

Adelaide Soaring Club



A meeting of the committee of the ASC held on
Tuesday 24th March 2026
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, Ali Swart, Brian Rau, Josh Brown, Noah Beckmann

Apologies: Steve Pegler, Marcin Nowina-Krowicki, Sue Ingham, Mark Ferraretto,

In Attendance: Tom Leech

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 24 February 2026 were accepted as a true and correct record. **Moved: Ali, seconded: Bradley**

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

No activity

3.2 Supervision of minors on airfield – Tom, Paul

No activity. Waiting on Mark to review the document.

Action: Ali to give Mark a prompt to review the supervision of minors on airfield document.

3.3 Gliding instructor numbers and commitment – Paul

Chatting to instructors individually. Have three AEIs who will be followed through to undertake instructor training.

3.4 LSA instructor scholarship - Sue

No discussion.

3.5 Indemnity insurance for instructors – Tony

Emails received from Mark and Geoff Wood. Both have reached the conclusion that professional indemnity insurance for instructors is neither desirable nor readily available. Risk is low provided training records are retained. It is proposed to retain records in digital format, for both Gliding and LSA, pending approval of the Training Panel and Committee.

The Committee approved the proposal that the Club will digitise all training records at the following points:

- Gliding - a) First Solo, b) Conversion into the Discus, c) Achieving of the GPC
- LSA - a) First Solo, b) Achieving the RPC, c) completion of the Cross Country endorsement

and retain them for at least 7 years.

Action: Mark to finalise his report to the Committee on professional indemnity insurance, as referred to in his email of 6 Mar 2026.

3.6 Wording in ERSA re straight in approaches, and amendment of entry – Paul, Sue

No need to be approved by CASA. Can make the change on-line.

Action: Paul and Tom to draft wording of entry in ERSA re straight in approaches and amend the YGAW entry.

4. Strategic items – 20 mins

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

- Runway upgrade sub-committee
- Master airfield plan – on hold until runway upgrade options are exhausted

Runway upgrade committee still to convene.

5. New Business – 30 mins

5.1 Grants update - Ali

I have submitted an EOI under the **Volunteer Grants** program, administered by the Federal Department of Social Services. There is up to \$5k on offer to expend on computer and audio visual equipment in support of our volunteers. If we make it past the EOI stage, formal grant applications open on 18 May, and close on 29 May.

I have had a look at the **Active Kids Grant**, administered by the Australian Sports Foundation. The grant is for equipment or kit to be used exclusively to encourage and support sport participation by Australians aged 20 or younger. I am not willing to expend time applying for this grant, as there is no way we will be able to limit use of purchased equipment (headsets for example) to members aged 20 or younger.

Heart Foundation Grant for \$20k for Active Skies Fun Run has been submitted by COG. Outcome will be advised by 10 April.

Re the \$3k **Active Club Grant** received from the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing, I mis-spoke last month when I said the grant could not be applied retrospectively. It can be used towards equipment purchased after 1 July 2025. So we could apply it towards the CCTV cameras (\$1214), and LSA headsets (\$2400), for example. There still remains the option of applying it towards the kitchen flooring, as was agreed at the February committee meeting.

Committee agreed to acquit the Active Club grant funds against the CCTV and headsets.

Action: Ali to acquit the Active Club Grant funds against the CCTV cameras (\$1214), and LSA headsets (\$2400).

5.2 Purpose of COG

COG's purpose no longer aligns with the direction the Committee wants to take. Committee wants to disband COG in order to rationalise inefficiencies, while it considers ways to revitalize the Social and House Group.

Motion: That COG be disbanded, and the committee be thanked for their efforts over the past three years. **Moved: Bradley, Seconded: Paul, carried**

Action: Tony, Tom and Ali to meet with Megan and advise that COG will be disbanding.

6. Reports – 30 mins

6.1 General Management

Reports – 10 mins

Infrastructure & Admin – Tom Leech

As per GAM's report.

White ant treatment for both buildings of clubhouse, \$5000 for treatment plus \$1000 per year, was approved.

Digitising of past LSA records, cost of \$2500. We have the paper records, and have kept them securely for years. Is there a need to digitise, when the risk of loss is low? It was agreed not to proceed.

Jamie Clothier request to keep Baljit Singh's Jabiru J160 aircraft in his hangar was approved.

Tractor/slasher annual service by an external provider, \$5300.

Motion: That Tom be authorised to expend up to \$5300 to have the tractor/slasher serviced.

Moved: Bradley, Seconded: Tony, Carried

Mogas hose has to be installed professionally.

Five candidates for the Office Manager role. Looking to conduct interviews and make a decision by end of next week.

Marketing & Promotion – Tom Leech

As per GAM's report.

May be time to change the way induction sessions are delivered.

Finance – Steve Pegler

Treasurer's report presented by Steve.

The committee endorsed the addition of a fuel levy in order to cover the increased cost of fuel as a result of the war in the Middle East, varying as the cost of fuel varies.

The committee endorsed avgas sales being limited to members only.

6.2 Fleet, Maintenance, Safety, Training

Reports – 10 mins

CFI LSA – Sue Ingham

As per Sue's report.

CFI Gliding – Paul Marshall

Issue with instructor no-shows.

Tugs – Steve Pegler

PIT door repairs are underway. Waiting on a welder to complete the frame.

PIT will then be due for its 100 hourly.

BOT has 74 hours on the clock as of last Sunday.

Glider Maintenance – Tommy Kalsbeek

Per Tommy's report.

Golf buggies are an issue. We have three buggies, all were out of service at one stage; we now have one operational. Is an internal combustion engine fit for purpose in our dusty environment? Replacing the buggies with electric would be expensive - \$15-20k for a 2 seater, more for a 4 seater.

4WD farm vehicle, like a Yeti, would be around \$20k.
Use a standard car.

The Club needs a tow vehicle of some sort.

Tommy is investigating costs of alternative vehicles, new engines, and new batteries.

LSA Maintenance - Richard Young

Per Richard's report.

New 230 needs a new oil sensor.

Safety – Andrew Wright

As per Andrew's report.

6.3 Community, Culture, Inclusion

Reports – 10 mins

Update on COG – Tony

As discussed under New Business.

History Team – Tom

As per GAM's report.

Alan Bradley has done as much as he can with the coffee table book. Editing has been done.
Tom just needs to collate some more photos.

Social and House – Tom

As per GAM's report.

Sports & Events – Tom

From the Events calendar:

- Apr 11 - Information and induction session (presenter TBA)

New Members – Ali

- LSA
 - none
- Gliding
 - Krish Chand - junior member
- Social
 - none

Motion: That the committee accept the applications for membership from Krish. **Moved: Ali,**
Seconded: Josh, Carried

Resignations

Name	Gliding	LSA	Reason
None			

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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
take to TP how to encourage existing gliding instructors, and grow new instructors	Paul	done
advise instructors that they need to advise minors when sanctioned Club activities are complete	Paul	done
take the requirement for supervision of minors to the LSA Training Panel	Sue	not done
take a close look at the wording of the supervision of minors documents	Mark	not done
create a subcommittee to strategise an approach to government/politicians and any other options we may have re runway upgrade	Tony	not done
follow up with Geoff Wood and go through all of the relevant policies to explore indemnity insurance for instructors further	Mark	done
get together with Geoff Wood to write up a paper and recommendation on indemnity insurance for instructors	Mark	not done
discuss and confirm mechanics for recording and retaining student training records for both LSA and Gliding	Paul, Sue, Tom, Tony	done
determine what strategic item to bring to the next meeting	Ali, Tony	not done
send email out to committee re Active Skies grant application	Ali	Done
confirm with COG if the Active Skies grant application has been lodged	Tony	done
determine if there is a legal requirement to have the mogas nozzle professionally installed	Tom	Done
work together on some special pricing for LSA TIFs	Tom, Steve	done
discuss appropriate wording around straight in approaches, and have ERSA entry amended if necessary	Sue, Paul	done
advise Geoff Wood that the change to the glider ballot system to require that members wanting to fly need to register their interest on the gliding register no later than 10pm the night before has been agreed by committee	Tony	done

8. Any Other Business – 10 mins

8.1 Life membership - Ali

A petition has been raised seeking life membership for a member. For information only at this stage.

As a reminder, the criteria for award of life membership include being involved in the senior levels of gliding administration and/or instruction, and taking on significant responsibility, across multiple roles, over an extended period of time. Life membership is not a reward for longevity, nor is it awarded by popular vote.

8.2 Retiring instructors - Paul

Two instructors have retired - Peter Phillips and Richard Geytenbeek. Committee thanks them for their years of service, and will organise a formal commendation and recognition.

8.3 Tyres for trailers - Brian

Brian gave the information to Tommy. \$800-\$1000 to replace all tyres on all trailers.

9. Next Meeting

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

10. Close

8.53pm