



## LSF Australia 2020 AGM Minutes

(approved and adopted 10 June 2020 - Posted)

### Meeting Details:

Date: Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7:00pm Melbourne time

Venue: Zoom (online meeting as a result of the Cancellation of the Jerilderie 2020 event due to Covid 19).

Attendance: Jim Houdalakis, Terry Passalacqua, Carl Strautins, Daniel Haskell, Ladislav Safarik, Gerry Carter, Gary Whitfield, Mike O'Reilly, Robert Gunn, Matt Wood, Connor Thomas, Bjorn Rudgley, Darrell Blow, Mal Pring, Les Stockly, Klaus Metzger, Hugh Blackburn, Scott Lennon, Andrew Meyer.

Apologies: Jack Murphey, John Quigley.

1. **Minutes of the 2019 AGM** (as posted on LSF Australia website)

Daniel advised that the only business to be actioned from the minutes was the members survey which had been carried out and reported on during the year. Matter raised such as on field and off field catering quality will be considered by future committees. Gerry Carter noted that there were substantial hire and set up/set down costs associated with the annual dinner and that too would be the subject of review by a future committee.

Moved D. Blow, Sec G. Carter ***Carried by show of hands***

2. **President's Report**

Gerry Carter presented his President's Report which had been previously circulated. (Refer to attached)

Moved D. Haskell, Sec M. O'Reilly ***Carried by show of hands***

3. **Financial Report**

Gerry Carter presented the Financial Report 2020 which had been previously circulated. (Refer to attached)

Acceptance of Statement of Accounts (as tabled by the Treasurer)

Moved D. Blow, Sec G. Whitfield. ***Carried by show of hands***

4. **Registrar's Report**

Ladislav Safarik presented the Registrars report which had been previously circulated. (Refer to attached)

Acceptance of Registrars Report

Moved D. Haskell, Sec G. Carter ***Carried by show of hands***

5. **Election of the Committee**

All positions declared open.

Gerry, Daniel, Jimmy and Ladislav re-nominated. Further nominations were from Mike O'Reilly and Darrell Blow.

Office bearer position nominations were as follows:

**President**

Gerry Carter – Nominated by Darrell Blow – Nomination declined by Gerry Carter  
Mike O'Reilly – Nominated by Matt Wood, Seconded by Daniel Haskell.

**Mike O'Reilly nomination carried by a show of hands.**

**Treasurer**

Gerry Carter – Nominated by himself, seconded by Daniel Haskell

**Gerry Carter nomination carried by a show of hands.**

**Secretary**

Daniel Haskell – Nominated by himself, seconded by Mike O'Reilly

**Daniel Haskell nomination carried by a show of hands.**

**Ordinary Members**

Jimmy Houdalakis, Ladislav Safarik and Darrel Blow nominated themselves, seconded by Daniel Haskell.

Nominations of Jimmy Houdalakis, Ladislav Safarik and Darrel Blow

**Nominations seconded by D. Haskell Carried by show of hands**

**6. General Business**

The following items a. and b. were put forward prior to the meeting and prior notice provided to members for consideration. Items c. and d. were raised during the meeting without prior notice to the members.

- a. That the LSF Executive ask for bids from States/clubs to run the team selection trial for the 2022 F3J World Championships, noting that the Open Thermal event at the 2021 Jerilderie Annual Tournament could be the trial.

Moved for acceptance by G. Carter. Sec D. Haskell **Carried by show of hands**

- b. That the format for the June 2021 Jerilderie Annual Tournament be Open Thermal on Friday, and F5J on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. F3K to be flown during lunch breaks on Saturday and Sunday.

Moved for acceptance Mike O'Reilly, Sec G. Carter **Carried by majority show of hands.**

- c. Carl Strautins raised several matters.
  - i. Making the Wentworth competition a 'substitute' for the Jerilderie competition for 2020 only. If this happened, the question arose about what trophies to award. Would there be an Open Thermal trophy AND an F5J trophy, or just a LSF Grand Champion trophy? If just a LSF Grand Champion trophy, how would this be decided?
  - ii. The possibility of awarding the LSF Grand Champion trophy to the winner of the F3J Team Trial.

After robust discussion Gerry ruled that the introduction of major proposals such as these was contrary to the guidelines issued for the running of this AGM via Zoom and could not be decided at the meeting. However, the Committee has taken note of the ideas raised and will decide how to proceed after due consideration.

- d. Alan Mayhew's raised a suggestion for consideration by the committee to include an 'entry level' comp based around 2 metre electric launch models. Ladislav also added to that by informing us that these models could be bought for around \$300. General agreement as a good idea to encourage new participants. This may be explored further by the new committee.

Prior to the conclusion of the meeting Mike O'Reilly thanked Gerry Carter as outgoing President and the 19/20 committee for the hard work carried out in very difficult and changing times.

Carl Strautins requested that the recording of the meeting be deleted – Gerry confirmed that this would be done and Daniel Haskell hereby confirms that minutes have been prepared based on notes taken contemporaneously during the meeting and immediate recollections.

***Meeting Closed 8.32pm***

**LSF Australia**

**2019-2020 Committee**

*Gerry Carter – President and Treasurer*

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*Daniel Haskell – Secretary*

*Jimmy Houdalakis – Executive Officer*

*Ladislav Safarik – LSF Levels Registrar*

*Chris Adams - Web Master*

**2020-2021s Committee**

*Mike O Reilly – President*

*Gerry Carter – Treasurer*

*Daniel Haskell – Secretary*

*Jimmy Houdalakis – Executive Officer*

*Ladislav Safarik – LSF Levels Registrar*

*Darrell Blow - Committee Member*

*Chris Adams - Web Master*

*Minutes taken by Daniel Haskell prepared 8/9 June 2020.*

Confirmed as a true record of the meeting. Minutes reviewed by all committee members and adopted 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Mike O'Reilly  
President  
LSF Australia



3 June 2020

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT to AGM

### **LSF Support for all Glider Classes**

The RC Glider scene is rapidly changing from one where winch launched gliders predominate to one where electric launched gliders are taking over as they grow in popularity. There is a new electric launch F5K class emerging that will be similar to F3K and also have elements of F5J. You might say that if one thing is constant, it is change.

The LSF supports all glider activity, including electric launch (F5J). In line with this, for the past few years the LSF has included an electric launch glider competition as part of the annual Tournament at Jerilderie. It was expected that the inclusion of electric launch would continue this year as in the past. However, the COVID-19 situation forced the cancellation of this year's LSF events. These were to be the scale glider event over Easter and the annual Tournament in June.

I hope that by next year the COVID-19 situation will be largely behind us and we can come together to fly and compete again. There is a chance that next year's tournament will be F5J with a winch launch event on the preceding Friday. DLG will most likely be flown as usual. Perhaps in later years we will also see F5K at Jerilderie.

### **LSF Survey**

We had a good, but not great, response to the survey. Thank you to all those who submitted their opinions and to Dan Haskell for consolidating the submissions. The survey gave guidance to the Committee for the way ahead and clearly some things need to change. This will be given more attention as we plan and prepare for 2021.

### **Team Trials**

In June 2019, at Jerilderie, we selected the team for the F3J (thermal glider) WC. Early this year, in WA, the team for the F3F (slope racing) WC was selected. A team trial for F3B (multi-task soaring) was planned and approved but this has been cancelled. A further team trial for F3K (discus launch gliders) was due to be held this year but will not go ahead. Unfortunately, all of these WC events have been cancelled for 2020 because of COVID-19. What will happen in 2021 is yet to be decided.

### **Safety**

There was an incident where a glider crashed into a house roof right at the end of last year's tournament. The glider wings had fluttered during launch resulting in some loss of control. Only limited control remained. To my knowledge this is the first and only incident involving property damage in the town in the entire history of the tournament. The response was not handled well but fortunately the homeowners were able to be satisfied thanks to the efforts of the MAAA Secretary.

Your Committee has decided on a procedure to avoid a repeat of this kind of incident. In short, it means that where a pilot loses full control of his glider and it is heading towards the town, whatever control that remains must be used to get the glider on the ground before it leaves the racecourse precinct. The reality is that the glider is going to crash. The only choice

is whether that crash happens within the racecourse or within the town. The obvious choice is to crash within the racecourse.

### **Looking ahead**

Planning for 2021 is going ahead. The intention is to run the scale glider event at Easter 2021. For the Tournament in June 2021, the probability is that F5J (electric launch) will be the main event and winch launch will be a preliminary event held on the Friday before the Queens Birthday weekend. We will also run a small F3K event during breaks.

But before that time, there is the annual event in October 2020 at Wentworth to consider. A flyer is attached to this email. The format has a lot going for it for both winch and electric pilots. Please support this event if you can.

The LSF Soaring Achievement program continues to attract a small following, particularly since the introduction of a specific program for electric launch gliders.

The 'time off' that we are currently forced to endure is a great time to do some flying focused on attaining a higher level in the LSF Soaring Achievement program. I intend to progress to Level 3. I hope to see Level activity greatly increase in the year ahead.

The current Committee is standing for re-election in June. This gives good continuity to the organisation. The LSF finances are in good shape with around \$10,000 in the bank.

Gerry Carter  
President  
LSF Australia

**LEAGUE OF SILENT FLIGHT OF AUSTRALIA  
INCORPORATED  
Reg: A0002303N  
Financial Report**

	12 Months Ending	
	31 March 2019	31 March 2020
<b>LSF balance - brought forward</b>	<b>10,453.99</b>	<b>14,270.82</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Entry Fees		
- Aero Tow	120.00	
- Open Thermal	4,590.00	2,210.00
- F3K	165.00	120.00
- F5J	1,650.00	2,380.00
- F5J Friday		600.00
- Nostalgia		
- Cootamundra F5J Team Trial <sup>1</sup>	700.00	
Dinner	2,135.00	1,855.00
Sale of Merchandise	125.00	
Protest Fee		50.00
Donation to LSF		
Interest	1.43	1.22
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>9,486.43</b>	<b>7,216.22</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Annual Return fee	57.80	57.80
Prizes	809.70	2,108.80
CASA Area Approval		80.00
Web Hosting Fees		95.00
Trophies	752.10	1,650.22
Equipment - Radios		676.00
Dinner - Catering	2,100.00	1,978.00
Dinner - Hall Hire	255.00	260.00
Dinner - Hall set up fee		135.00
Food Van hire	360.00	400.00
LSF Support for WC Teams		
- F3J	1,250.00	
- F3B		750.00
- F3K		750.00
- F5J		750.00
To F5J Team ex Cootamundra Team Trial Surplus		700.00
LSF Souvenirs		
- Stickers	85.00	97.90
- Stubby Holders		
- Glasses		
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>5,669.60</b>	<b>10,488.72</b>
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease)</b>	<b>3,816.83</b>	<b>3,272.50</b>
<b>LSF balance - carried forward</b>	<b>14,270.82</b>	<b>10,998.32</b>
<b>WC Teams = total balances brought forward</b>	<b>700.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
F3B WC Team		
Opening balance	0.00	0.00
+ Donations	0.00	265.00
- Paid to Team	0.00	265.00
Closing balance	0.00	0.00
F3K WC Team		
Opening balance	0.00	300.00
+ Nomination Fees	300.00	0.00
+ Donations	0.00	215.00
- Paid to Team	0.00	515.00
Closing balance	300.00	0.00
F3J WC Team		
Opening balance	700.00	0.00
+ Nomination Fees	0.00	350.00
+ Donations	440.00	0.00
- Paid to Team	1,140.00	0.00
Closing balance	0.00	350.00
F5J WC Team		
Opening balance	0.00	700.00
+ Nomination Fees	700.00	0.00
+ Donations	0.00	205.00
- Paid to Team	0.00	905.00
Closing balance	700.00	0.00
<b>WC Teams - total balances carried forward</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>350.00</b>
<b>Cash at Bank at end of period</b>	<b>15,270.82</b>	<b>11,348.32</b>

1. Net proceeds of team trial shared between AEFA and LSF by agreement.

Gerry Carter  
LSF Australia  
Treasurer

<b>All Catering</b>		
Dinner receipts	2,135.00	1,855.00
Dinner - Catering	2,100.00	1,978.00
Dinner - Hall Hire	255.00	260.00
Dinner - Hall set up fee		135.00
Food Van hire	360.00	400.00
LSF Subsidy	580.00	918.00

League of Silent Flight Australia Inc

Reg No: A0002303N



16 May 2020

REGISTRAR'S REPORT  
FOR AGM ON SUNDAY JUNE 7, 2020 at 7:00pm AEST

Hi guys:

In these crucial times that we live in, there was very little activity on the front of handling of level forms

I have received emails from Tom and for some reason I was in anticipation of more work coming, but that didn't happen and so far I have sent to Wally 5 forms for achieved levels from 4 Pilots.

That means we had 3 pilots achieving Level 1 and one pilot with level 2 and level 3

On the number of members that we have this is most likely lowest activity in long time.

I hope that our airfields will opened soon and we will have sky's for our pilots.

Best regards Ladislav



16 May 2020

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY JUNE 7, 2020 at 7:00pm AEST

The AGM will be conducted electronically using Zoom software.  
A link to the meeting will be emailed to members 24 hours before the meeting.

AGENDA

- (a) to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting;
- (b) to receive and consider—
  - (i) the annual report of the Committee on the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year; and
  - (ii) the financial statements of the Association for the preceding financial year submitted by the Committee;
- (c) to elect the members of the Committee;
- (d) to conduct any other business of which notice has been given in accordance with the Rules.
  - (i) That the LSF Executive ask for bids from States/clubs to run the team selection trial for the 2022 F3J World Championships, noting that the Open Thermal event at the 2021 Jerilderie Annual Tournament could be the trial.
  - (ii) That the format for the June 2021 Jerilderie Annual Tournament be Open Thermal on Friday, and F5J on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. F3K to be flown during lunch breaks on Saturday and Sunday.

NOTES

- 1) The Minutes of the previous annual general meeting are on the website at <http://www.lsfaustralia.org.au/committee/2019/LSF-AGM-Minutes-2019.pdf>.
- 2) The Committee Reports and Financial Statement will be sent out prior to the AGM.
- 3) The current Committee is standing for re-election.  
Any member wishing to nominate for Committee should notify their intention to the President by email ([gerry.carter@hotmail.com](mailto:gerry.carter@hotmail.com)). The President will second the nomination or if not, notify the applicant.
- 4) Members may submit items to be added to the Agenda up to 5 days before the AGM. If agenda items have been added, the revised agenda together with any additional information will be sent to members.  
The 5 day cut-off is to give members time to fully consider the new items before the AGM.
- 5) The Committee intends that only items that appear on the Agenda will be decided at the AGM and items first raised at the AGM will be held over until the next AGM.