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Coming Events

June 02	Fun Fly #3		MRCHC St Leonards. BBQ Lunch
June 03	General Meeting	Dingley International	Diner in Sports Bar from 7pm 8pm Whispers Room
August 04	Fun Fly #4		MRCHC St Leonards. BBQ Lunch

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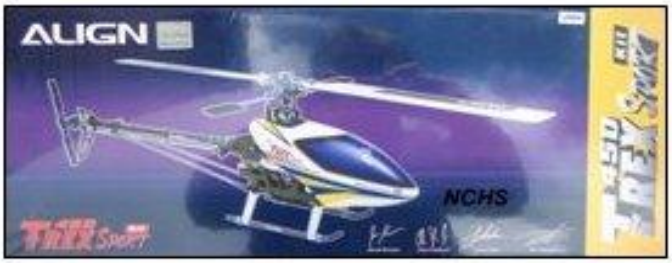

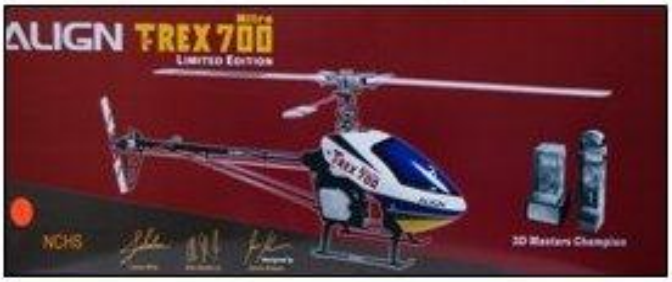

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

June 2013

Another year comes to a close. We will soon be receiving our renewal notices and the club continues to grow and prosper. We will soon be commission electricity and water for our new clubhouse and our relationship with the school is better than ever.

It was really great to see members contributing to the welfare of the club. The shed floor had a good mopping, the tea cups are clean and a special thanks to those that have given of their time and skills to get the club house sorted.

While we have great facilities, we must ensure that we maintain our excellent safety record. This is especially important as there are often people in the school grounds on weekends and the caretaker lives on site. We have always adopted the philosophy that we are all safety officers but I think we need to be more disciplined about some of our flying practices not only to be compliant with the MAAA Policies and Procedures, but to ensure our own safety

Some of the items we will be need to discuss at the next General Meeting on Monday 3rd June – if you want to be part of this please make sure you attend.

Range checks – these need to be done prior to each flying session
Flying 30 metres away from the Parking / Pit Area
Ensuring Throttle hold is set for failsafe
Corrective action if flight path deviates from demarcated areas
Starting of Nitro / Petrol Engines in the Pit Area
Pre Flight Mechanical Checks

And I'm sure many more

Please diarise 5th August. This is the date of our AGM where we elect office bearers for a new 1 year term. Remember it is your club and to function well it needs a committee – if you want to have your say – please make sure you attend

Jeff

Treasurer Report

A bit of excitement for me coming up as I will be sending out the invoices for annual membership renewal in a couple of weeks. There will be a small increase from the VMAA and I will propose a small increase to the club's fees at the general meeting on June 3rd.

Just to remind everyone – annual renewal fees will be payable before the beginning of the club year, 1st July 2013. Current members who do not renew before then will have to re-join the club and pay the associated joining fee again, so don't be late!

Membership

No new members so membership still stands at 51. I do get one or two applications via the web each month, but recently none have turned into a new member.

Finances

I hope I don't confuse anyone with this month's accounts – this time last year I had already sent out the membership renewal quotes, so around $4,000 in the balance sheet and the income statement, with an associated payable amount to the VMAA, already showed up this time last year but not yet for this year. All will become clear by the end of June.

Overall the club finances are in quite good shape and I expect that we will end the year with cash and profit down by a little less than our investment in the new clubhouse. In other words without the extraordinary clubhouse costs we would have made a small profit.

There are some trends that we should review before they become significant:

Membership has been slightly less each year for the past couple of years
Event income is down – events are an opportunity to make a useful contribution to the coffers

I'll take a more detailed look at the end of the year.

Clubhouse

So far we have spent $6,000 on the new clubhouse, which is really cheap for what we now have. We will spend a bit more before our new home is how we plan it to be:

Power and water should be laid in the next week or two, and hopefully connected up soon after. This will allow us to actually move in!
We plan to replace the floor coverings once we have utilities connected

Cost of these final items is not quite clear, but as I see it will be around: $400-$500 to trench for water and power; $1,000-$1,500 for wires and pipes; and perhaps $2,000 for floor covering (this one won't happen until next financial year). All up about a further $3,500.

Balance Sheet

Here is the May 2013 balance sheet position:

Account	This Year	Last Year	Difference
Assets:			
Cheque	$2,637.46	$28,487.67	-$25,850.21
Undeposited Funds	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Investment	$23,320.50	$0.00	$23,320.50
Petty Cash	$87.70	$710.80	-$623.10
PayPal	$184.00	$184.00	$0.00
Withholding Tax Credits	$265.00	$0.00	$265.00
Trade Debtors	-$65.00	$7,877.00	-$7,942.00
Total Assets	***$26,429.66***	***$37,259.47***	***-$10,829.81***
Liabilities:			
VMAA & MAAA + Insurance	$0.00	$4,032.00	-$4,032.00
Total Liabilities	***$0.00***	***$4,032.00***	***-$4,032.00***
Net Assets	***$26,429.66***	***$33,227.47***	***-$6,797.81***

Our overall asset balance is almost $11,000 less than same time last year. Of this $4,000 will come back as I send out membership renewals, almost $6,000 is money spent on the new clubhouse and around $500 is for the new club apparel not yet sold.

With winter just about here I'm expecting that some of you will follow your President's example and treat yourself to some new club clothing.

Year to Date Income & Expenditure

Income

The Club income comes from membership fees (the bulk of which come in at the end of our year at annual renewal time), sale of club apparel, events, sale of drinks and BBQs at the club house (which forms the bulk of Other Income) and bank interest.

Income	This Year	Last Year	Difference
Sale of Stocked Items	$865.00	$0.00	$865.00
Membership	$1,215.00	$5,064.00	-$3,849.00
Events	$520.00	$995.00	-$475.00
Food and drink	$721.30	$418.07	$303.23
Other Income	$40.00	$111.00	-$71.00
Bank Interest	$588.03	$619.84	-$31.81
Total	***$3,949.33***	***$7,207.91***	***-$3,817.19***

The significant differences between this year and last year include the club clothing – we didn't have any to sell last year; membership – renewals have not yet been sent out for this year; we have brought in less event income; and we seem to be selling more coffee and burgers. Thanks to our volunteer BBQ cooks!

Expense

Generally our expenses fall into the categories listed below:

Expense	This Year	Last Year	Difference
Cost of Stocked Items	1,351.13	0.00	1,351.13
Field Expenses	1,819.75	2,936.49	-1,116.74
Club House	5,946.06	0.00	5,946.06
Meeting Expenses	0.00	110.00	-110.00
Club Training Helicopters	0.00	465.50	-465.50
Events	145.70	395.30	-249.60
Food, Drink etc.	884.62	425.17	459.45
Other	583.18	214.30	368.88
Total	***10,730.44***	***4,546.76***	***6,183.68***

Net Profit / -Loss	***-$6,781.11***	***$2,661.15***	***-$9,442.26***

Key differences between this year and last year are: club apparel, donations to Cornish College where last year we gave $2,000 to support creation of the new school, and investment in our new clubhouse.

As always, if you have any questions about the club finances please contact me.

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Minutes from General meeting 8th April 2013 at Club house.

Present: Peter, Ben, Roger, Jason R, Jason G, Antony, Ray, Paul, Brian S, Nick V, Steve,

Apologies: Jeff, Brian L, Michael Kirk Williams,

Meeting started 8.00pm

Peter read minutes from February General meeting.

Proposed by Jason R Seconded by Roger

Treasurer Report: In newsletter. Uniforms to be sold in cupboard.

Safety report: No issues.

Flightlines to be finalised Ray asked to update proposal so rules can be updated.

Jason G gave a price on lino, discussion on what sought to use, and whether to have pro install.

Ben gave report on Funfly, finished by lunch time. Ray asked about 3D in funfly events difficulty choosing which type of manoeuvrers. Discussion ongoing as to how to go about it. Jason R and Ray to operate.

Ben talked about school carnival, we had 2 people come over to see, flying difficult as wind was ferocious.

Roger gave overview of our commitment to airshow, flying display a bit flat this time compared to other shows.

State championships booked for our field 23rd and 24th Nov.

Agenda: Power and water to club house. Being actioned by Rob, Ben while being Promoted to president for the nite drove this item, as per Robs email start date for trenching 27th May.

General business

Roger proposing to give school donation $600 Proposed Ben, unanimously accepted.

Facebook page being accepted, Ray accepted roll of being administrator to ensure ongoing commitment.

Meeting closed 8.45.

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Melbourne RC Helicopter Club Inc. Flying Rules) ***updated Feb 2011***

The MRCHC has an outstanding safety record. The safety of our members and our visitors is foremost to the Club and so the following rules are in place to help maintain a safe flying environment. Please observe the following rules at all times.

1. No member shall fly or operate their **helicopter equipment**, which has not been tested and checked prior to first flight, is obviously faulty or is obviously in need of repair.

2. No member shall fly or operate **equipment** to the danger of others or in a manner as to present the likelihood of harm or injury to person's or person's property.

3. The **Frequency Keyboard** shall be used at all times where possible for 36Mhz . NO person shall fly or operate any equipment unless the appropriate frequency key is in position on the keyboard. No person shall **remove a Frequency Key** from the Frequency board apart from the owner thereof.

4. **Frequency Keys** are not required for 24Ghz Spread Spectrum but transmitters must be on the approved list Refer MOP 058

5. Any member or visitor found to have **caused loss or damage** to any other member's Helicopter, property or equipment through unauthorized operation of their own equipment or by dangerous or irresponsible behavior shall be liable for such damage or loss.

6. NO pilot shall take off or land in the **pit area**, fly over the pit area or the Car Parking area. Flying is permitted in Authorised flight areas only (ref. map in the Club House).

7 All pilots shall maintain 9 meter separation form their helicopters at all times

8. No member is permitted to fly unless they can be identified by **wearing a current Membership Identification.**

9. **Visitors** flying at the field must sign the visitor's book prior to flying: - Visitor Rules apply. A Current member must sponsor the visitor and brief the visitor of the club's Flying Rules.

10. A directive from a club **Safety Officer** or a Committee member shall be complied with immediately. Any dispute settled later by the committee.

11. Hovering in the **hovering area** shall not exceed 5 meters in altitude. Pilot must not hover the helicopter between the Pilot and the Pits.

12. The **hovering area** is for hovering, the model must not exceed walking pace.

13. **Mobile Phones** are not allowed on at the flight line at any time, Mobile Phones are allowed in the pits and in cars.

14. **There is to be no flying on Fire Ban days**.

15. All members who wish to fly on the **main flight** lines will require to have their Helicopter Bronze wings or greater endorsement. Visitors wishing to fly on the main flight lines will be required to have a member accompany them whilst on the main flight lines until such time as they have obtained their endorsement.