

Adelaide Soaring Club



A meeting of the committee of the ASC held on
Tuesday 22nd July 2025
Via Google Meet
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, Bridgette McAllister, Steve Pegler

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Tom Leech

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 24 June 2025 were accepted as a true and correct record. **Moved: Ali, seconded: Bradley, 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

Members forum held on 5 July. Sticking with what's in ERSA for now. No input from CASA at this stage re the proposed changes. No adverse feedback from members.

Training Panel meeting in two weeks' time. Will propose a date for another members' forum after that.

3.2 LSA fleet composition - Steve

No update. Hold over until August meeting.

3.3 Headsets for Club aircraft - Sue

Training Panel keen to trial some new and better headsets - one for each of the four training aircraft. Instructors need to be accountable for ensuring the headsets are stored securely, and returned to that storage area at the end of each flight. We need a process in place for secure storage and use, otherwise stick with the headsets we have. Encourage students to get their own headset.

More expensive headsets are more robust, and better sound quality, than the cheaper ones.

Action: Sue and Bridgette to take to next LSA Training Panel and LOG meeting to determine a process for secure use and storage of Club headsets.

3.4 Power of Her grant program – Ali

Submission due by 18 Aug. No further update at this stage.

4. Strategic items – 20 mins

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

Not discussed this meeting

5. New Business – 30 mins

5.1 Legal matter - Tony

Legal letter asserting X's membership was ceased without due process. X is seeking re-instatement of their membership, and freedom to go where they like on the Airfield.

X's membership expired 31 Oct 2024, and was not renewed by X. X was not expelled from the Club. X would have received the first membership renewal invoice on 10 Oct 2024.

The Gawler Airfield is largely private property, except for the access road and carpark. As a result, ASC has the right to restrict access to the Airfield if it wishes to.

All members are required to behave in accordance with the code of conduct.

Is the Committee in favour of acquiescing to X's lawyer's request to reinstate their membership?

Action: Tom and Tony to seek further legal advice as to the Club's rights and obligations regarding the legal request on behalf of X to reinstate their membership..

5.2 Letter to members - Tony

Proposed letter setting out the split of income and costs between the various groups in the Club, and that no one group is cross subsidising the other. Aim is to ensure members are aware of how the finances and reporting work.

Action: All to review the proposed letter to members and advise Tony of their thoughts.

5.3 Replacement Airspace Officer for approval - Tony

David Bradshaw has removed himself from all officer roles in the Club, including the Airspace Office role.

Geoff Kempster has agreed to take over the role of Airspace Officer.

Paul is currently filling the role on a temporary basis.

Motion: That Geoff Kempster be appointed as the Airspace Officer with immediate effect. **Moved: Tony, Seconded: Steve, Carried**

Action: Paul to advise Geoff Kempster that he is the new Airspace Officer, and to work with him to take over the role.

5.4 Purchase of a new J230 - Sue

Karl Faeth has made a significant donation to the Club. The committee has approved the use of these funds to purchase a brand new J230. It has just been ordered from Jabiru. It has a full EFIS, Garmin suite, adjustable rudder pedals, autopilot. The LSA Training Panel has discussed what it would be best used for.

Action: Sue and Bridgette to take proposed new J230 to LOG, and bring their recommendations back to the Committee.

5.5 Statistics report - Tony

Geoff Wood has prepared the annual statistics report. Member numbers, mainly full flying members, have increased over last year and over the five year average.

6. Reports – 30 mins

6.1 General Management

Reports – 10 mins

Infrastructure & Admin – Tom Leech

As per GAM's report.

Not My Problem Fly In Day 2 Aug. Potential that Chris Sperou will be attending.

New fuel dispensed gauge has been installed on the avgas bowser.

Gliding register is progressing; getting close to the point of being ready for testing.

Waiting on a quote for CCTVs for the hangars.

Marketing & Promotion – Tom Leech

As per GAM's report.

Finance – Steve Pegler

Treasurer's report presented by Steve P.

End of year 2024/25 results. Flying results are disappointing, due to higher costs in both tugs and LSA operations.

Maintaining profitability, just.

Two significant debtors outstanding. Propose sending each a legal demand letter.

Insurance is coming due end July. Seeking quotes from the broker.

Financial audit is underway.

6.2 Fleet, Maintenance, Safety, Training

Reports – 10 mins

CFI LSA – Sue Ingham

Continuing issues with aircraft, as detailed in Richard's report.

Stan and David Bradshaw are not currently instructing.

Tom has completed his instructor training, and has now received his official certification from RAAus. Will commence instructing soon.

Marcin's training is progressing.

CFI Gliding – Paul Marshall

Potential issue with FIRC's. 12 instructors will have their FIRC's expire next month. The only person who can carry these out is Hank, and Hank hasn't come up with a training course yet. Expiry of their FIRC's will not prevent the instructors from instructing.

Tugs – Steve Pegler

PIT is waiting for NDT inspection on wing spars. Will be carried out Friday 25 July.

BOT is still waiting on AMOC to be approved by CASA.

Glider Maintenance – Tommy Kalsbeek

Per Tommy's report.

LSA Maintenance - Richard Young

Per Richard's report.

Systemic issue with a batch of valves in Jabiru engines.

Safety – Andrew Wright

As per Andrew's report.

6.3 Community, Culture, Inclusion

Reports – 10 mins

Update on COG – Megan

Meeting on 1 July. Luke, rep from FunFlight, attended. Opportunity for community outreach. Support and PR provided by FunFlight. Input of Club would be to provide the Airfield; FunFlight would source the aircraft and pilots.

COG will pursue further with FunFlight.

Action: Megan to invite Tony to the next meeting with FunFlight.

COG is organising a games night. Will put a proposal to committee for funding.

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
 - Kobi Buckingham
 - Michael Moczko
- Gliding
 - Chi Fung (Ronald) Wong - 1 month
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- Social
 - none

Motion: That the committee accept the applications for membership from Kobi, Michael and Ronald. **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	Ali	
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	Done
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	Done
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	Done
provide an analysis of Jabiru costs, and determine what price increases are necessary, if any	Steve	Not done
find out what price can get the David Clark H10-13.4 for	Bradley	Done
discuss headsets for Club aircraft further with the Training Panel, and bring their input back to the Committee	Sue	Not done
Take a look at the Power of Her grant. Closes 18 Aug. Potential to leverage Play our Way Facilities Grant from April 2024.	Ali	Not done
drive online history portal after end 2025	Ali	On hold
discuss calling for nominations for committee, and putting notice out to members re AGM	Ali, Tom	Not done

8. Any Other Business – 10 mins

8.1 Rotation of committee

Noah and Marcin are filling casual vacancies and must step down.

Megan is longest serving committee member, and must step down.

Tony is one of three next longest serving, and volunteered to step down.

8.2 Out of session motion 28 July - insurance renewal

A quote to renew the Club's various insurance policies for another year was received on 28 July. Current insurances expire on 31 July.

In obtaining the quote, the insured values of buildings was increased to reflect market, the insured value of contents was increased by 5%, the insured value of the Dimona was increased to \$100,000, and all other values were left unchanged. The resulting premium is reduced by 6% compared to 2024/25, reflecting a general softening in the insurance market. Further details and costs are set out in the paper from Geoff Wood.

Motion: That ASC accept the proposal from A J Gallagher for renewal of club insurances for 2025-2026, at a cost of \$66,161.83 inclusive of fees and GST. **Moved: Tony, Seconded: Ali, Carried**

9. Next Meeting

Tuesday 26th August at 7pm – in person at Enfield Community Centre

10. Close

9.17 pm