

Adelaide Soaring Club



A meeting of the committee of the ASC held on
Tuesday 24th June 2025
at Enfield Community Centre
commencing at **7.00 PM**

Agenda & Minutes

1. Opening of Meeting and Welcome

Present: Tony Lewis (Chair), Bradley Leksas, Paul Marshall, Brian Rau, Noah Beckmann, Ali Swart, Megan Gabell, Marcin Nowina-Krowicki, Sue Ingham, Marcin Nowina-Krowicki,

Apologies: Bridgette McAllister, Steve Pegler,

In Attendance: Tom Leech

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 27 May 2025 were accepted as a true and correct record. **Moved: Paul, seconded: Noah, Carried**

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes – 10 mins

3.1 Update to ERSA and By-law 7 re circuit procedures and upload to website – Paul

First briefing of members on 14 June.

There will be another briefing at the members forum on 5 July.

3.2 Members forum - Tony

Tony has prepared a draft slide pack. All are welcome to add content if they wish.

3.3 CCTV camera purchase - Bradley

Quote provided by Bradley, included 4 cameras and mesh routers to extend WiFi.

Tom will discuss further in his report.

4. Strategic items – 20 mins

4.1 Ideas for strategic items for discussion over the next 12 months:

Virtual gliding -

On hold until after end June

LSA fleet composition -

Aims are to

- Encourage members to hire and fly
- Put prices up to ensure all maintenance costs are covered
- Reduce fleet size to four
- Be less of a training organisation, and more of a flying club
- Balance usage so aircraft are utilised fairly evenly across the week

Disagreement with selling one of the J170s. Possibly look to sell the J230, although usage of it has increased.

It would be good to know how often there are multiple aircraft out of service. Tom is working on getting this information.

Want to be careful about reducing training, because training is what gets people into the club in the first place.

Likely we will need to increase prices due to increasing maintenance etc costs. Will need input from the Treasurer.

Action: Steve to provide an analysis of Jabiru costs, and determine what price increases are necessary, if any.

The committee cannot make a decision until that analysis has been done.

5. New Business – 30 mins

5.1 Jabiru brakes upgrade - Tom

Following the brake failure on 7693, committee has agreed to replace its brake assembly with a more robust system. Cost \$2k per aircraft.

All other aircraft brake assemblies to be upgraded on a rolling basis as they come in for their 100 hourly. This is in line with Richard's recommendation.

5.2 Headsets for Club aircraft - Sue

Current headsets are cheap, and prone to failure.

David Clark headsets are around \$600 each, but more robust, less likely to fail, and have better reception clarity.

Keep headsets in the briefing room, and sign them out and in for each flight, don't keep them in the aircraft.

Action: Bradley to find out what price he can get the David Clark H10-13.4 for.

Action: Sue to discuss headsets for Club aircraft further with the Training Panel, and bring their input back to the Committee.

5.3 Grants - Tony

Power of Her grant program aimed at improving facilities for women to attract more women to sport.

Set up a general email "grants@adelaidesoaring.com.au" as an inbox for grants programs, that multiple people can have access to.

Action: Ali to take a look at the Power of Her grant. Closes 18 Aug. Potential to leverage Play our Way Facilities Grant from April 2024.

5.4 x

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6. Reports – 30 mins

6.1 General Management

Reports – 10 mins

Infrastructure & Admin – Tom Leech

As per GAM's report.

Shawn Donaldson trike request was approved.

CCTV set up for hangars and fuel facility. Wired system more robust and suited to our purposes than wireless.

Cost to install \$5-6k, plus 9 cameras at a cost of about \$1400. This will be an add on to our existing system, and max out the camera capacity of that system 16.

Tom will firm up quotes.

Online history portal. Have a small section on the website, looking to extend and upgrade that. Ali put her hand up to drive this, after the end of 2025.

Action: Ali to drive online history portal after end 2025.

Marketing & Promotion – Tom Leech

As per GAM's report.

Finance – Steve Pegler

Treasurer's report presented by Steve P.

Finances going ok, despite the tug issues.

6.2 Fleet, Maintenance, Safety, Training**Reports – 10 mins****CFI LSA – Sue Ingham**

One new instructor just about finished their training. John Marsh at Pt Augusta will oversee the final test.

Currently have 7-8 instructors.

CFI Gliding – Paul Marshall

Intensive gliding course coming up 8-11 July. 3 people currently booked on.

Tugs – Steve Pegler

Steve finished working on PIT's struts tonight. PIT will be back in the air tomorrow.

Glider Maintenance – Paul Cliff

Working on flarms on the tugs.

ER going in soon for its 100 hourly. All other maintenance is up to date.

LSA Maintenance - Richard Young

Per Richard's report.

Safety – Andrew Wright

As per Andrew's report.

6.3 Community, Culture, Inclusion

Reports – 10 mins

Update on COG – Megan

COG will be meeting next week.

Fun Flight Experience. CEO will be attending the COG meeting next week. Investigate whether it is a good fit for ASC. Must be VH registered aircraft, so may not be relevant to ASC. Maybe potential for them to fly out of Gawler if only small numbers. Megan will get more context.

History Team – Tom

As per GAM's report.

Social and House – Tom

As per GAM's report.

Sports & Events – Tom

From the Events calendar:

- Jul 26 - Information and induction session (presenter Paul M)
- Aug 2 – Not my problem fly in
- Aug 30 - AGM

New Members – Ali

- LSA
 - Malcolm Coleman
 - Brett Johnson
- Gliding
 - Ashley Sirr
 - Ian Magarch
- Social
 - none

Motion: That the committee accept the applications for membership from Malcolm, Brett, Ashley and Ian. **Moved: Ali, Seconded: Bradley, Carried**

Resignations

Name	Gliding	LSA	Reason
None			

7. Review of action items – 10 mins

Short Term Tactical Actions	Responsible	Completed
consider and identify projects that could be suitable for grant applications, and advise Tom and Tony - COG items, virtual gliding	All	
raise with LOG that the committee is happy for pilots to carry out the scheduled maintenance items on Club aircraft if the aircraft is away from Gawler	Sue	TL speak to Bridgette
take back to LOG the Committee's position that if a pilot is trained and competent and has the right tools for a particular maintenance activity, then they will be permitted to carry it out	Sue	As above
discuss with James Nugent (after end June) requirements and costs around setting up a virtual gliding set up, and bring back to Committee	Ali	on hold

send out Google meet invite for July and every subsequent second meeting	Ali	not done
source a quote for an alternative CCTV system for hangars and field	Bradley	done

8. Any Other Business – 10 mins

8.1 Returning Officer

Tom was appointed as the Returning Officer.

Action: Ali to discuss with Tom calling for nominations for committee, and putting notice out to members re AGM.

8.2 Meeting format

July meeting will be online. August and September will be face to face, October will be online.

8.3 Paul Clift

Paul Clift has been working with us for 17 years. A gift for his retirement would be appropriate. Tom will organise.

9. Next Meeting

Tuesday 22nd July 2025 at 7pm – Google Meet

10. Close

8.58 pm