



Adelaide Soaring Club

A meeting of the committee of the ASC held on
Tuesday 23rd September 2025
At Enfield Community Centre
commencing at **7.00 PM**

Agenda & Minutes

1. Appointment of Officers - Ali

All offices were declared vacant.

President – One nomination was received, from Tony Lewis. There being no other nominees, Tony Lewis was elected as President.

Vice President – One nomination was received, from Bradley Leksas. There being no other nominees, Bradley Leksas was elected as Vice President.

Secretary – One nomination was received, from Ali Swart. There being no other nominees, Ali Swart was appointed as Secretary.

Treasurer – One nomination was received, from Steve Pegler. There being no other nominees, Steve Pegler was appointed as Treasurer.

CFI Gliding – Paul Marshall was first elected as CFI Gliding in 2020, and re-elected in 2023 and 2025. Under By-law 3, Paul is eligible to continue as CFI Gliding for two years from his re-election, and for a total of six years since his first election. Paul will reach six years service at the 2026 AGM, so is eligible to continue for another year. Paul is willing to continue in the role, and no other nominations have been received, so no election or ratification is needed, and Paul will continue as CFI Gliding.

CFI LSA – Sue Ingham was first elected as CFI LSA in 2021, and re-elected in 2025. Under By-law 3, Sue is eligible to continue as CFI LSA for two years from her re-election, and for a total of six years since her first election. As neither of these criteria have been exceeded, Sue is willing to continue in the role, and no other nominations have been received, so no election or ratification is needed, and Sue will continue as CFI LSA.

By-law 3 - The persons elected as CFI shall hold office for two (2) years and shall then retire. They are eligible to be re-nominated and to hold the same office for a period not exceeding six years continuously in each case, after which they are not eligible to hold the same office again until a period of one year has passed.

ASC officer roles –

Action: Ali and Tony are in the process of contacting all chairs of sub-committees and incumbents of other roles to determine if they wish to continue.

Action: Ali to finalise list of office holders for 2025 and have published to the website and advise office staff

2. Opening of Meeting and Welcome

Present: Tony Lewis (Chair), Bradley Leksas, Paul Marshall, Brian Rau, Ali Swart, Josh Brown, Sue Ingham, Steve Pegler, Marcin Nowina-Krowicki

Apologies: Noah Beckmann,

In Attendance: Tom Leech

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 26 August 2025 were accepted as a true and correct record. **Moved: Ali, seconded: Bradley, Carried**

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes – 10 mins

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

No update. Working to create an Ops Manual.

4.2 LSA fleet costing recommendations and endorsement from LOG - Sue, Marcin

General view is to sell the old J230 5086.

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.

4.3 LSA fleet composition

LSA instructors recommend keeping the fleet composition as is, ie. one J230 and four J170's, and LOG has indicated they will support this position. With the arrival of the new J230, this means the club should dispose of the old J230 5086.

Aircraft utilisation has fallen by 25%, but part of this has been due to instructor bottleneck, and maintenance issues. If we want to grow the business, need to ensure we have sufficient aircraft.

The new J230 will be picked up 27 Oct.

5. Strategic items – 20 mins

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

- Runway upgrade - waiting on grant outcome
- Replacement toilet block - waiting on grant outcome

- Shared hangar space - removed from strategic items
- Master airfield plan - to be discussed in conjunction with the runway upgrade grant
- **Succession planning** - Ongoing issue for maintenance, instructors, CFIs, treasurer, secretary
- **Fund raising and grant writing => potential projects**
 - kitchen upgrade
 - outside area
 - toilet upgrade
- Marketing and professional image => website revamp
- **Mentoring for early solo pilots** => coaching and young guns going well, limited resources for mentoring
 - **Follow up of people who haven't flown in a while** => retain the people we already have
- **Retention and growth of membership**

Action: Tom to pull together list of projects with grant potential.

Action: Ali to put highlighted items on a list of strategic items for discussion at future meetings.

Action: Tom to discuss with office staff re ways to track people who haven't flown in a while.

6. New Business – 30 mins

6.1 Casual vacancy on committee - Ali

Bridgitte has resigned, creating a casual vacancy on committee.

Action: Marcin to have a chat with Michael Broughton re joining committee.

Action: Bradley to have a chat with Mark Ferraretto re joining committee.

6.2 Gliding instructor numbers and commitment - Tony/Paul

Limited pool of instructors. How to encourage instructors to commit to the roster.

Need 50 hours PIC to become an AEI, which limits the ability for new pilots to train up to instructor.

Action: Paul to take to TP how to encourage existing gliding instructors, and grow new instructors.

6.3 LSA instructors

Consider potential candidates for next LSA instructor scholarship. 100 hours PIC required to be eligible.

Action: Sue to follow up with potential candidates for LSA instructing.

7. Reports – 30 mins

7.1 General Management

Reports – 10 mins

Infrastructure & Admin – Tom Leech

As per GAM's report.

Rod Hamilton and Ron Day leases approved.

Welcome to Gawler Airfield sign. Tom will explore options and costings.

Trailer for QQ. A trailer was donated to the club by Alex Wallis. Tommy and Paul have been converting it to fit QQ. Should be ready by December. QQ can then be used for cross country.

Bitumen crack sealing quote \$5k much more reasonable. This is the price for a crew for one day.

Motion: That Super Sealing be awarded the contract to seal the cracks in runways for a cost of \$4950. **Moved: Tony, Seconded: Josh, Carried**

Marketing & Promotion – Tom Leech

As per GAM's report.

Quote received for coffee table book editing for \$1000. Tom will move to get it done. The book is looking really good. Alan has done a good job with the content.

Finance – Steve Pegler

Treasurer's report presented by Steve.

Membership category	Current 24/25	Proposed 25/26
Flying Member	\$624	\$638
Flying Spouse	\$416	\$426
Concession Member	\$416	\$426
Junior Member	\$208	\$213
Student Member	\$208	\$213
Social Member	\$63	\$64
One Month Term Member	\$63	\$64
Three Month Term Member	\$188	\$192

MOTION: That Committee approves revised membership subscriptions as recommended in the September 2025 Treasurer's Report (table above) to become effective 1st November 2025. **Moved: Steve, Seconded: Tony, Carried**

Aircraft		Current 24/25	Proposed 25/26
J170	Hire and fly	\$177	\$209
	Training	\$206	\$238
J230 (new)	Hire and fly		\$251
	Training		\$281

Proposed pricing includes new future capital provisioning and insurance costs for the new J230.

MOTION: That Committee approves revised LSA aircraft hire rates as recommended in the September 2025 Treasurer's Report (table above) to become effective 1st November 2025 and advise members accordingly. **Moved: Steve, Seconded: Paul, carried**

Glider rates will also be increasing. To be advised at the October committee meeting.

MOTION: That Committee approves spending an additional amount to bring 5086's engine to a satisfactory, airworthy standard of up to \$10K, followed by the sale of

the aircraft. **Moved: Steve, Seconded: Bradley, carried**

Entry fees for SAGA state comps to be held at Gawler 12-20 Dec were approved.

- Senior entry fee - \$200
- Junior entry fee - \$150
- Aerotow launches to 2,000 Feet AGL
 - Unballasted single seat gliders - \$65
 - Ballasted single seat gliders - \$70
 - Two-seat gliders - \$70

7.2 Fleet, Maintenance, Safety, Training

Reports – 10 mins

CFI LSA – Sue Ingham

Ops normal.

CFI Gliding – Paul Marshall

FQQ is back online.

Need to consider how to ensure minors are supervised when on the airfield. Put on agenda for October.

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.

When FQQ came into the workshop the tyre pressures were very low. GFC's rear type pressure today was very low. Issue for TP to ensure tyre pressures are checked, and inflated if necessary, at every DI.

LSA Maintenance - Richard Young

No report.

Safety – Andrew Wright

As per Andrew's report.

7.3 Community, Culture, Inclusion

Reports – 10 mins

Update on COG – TBA

Action: Tony to discuss with Megan how COG will provide a monthly update.

History Team – Tom

As per GAM's report.

Social and House – Tom

As per GAM's report.

Maybe a Christmas function.

Sports & Events – Tom

From the Events calendar:

- Sep 30-Oct 4 - gliding flying further course
- 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 - potential Christmas function
- Dec 13 - Information and induction session (presenter Andrew W)
- Apr 11-19 - Flinders camp

New Members – Ali

- LSA
 - Martin Harman
 - Bhupinder Singh
 - Jared Brealey
 - Joshua Goewie
- Gliding
 - Glendon Giam
 - Sam Medhurst
 - Ryan Lawler
- Social
 - Leanne Miranda

Motion: That the committee accept the applications for membership from Martin, Bhupinder, Jared, Joshua, Glendon, Sam, Ryan and Leanne. **Moved: Ali, Seconded: Josh, Carried**

Resignations

Name	Gliding	LSA	Reason
None			

8. 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
drive online history portal after end 2025	Ali	On hold
take proposed new J230 to LOG, and bring their recommendations back to the Committee	Sue	done
invite Tony to the next meeting with FunFlight	Megan	on hold
take Steve's paper and responses re LSA fleet costings and recommendations back to LOG, and seek their advice, and final recommendation(s).	Sue, Marcin	done
arrange purchase of four David Clark H10-31.4 headsets	Bradley	done
respond to X advising the committee's acceptance of their apology, and sending the membership application form	Tony	done
look at the ORSR Active Club grant program round 55 application guidelines and pull an application together	Ali	not done

9. Any Other Business – 10 mins

9.1 none

10. Next Meeting

Tuesday 28th October at 7pm – in person at Enfield Community Centre

11. Close

9.20 pm