

**RV Aircraft Australia (RVAA)**  
**Annual General Meeting at Serpentine WA**  
**9th March 2024**  
**MINUTES**

**Meeting Opening:** 10.10 am

**PRESENT:** Alan & Suzanne Carlisle, Richard & Debby Raymond, Tim & Michelle Ellerton, John Brumpton, Shirley Harding, Montie Lester, Milan Zaklan, Mahl Oakes, Shane Finley, Neville & Mandy Witty, Rob Montgomery, Rick Verwoord, Phil Maley, Clint Wood, Kevin Nash, Martin Ford, Richard Talbot, Bill Grant, Martin Susans, Steve Vojkovic, Jos Bonnie, Peter McMurtrie, John & Heather Siebert, Michael Pappalardo, Carl Boulton, Bo Hannington, Andrew Schmidt, Andrew Hurst, Darryl Koch, Jason Sparkes, James Hart, Gavin Ennis, Ross Woodward, Colin Coxall, Mark Evans, Brian & Stephanie Moore, Paul McVitty, David Tait, Derek Hoffmeister, Craig Petterson, Lachie Price, Karen Price.

**APOLOGIES:** Ashley Miller, Andrew Hogarth, Doug Sprigg, Wendy Featherstone, Warren Canning, Jeff Rowlands, Doug McCullough, Steve Pegler, Lou Merritt, Steven Musgrove, Rob Redman, Danny Beger, Tony Stevenson, Steve Nelson, Stan Lewis.

It was moved that the apologies be accepted.

Proposed: Shirley Harding, Seconded: Bo Hannington.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** (As recently emailed to members as Appendix A of the AGM Agenda.)

**Business Arising:** The RV-6 graphic had been missing from the front page of the RVAA website. This has now been fixed.

It was moved that the minutes as distributed be accepted:

Proposed: John Siebert, Seconded: Carl Boulton. Carried by a show of hands.

**Welcome extended to special guests:**

Derek Hoffmeister from the ATSB will deliver a presentation on completion of the AGM.

Craig Petterson from CASA is available for any questions at today's gathering.

David Tait from Agile Insurance. David will address the meeting in General Business.

**VALE:** The President noted the sad passing of Michael Hart of Port Lincoln, and Jon Elder of Narromine.

**THE REPORT OF PRESIDENT ALAN CARLISLE:** refer Appendix B below, as emailed to members prior to the AGM.

It was moved that the President's report be adopted. Proposed: Alan Carlisle, Seconded: Richard Raymond. Carried by a show of hands.

**THE REPORT OF TREASURER RICHARD RAYMOND:** Refer Appendix C below, as emailed to members prior to the AGM.

It was moved that the Treasurer's report be adopted. Proposed: Montie Lester, Seconded: Shirley Harding. Carried by a show of hands.

#### **ELECTIONS:**

For Incorporated Associations, the Executive and Committee positions must be selected by the membership yearly at the AGM. All 2023 positions were declared vacant, and the new roles and nominees were as follows:

##### **President:**

Moved by Tim Ellerton that Alan Carlisle be nominated for the position of President.  
Seconded by Richard Raymond and Carried by a show of hands.

##### **Vice President:**

Moved by Alan Carlisle that John Brumpton be nominated for the position of Vice President.  
Seconded by Doug McCullough and Carried by a show of hands.

##### **Secretary:** (must be a Queensland resident due to Incorporation laws).

Moved by Richard Raymond that Tim Ellerton be nominated for the position of Secretary.  
Seconded by Alan Carlisle and Carried by a show of hands.

##### **Treasurer:**

Moved by Alan Carlisle that Richard Raymond be nominated for the position of Treasurer.  
Seconded by John Brumpton and Carried by a show of hands.

##### **Committee Positions:**

Moved by Alan Carlisle that the following members be nominated for the position of Committee members; Doug McCullough, Robert Sharples, Shirley Harding and Milan Zaklan.  
Seconded by Richard Raymond, Carried by a show of hands.

Montie Lester kindly agreed to remain in the role of Safety Officer for another year.

There were no alternate nominations and this concluded the Election portion of the meeting.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**Agile Insurance:** David Tait described the growth in the number of RVAA members availing themselves of the keenly-priced aircraft cover arranged between RVAA and Agile: he now covers 300 of the 613 Vans aircraft registered with CASA. Agile also has a premises liability cover (i.e. hangar) option too. David mentioned the pleasingly low rates of RV accident claims – in fact zero claims so far this year. Historically there are fewer claims for nosewheel aircraft versus tailwheel.

**Flight Youth Engineering:** Richard Raymond gave a video presentation and spoke on behalf of Ashley Miller on the successes of the RV student-build project based at a high school in Caboolture, (two RV12's completed, and now progressing with third airframe) and how FYE plans to expand the program interstate. Since FYE started, 5 Caboolture students have now gained their RPC and are flying these aircraft, and some graduates have already taken openings in the aviation sector.

With regard to offering modest sponsorship of this forward-looking aviation industry project, it has been moved by Doug McCullough that the RVAA supports youth participation in aviation by creating, as a standing motion, "that the RVAA donates ten (10) per cent of our closing ordinary bank balance at the end of each financial year to support Australian youth in building and flying RV aircraft". The Motion was Seconded by Shirley Harding and Carried by a show of hands.

**Montie Lester** gave an overview of his roles and responsibilities as Safety Officer, and invited input and participation from the membership.

**Lachie Price**, a young Perth entrepreneur, gave a presentation on his Lock Chock products – a range of 3D-printed wheel chocks, headset holders, fuel drain brackets etc. He also invited members to drop in for coffee on Sunday at his family strip at White Gum, 50NM east of YPPH.

**2025 AGM:** In the absence of a NT member available to organise next year's AGM, the 2025 meeting skips the NT and will be held in Queensland. Candidate venues include Caboolture, Bundaberg, Shute Harbour, Warwick, Longreach, or other locations. The committee welcomes feedback from members in order to select an appropriate airstrip in the immediate future.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Nil raised.

**Meeting closed:** 10:40am

(After a tea break, David Hoffmeister from the ATSB gave an interesting presentation centred on RV aircraft incidents and learnings.)

## **APPENDIX B – PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

2023 was another good year. Our membership has continued to increase with numbers just under 190. As a result, our membership income is approaching \$6,000. Membership will continue to increase as RV owners and builders learn about the RVAA. We have had our first member join as a result of having our link on the Van’s Aircraft website. RVAA members actively support and mentor various projects throughout the country.

The Treasurer will address the finances in depth as they appear in the Annual report.

Hosting an AGM with bus hire, food and drink and the cost of presentations to guests are manageable costs. As our finances strengthen the RVAA is spending more in terms of making our AGM an enjoyable and eventful fly in.

This year for example, we have extended the bus hire to facilitate members who chose to arrive a few days earlier and became tourists. We are not trying to become the wealthiest flying club in Australia, we are attempting to ensure RV flyers have safe and enjoyable social interactions. This year CASA has provided a safety grant to the RVAA to assist in the hosting of our AGM. We are indebted to CASA for their generosity and to the ATSB for taking the time to address our members this year.

Our relationship with Agile goes from strength to strength, with 65% of our members utilising the most competitive insurance deal that is on the market.

It takes a small group of volunteers to keep the RVAA ticking along. Each and every one of them makes a difference. Some however do just that little bit more. I’d like to acknowledge the work done by Milan Zaklan and his team to make this weekend memorable. A lot of work goes into planning a safe fly-in. To Committeeman Zak, thank you.

Our Secretary Ashley Miller is stepping down from his role due to a variety of reasons. We are deeply grateful that Ashley took the position during the formative years of the Association. His vision and council is deeply appreciated. Ashley’s successor will be elected this morning. As the Association is Incorporated in Queensland, the Secretary must reside in that state.

No one should forget the work and effort our Treasurer does every single day to keep the RVAA in cruise mode. Without Richard and Debby Raymond the RVAA would fall into a huge heap. Richard has to be the hardest working member of the team and we are all blessed for his efforts. Thank you Richard.

Our webmaster Doug McCullough is the interface that makes our social platform the link that keeps us informed. The hours Doug puts into ensuring we remain connected is amazing. Especially so when he and Robyn spent the best part of last year road tripping around Australia. Many a newsletter was sent when Doug drove back into internet range, hard work and great job, thank you.

We must also acknowledge the work of Chris Deardon to ensure our IT interface runs smoothly.

Facebook... As some of you know, I don’t do Facebook, but I know a good percentage of RV flyers do. The continuous work and effort of John Brumpton and Sian Rickards to manage our Facebook page is phenomenal. Thank you both.

Mr & Mrs Merchandise, Tim and Michelle Ellerton, manage a very visible portfolio that promotes the Association. We’ll never make a fortune on merchandising, but we will have some memories of our travels to the RVAA AGM’s.

Finally, I'd like to thank Montie Lester for volunteering to be our Safety Officer. This is a really important portfolio and needs constant attention. Safe RV operations are paramount.

We continue to advocate on behalf of our members. Some of the notable achievements in 2023 were:

CASA have stated in a written reply that Prop AD1 does not apply to experimental aircraft. This allows RV owners to use our propellers beyond the 600 hours overhaul limit.

Submissions were successfully made to CASA regarding forthcoming rule changes on aircraft maintenance.

Fuel discounts were negotiated with Lowes Fuel (BP) for continued access to BP Fuel Carnets. As a bonus a 5 cents per litre discount was added. This was negotiated by the RVAA on behalf of the entire GA community!

With IOR fuels we enjoy an 8 cents per litre discount.

We have produced a guide to support the hosting an AGM. This, coupled with an Emergency Procedures Response document, will form the procedural backbone of our annual fly-in AGMs.

Finally, when you elected a President you also obtained Suzanne working in the background, nothing happens in the RVAA without Suzannes help; thank you.

Alan Carlisle.

## APPENDIX C – TREASURER'S REPORT

### FINANCIALS 2023/2024

#### Income

Individual Membership dues	\$2819.43
Membership dues received from Agile Insurance	\$2880.00
2023 AGM weekend food/merchandise/membership sales	\$2931.28
2024 CASA AGM hosting grant	\$2250.00
Merchandise sales	\$190.00

**Total income** **\$11070.71**

#### Expenses 2023

AGM hosting food/bus hire	-\$1825.77
Merchandise purchases	-\$1336.74
Internet design/domain hosting	-\$1200.00
Donations to FYE on behalf of members	-\$710.00
Donation to FYE	-\$400.00
Merchandise sales on behalf of FYE	-\$260.00
Bereavement flowers	-\$112.90
EFT 'point of sale 'device purchase	-\$68.00
Annual submission fees	-\$60.05
Bank fees	-\$20.08
Postage	-\$19.90

**Total Expenses** **-\$6013.44**

**Excess Income over Expenditure** **\$5057.27**

Balance sheet at 01st January 2023 **\$2329.66**

Plus income over expenditure **\$5057.27**

Bank Balance at 31st December 2023 **\$7386.93**

Liabilities **Nil**

R. B. Raymond