

Dear All

As we have held another AGM, it's timely for an update for those who couldn't get to the meeting.

While both the AGM and following general meeting went smoothly, it would have been great to see a better attendance with more participation and interest in standing for committee positions.

Having said that, we have a committee and a busy agenda for the coming year. I'm very pleased with the makeup of the new committee and it's great to see some new faces coming on board.

I have agreed to stay on as President until Christmas. At that point, Mark Foy is stepping up as President. I will then continue on as a Board member. Doug did not want to continue on in the Secretary position but was nominated and accepted as a Board member. Both Doug and I wish to stand back from the committee and get on with flying, but at the same time we want to complete some of the tasks we are currently working on. As you would realise, the main task is completion of the new leases.

Your committee for the next year is:

President - Mal Shipton until Christmas, then Mark Foy. Mal will stay as board member after that time.

Mark Foy - Board member until Christmas and then President

Vice President - Keith Fearnside.

Secretary/Treasurer Cathy McHugh.

Mike Horneman Safety Officer and Board member. Doug Muir - Board member.

Peter Karanges – Board member.

Karl Moore - Board member.

Andrew Griffin - Board member.

Marylou is continuing on as webmaster. She has a few ideas for improvements to our website and will be preparing a report on that soon.

You will see we have an expanded committee and I will come to that. In addition, you will see that Cathy has taken on added responsibilities as Secretary on top of Treasurer. A big thanks to Cathy. It's a huge job.

As the club has approved the Safety Management System under the direction of Mike Horneman, it is essential that people working with Mike and others are trained in that system. Hence the expanded committee, as 5 of the committee members have gone through appropriate training. We have a non-voting member, Harry Adams, who has also had training in this area and he will be assisting Mike on Safety matters.

We are still working on the requirements of the Airfield Manager position. And, as with the Safety committee, all members must eventually be trained in the SMS system. Mike will be arranging further courses for those club members interested. If you have interest, please contact Mike or me.

Our main task right now is completion of the new leases and it's going smoothly. We hope to have them out to you by November, at the latest. This process has taken some time; but, as we are setting it up so you get the best deal possible, it has taken a bit longer.

As far as the hangar engineering certification is concerned, we now have the necessary Form 16 signed by the engineer and Cathy is following up with the insurer in regard to comprehensive hangar insurance. We will keep you informed as this moves forward.

In addition, we have a program for some improvements and we will be taking that up with Seqwater very shortly. We are looking at getting consent for construction of a machinery shed. In addition, we would like to pour a run up/ refuelling slab, which would be in proximity to a fuel storage shed and an emergency response shed.

Regards,

Mal
President