

Adelaide Soaring Club



A meeting of the committee of the ASC held on
Tuesday 26th August 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, Bridgette McAllister, Steve Pegler

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Tom Leech

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Changes were made around the legal matter. Following the change, the minutes from the meeting held on 22 July 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

Another member briefing was held.

CASA are interested in how often there have been conflicts in the circuit. Past 10 years' data show an average of 2.9 incidents per year.

Terry Horsnen from CASA gave a safety briefing on radio calls. Typically, a pilot conducting a land and hold short landing would not make a radio call as to their landing intentions.

3.2 LSA fleet costings - Steve

Steve provided a paper outlining all the line item costs that go into determining the price aircraft are hired out at. There have been significant increases in all costs, particularly engines and maintenance.

The trend in utilisation of Club LSA has been continuing down over the last five years.

The paper proposes a response to each of the five recommendations raised by LOG:

Recommendation number 1

Reduce the churn of students and instructors by charging the market rate of \$275 per hour.

Response

Yes, a higher price would reduce churn, but a better solution would be to increase the number of instructors. We should increase the price of all aircraft to recover increased maintenance and provisioning costs.

Recommendation number 2

Charge an hourly fee for ground school, suggest \$10 per hour.

Response

Agreed, but charge classroom training at \$30 per hour inc. GST.

Recommendation number 3

Increase the Hire and Fly rate of the J170 and J230 to cover the increase in labour cost.

Response

Agreed.

Recommendation number 4

Sell one of our J170s to have a 4 aircraft fleet, and move the balance from training to flying.

Response

Based on aircraft utilisation only, there is some validity to this argument, and should be considered if an improvement of aircraft utilisation is not realised over the medium term.

Recommendation number 5

Keep a modern fleet by replacing aircraft every 7500 hours and budget for that.

Response

Agreed. This is currently being done.

Action: Sue, Marcin and Bridgette to take Steve's paper and responses back to LOG, and seek their advice, and final recommendation(s).

3.3 Headsets for Club aircraft - Sue

Discussed with instructors and LOG. Headsets to be left unplugged and hung up in the aircraft. Plan to buy four headsets, one for each of the J170s. Cost at \$660 per headset.

Motion: That the Club purchase four David Clark H10-31.4 headsets for \$660 incl GST each per the quote provided by Bradley. **Moved: Sue, Seconded: Marcin, Carried.**

Action: Bradley to arrange purchase of four David Clark H10-31.4 headsets.

3.4 Power of Her grant program – Ali

Application submitted for funding of toilet block refurbishment. Total cost \$180k, with the grant funding request being for 75% of the cost (\$135k), and ASC being responsible for the remaining 25% (\$45k). Assessments will be carried out Sep/Oct. Notifications Nov.

3.5 Legal matter – Tony

Legal letter sent to X. Response received back from X taking responsibility for their actions, apologising, and requesting reinstatement of their membership.

The committee acknowledged the letter, and accepted the apology, providing the apology is acceptable to all the parties involved.

X will be required to comply with the normal membership application procedure.

Action: Tony will respond to X advising the committee's acceptance of their apology, and sending the membership application form.

3.6 Purchase of a new J230 – Sue

Feedback from LOG. Concerns re who would be rated to fly the new J230; education will be required around use of the EFIS and autopilot.

Issue remains around the size of the fleet. When the new J230 comes on line, LOG is still to determine which aircraft this will replace.

3.7 Committee and election matters – Ali

Current committee members –

- Noah and Marcin are filling casual vacancies and their terms have now finished; both have nominated for formal election to the committee.
- Megan is the longest serving committee member, and will step down; Megan will not be standing for re-election.
- Tony is one of three next longest serving, and will step down; Tony has put himself up for re-election.

New committee nominee –

- Josh Brown has nominated to join the committee.

Outcome –

- Two committee members stepped down - Megan and Tony, and two completed their casual terms – Noah and Marcin.
- Four people have nominated for election – Noah, Marcin, Tony and Josh.
- There will be four vacancies and four nominees, so there will be no need for a ballot, and all four will be elected unopposed.

President and Vice President to be elected by the incoming committee.

Secretary, Treasurer, and the CFIs are to be appointed by the incoming committee.

4. Strategic items – 20 mins

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

No discussion

5. New Business – 30 mins

5.1 ORSR Active Club grant program round 55 - Ali

Apply for up to \$3,000 for funding of programs and equipment.

Applications close 3 Oct.

Thoughts on what programs or equipment we might nominate? eg.

- coaching or officiating courses
- medical equipment
- maintenance equipment
- whitegoods
- security cameras installation
- computer for virtual gliding
- website development

Action: Ali to look at the ORSR Active Club grant program round 55 application guidelines and pull an application together.

6. Reports – 30 mins

6.1 General Management

Reports – 10 mins

Infrastructure & Admin – Tom Leech

As per GAM's report.

Andrew McKee's request to buy Kevin Harrison's hangar and aircraft was approved.

Phil Pullem's request to hangar a Giles 202 was approved.

Motion: Up to \$6500 to be spent upgrading the CCTV security system to cover the hangar and fuel facility in line with Dwayne's quote. **Moved: Steve, Seconded: Bradley, Carried**

Bradley has had discussions with a website developer. Rough guide for a re-build is 3 months start to finish, at a cost of \$20-30k. Committee still to determine if this is a good use of funds, or instead look at revamping the existing website.

Marketing & Promotion – Tom Leech

As per GAM's report.

Finance – Steve Pegler

Treasurer's report presented by Steve P.

Audit went smoothly. Audit report received.

6.2 Fleet, Maintenance, Safety, Training

Reports – 10 mins

CFI LSA – Sue Ingham

Marcin progressing with his instructor training.

CFI Gliding – Paul Marshall

All running smoothly.

10 instructors without a current FIRC. RMO needs to develop a FIRC course. Ok for those instructors to continue instructing until the course has been developed.

Tugs – Steve Pegler

Ops normal for PIT.

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

Glider Maintenance – Tommy Kalsbeek

Per Tommy's report.

LSA Maintenance - Richard Young

Per Paul Clift's report due Richard ill health.

50 hourly carried out on 5086, the first after an engine overhaul. Issues found with the cylinder heads and engine. 5086 to be taken off line for the time being.

Safety – Andrew Wright

As per Andrew's report.

6.3 Community, Culture, Inclusion

Reports – 10 mins

Update on COG – Megan

Megan will continue as chair of COG.

COG met last week.

Quiz night scheduled for 20 Sep.

Nick will be driving the Funflight initiative.

History Team – Tom

As per GAM's report.

Social and House – Tom

As per GAM's report.

Sports & Events – Tom

From the Events calendar:

- Aug 30 – AGM
- Sep 13 – SAGA AGM
- Sep 20 - Information and induction session (presenter Paul M)
- Sep 20 – Meal and Quiz Night
- Sep 30 - cross country gliding training day
- Oct 18 - Information and induction session (presenter Steve M)
- Nov 15 - Information and induction session (presenter Tony L)
- Dec 12-20 – SAGA State Gliding Comp at Gawler
- Dec 13 - Information and induction session (presenter Andrew W)
- Apr 11-19 - Flinders camp

New Members – Ali

- LSA
 - Andrew McKee
 - Zoe Delaney
 - Anthony Woods
 - Nathan Cheyne
 - Lachlan Gitsham
- Gliding
 - Michael Mullan
 - Scott Builder
 - David Hooper
 - Aizezi (Ali) Yilizhat
- Social
 - none

Motion: That the committee accept the applications for membership from Andrew, Zoe, Anthony, Nathan, Lachlan, Michael, Scott, David and Ali. **Moved: Ali, Seconded: Tony, 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	
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
provide an analysis of Jabiru costs, and determine what price increases are necessary, if any	Steve	done
discuss headsets for Club aircraft further with the Training Panel, and bring their input back to the Committee	Sue	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	done

drive online history portal after end 2025	Ali	On hold
take to next LSA Training Panel and LOG meeting to determine a process for secure use and storage of Club headsets	Sue, Bridgette	done
seek further legal advice as to the Club's rights and obligations regarding the legal request on behalf of X to reinstate their membership	Tony, Tom	done
review the proposed letter to members and advise Tony of their thought	All	done
advise Geoff Kempster that he is the new Airspace Officer, and to work with him to take over the role	Paul	done
take proposed new J230 to LOG, and bring their recommendations back to the Committee	Sue, Bridgette	not done
invite Tony to the next meeting with FunFlight	Megan	not done

8. Any Other Business – 10 mins

8.1 None

9. Next Meeting

Tuesday 23rd September at 7pm – in person at Enfield Community Centre

10. Close

9.08 pm