

Adelaide Soaring Club



A meeting of the committee of the ASC held on
Tuesday 25th November 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, Ali Swart, Steve Pegler, Marcin Nowina-Krowicki, Noah Beckmann, Tom Leech, Sue Ingham, Mark Ferraretto, Brian Rau

Apologies: Josh Brown

In Attendance:

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 29 October 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

Not much change. Waiting on response from CASA. Paul sent reminder last week.

Steve will approach Steve Fickling at CASA if no action in next few weeks,

3.2 Supervision of minors on airfield – Tom, Paul

Tom and Tony have amended the membership application form, to add a section that parents take responsibility for their minor outside of sanctioned Club activities. Further input will be sought from Amander VanderWal.

Paul will be taking to December Training Panel meeting.

The responsibility for supervision of minors applies equally to both gliding and LSA activities.

Action: Sue to take the requirement for supervision of minors to the LSA Training Panel.

3.3 Gliding instructor numbers and commitment – Paul

Action from last Training Panel meeting was for Paul to contact instructors who are not currently on the roster, and ask them to go on the roster. Instructors were also asked to review their roster availability limitations. Action ongoing.

3.4 LSA instructor scholarship - Tony

Three applications received. One applicant has insufficient LSA time to undertake instructor training. The committee considered the two remaining applications, but did not reach a final conclusion.

Action: Sue to meet with each of the two LSA scholarship applicants, and confirm what time commitment they can make.

3.5 Affiliation of ASC with GAus – Tony

ASC is affiliated. Nothing further to be done. Affiliation requires all Club members to follow the Gliding Australia rules and guidelines.

4. Strategic items – 20 mins

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

- ~~Runway upgrade – waiting on grant outcome~~
- Replacement toilet block - waiting on grant outcome
- Master airfield plan - to be discussed in conjunction with the runway upgrade grant
- **Succession planning** - Ongoing issue for maintenance, instructors, CFIs, treasurer, secretary. Maintenance is in good shape for the time being, with two youngish guys in the roles. Instructors are under discussion at the Training Panel. Replacement of CFIs are an issue.
- **Fund raising and grant writing => potential projects**
 - kitchen upgrade
 - outside area
 - toilet upgrade
- **Project list for grants**
 - Document in grants folder on shared drive with list of projects which grant funding could be applied to.
- **Marketing and professional image => website revamp**
 - Ballpark figure \$20-30k. More feedback needed from web developers.
- 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**
 - Interrogate MYOB to see where people's spending habits have changed.
 - A report could be obtained from MYOB, but identifying the trends would take time and effort that exceeds our available resources.

Runway upgrade

Runway upgrade grant application was unsuccessful. No feedback received yet as to why. Approach the Federal or State Minister to try and get further information on why our application failed.

Potential to seek government funding through DIPTI - Tom will investigate the feasibility of this, on the basis that Gawler Airfield services a regional area. Commence discussions with various politicians on the difficulty of ASC continuing to support the operations of the CFS if there is no funding support available to maintain the runways.

Should ASC proceed with the southern taxiway for runway 23? This is an ongoing safety issue, although not high priority. Estimated cost \$60-100k.

Membership retention

Tom and Angela have had a look at MYOB. There is no easy way to dig out information on people's spending habits, it would have to be done manually.

5. New Business – 30 mins

5.1 Use of new J230 - Tony

Ian McDonald flew the new J230 to Naracoorte, and took some videos to use as training material on setup and use of the Dynon system. All LSA instructors will attend a training session on the Dynon this coming Friday.

The authorisation to take the flight should have come from the committee.

The committee agreed to sign off on the flight. And the two other instructor training flights that have occurred.

ASC should have ownership of or a licence to the videos created by Ian McDonald..

Action: Sue to clarify how instructor training flights in the new J230 will be organised and paid for.

6. Reports – 30 mins

6.1 General Management

Reports – 10 mins

Infrastructure & Admin – Tom Leech

As per GAM's report.

Jamie Clothier has purchased Chris Gorton's hangar C9. - **Approved**

Jamie Clothier has requested to piggyback electrical from hangar C11, which means he would share power. Need a letter of support from the owner of C11 before further action is taken.

Action: Tom to discuss electricity access further with Jamie Clothier and owner of C11.

Jared Brealey request to store his Jabiru at Gawler - **Approved**

Bitumen crack sealing additional work, required due to grass growth in the cracks that needed to be cleared out during their last day's work..

Motion: That Super Sealing be authorised to spend another 8 hours to complete the remaining 40% of the cracks, at a cost of \$3600. **Moved: Steve, Seconded: Tony, Carried**

Sink in LSA hangar - **Not approved**

TIFs to resume. Price to be reviewed and increased. - **Approved**

Information/induction sessions by video - **Not approved**

Josh Friend work experience in the glider workshop - **Approved**

Mogas facility 20m hose and reel combined \$1900, plus cost of Stark to install it - **Approved**

Entrance sign - **Approved**

Website, engagement of Redbax to revamp the website -

Motion: That Redbax be engaged to update and host the website at a cost of \$3000 to update and \$435 per year to host. **Moved: Tony, Seconded: Mark, Carried**

Marketing & Promotion – Tom Leech

As per GAM's report.

Finance – Steve Pegler

Treasurer's report presented by Steve.

Expenses up significantly on prior year, mainly due to costs associated with LSA maintenance.

6.2 Fleet, Maintenance, Safety, Training

Reports – 10 mins

CFI LSA – Sue Ingham

Per Sue's report

Instructor training day this Friday.

Engine failure on 5086 due fuel issue.

CFI Gliding – Paul Marshall

Ops normal. No incidents to report.

Tugs – Steve Pegler

AMOC has been approved by CASA for BOT!! BOT is being put back together. Hope to have it back in the next couple of weeks. Cost for the AMOC is \$10k for ASC and \$10k for Beverley Soaring Society.

PIT will be due for 100 hourly soon.

Glider Maintenance – Tommy Kalsbeek

Per Tommy's report.

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 – Tony

COG met on 18 Nov. Tony attended the meeting.

History Team – Tom

As per GAM's report.

Social and House – Tom

As per GAM's report.

Sports & Events – Tom

From the Events calendar:

- Dec 12-20 – SAGA State Gliding Comp at Gawler
- Dec 13 - Christmas function
- Dec 13 - Information and induction session (presenter Andrew W)
- Jan 10 - Information and induction session (presenter Bridgette M)
- Apr 11-19 - Flinders camp

New Members – Ali

- LSA
 - none
- Gliding

- Greg Oke
- Simon Murrell
- Social
 - none

Motion: That the committee accept the applications for membership from Greg and Simon.

Moved: Ali, Seconded: Bradley, Carried

Action: Ali to obtain a list of new members and send them around to the committee for approval.

Resignations

Name	Gliding	LSA	Reason
Jason Goldup	Y		Not using membership enough to justify cost
Tess Houtmann		Y	Working away, may be back
Bhupinder Singh		Y	Leaving Australia
Lochlan Anderson	Y		
Nick Romanello		Y	Personal circumstances have changed

7. Review of action items – 10 mins

Short Term Tactical Actions	Responsible	Completed
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
invite Tony to the next meeting with FunFlight	Megan	done
contact all chairs of sub-committees and incumbents of other roles to determine if they wish to continue	Ali, Tony	done
finalise list of office holders for 2025 and have published to the website and advise office staff	Ali	not done
take to TP how to encourage existing gliding instructors, and grow new instructors	Paul	in progress
follow up with potential candidates for LSA instructing	Sue	done
formalise the parental statement for minors on the airfield outside of Club activities, utilising input of Amanda vanderWal	Tony, Tom	in progress
advise instructors that they need to advise minors when sanctioned Club activities are complete	Paul	in progress
contact Mark Ferraretto and advise he has been appointed to the casual vacancy on committee	Tony	done
discuss with Angela what sort of data interrogation capabilities can be got out of MYOB, with a view to identifying member usage and spending trends	Tom	done
take the committee's position back to LOG and the Training Panel, being that the J230 is the preferred aircraft for	Marcin	done

navexes, and the J170 will be used only if the J230 is not available, with the hourly charge being the hire and fly rate		
take to LOG that all members, including LSA pilots, will be required to comply with the terms of the affiliation with GAus	Marcin	not done
send out Google Meet invite for the 25 Nov meeting	Ali	done

8. Any Other Business – 10 mins

8.1 OGN antenna at Gawler

OGN antenna starting to lose performance. Brian has ordered replacement parts, and will fit them when they arrive, hopefully next week.

8.2 ADSB mandatory

Out for public consultation with CASA, to make ADSB mandatory for all aircraft. For info only at this stage.

9. Next Meeting

Tuesday 27th January at 7pm – in person, Enfield Community Centre

Fill-in minute taker required, Ali unable to attend.

10. Close

10.00 pm