVISION,
WELLINGTON BRANCH
MINUTES OF THE 67th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

MEETING HELD: Thursday 19 March 2015 commencing at 1830hrs

VENUE: National Scout Centre, 1 Kaiwharawhara Rd, Wellington

PRESENT: D Saunders (Chair), and 17 members and guests

APOLOGIES: None received.

1.0 MINUTES:

The minutes of the 66th AGM were tabled, taken as read, and approved (DS,JH)

2.0 MATTERS ARISING

2.1 YOUTH IN AVIATION FIELD DAY 2014

A major Branch initiative, our first Field Day, held at Hood Aerodrome on Sunday 19 October 2014, was successful, and was well regarded by the NZ Division. The function was financially supported, and ran at no financial cost to the Branch. Lessons learned will be incorporated into the planning for the next Field Day to be held in March 2016.

2.2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman tabled his Report for the year 2014 and spoke to it. A summary follows:

2.2.1 BRANCH MEETINGS

Another good year, with 6 interesting Branch meetings on varied topics, a visit to WIAL Security, a Division Symposium, and the Branch's first Youth in Aviation Field Day at Hood Aerodrome. Our end of the year function was held as a BYO luncheon at the Chairman's house. The Chairman thanked all speakers for the considerable time and effort required to research, prepare and present their topics so well.

Members were reminded that they can request a talk on a topic of interest or by a speaker of interest, and the Committee will try to arrange.

2.2.2 FACILITIES

David Saunders thanked David Jupp and Scouts NZ for the continued use of their Meeting Rooms and facilities for our regular Branch Meetings.

2.2.3 RAeS NZ DIVISION

David said that the Wellington Branch currently had four members serving on the NZ Division Council, John Cook, David Jupp, David Saunders, and John McIlree, and he thanked them for their extra work for the benefit of the Society.

The Wellington Branch initiative of Youth in Aviation Field Days has been recognised by the Division, and will be promoted to other Branches.

2.2.4 YOUTH IN AVIATION

Youth in Aviation Field Day did well in 2014, and will be updated and improved when next held on 13 March 2016. The Sub-committee is: David Saunders, John Lanham, Dave Forrest, David Jupp, and Robert Foley (ATC)

2.2.5 STUDENT MEMBERS

Joe Dewar has become unable to continue with his Youth in Aviation portfolio, due to work and education commitments. The Chairman said that his valuable input would be missed, and that a replacement for Joe would be actively sought.

2.2.6 WALSH, NIWA, and FUND RAISING

The Branch Committee wishes to continue support to the annual Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School, and to sponsor \$200 as special prizes to the

annual NIWA Science Fair, and to do so is continuing to fund raise with several Sausage Sizzles each year at various Mitre10 Mega stores. We are grateful to Mitre10, and to Branch Committee members, Branch members, and Walsh graduates, for their active participation in these events.

Resolved that \$700 be donated to the Walsh School 2016, provided that the funds raised are sufficient, to be reviewed by the Committee say mid-year (JH,JL) Approved.

2.2.7 THANKS

The Chairman thanked all Committee Members for their ongoing support of Branch programme and activities.

The Chairman's Report was adopted (DS,DF)

2.3 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer tabled his Report as at 31 December 2014, and spoke to it as follows:

Andrew showed that our income was slightly lower than the previous year, but that our expenditure was markedly lower.

He listed the major donations made during the year as the Walsh Flying School \$700, and NIWA Science Fair prizes \$200.

He proposed keeping the Branch annual membership subscription at \$30.

The Treasurer's Report was adopted (DS,JL).

2.4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chairman stated that with the exception of 'Youth in Aviation' office holder Joe Dewar who had retired during the year, all current Committee members either had one year of their two year tenure to run, or were standing for re-election.

Treasurer Andrew Heald, and Committee Members John Cook and David Jupp had been proposed for reelection by David Saunders, and had accepted by email.

The Chairman moved that all nominations be accepted, carried (DS,BF)

The Branch Committee for 2015 will be:

Chairman	David Saunders
Vice-chairman/Events	John Lanham
Secretary	Bernard Weinstein
Treasurer	Andrew Heald
Wings & Things Editor	Dave Jupp
Youth in Aviation	vacant
Committee:	John Cook
	Bruce Frethey

2.5 GENERAL BUSINESS

2.6 NOMINATIONS FOR DIVISION AWARDS

There are no candidates for Awards in 2015, but should be some in 2016.

2.7 DIVISION SYMPOSIA

Symposium 2015 organised by Wellington Branch and Callahan Innovation Ltd was held in Copthorne Hotel, Masterton on 15 January titled 'Remotely Piloted Aerial Surveillance (RPAS)', as part of Wings over Wairarapa. The Symposium attracted an exceptionally large attendance of 200.

A Mini-Symposium, lunch and afternoon only, is proposed to be held in Wellington on 26 May 2015, tbc.

2.8 BRANCH SUBSCRIPTION

There are currently 14 Branch Members, and 36 Division/Branch Members for whom subscriptions have been received.

Student Members, selected through HIBS, Walsh Flying Schools, and NIWA Science Fairs, pay no subscriptions.

The Chairman moved that Branch subscriptions remain at \$30 for 2015 and the following year also. Carried.

2.9 CONCLUSION

The AGM concluded at 1835 hrs with thanks to members attending, and was followed by the 2015 Malcolm Wightwick Memorial Lecture, in which three graduates of the 2015 Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School presented their personal experiences of the School.

Bernard Weinstein
Secretary, Wellington Branch