

**SECRETARY'S REPORT - A summary of monthly events and activities**

NOVEMBER 08

- Paragliding school NEVHGC fees discussed and amended
- Vandals damage Mystic launch matting again, and roll some of the protective boulders down the hill
- Landing paddock mowed
- Hancocks lease payment made
- Mystic lane graded
- Cahill running badly behind schedule to finish mystic launch surface, and requesting a further \$1,540 over and above the agreed \$5,180 to complete
- Ongoing negotiations with Hancocks by **JR** attempting to get rid of the pine trees adjacent to the LZ get nowhere. Hancocks will abide solely to the terms of the present 21 year lease. **JR** attempting to manoeuvre around Hancocks by approaching other Govt Depts (Crown Land Management)

DECEMBER 08

- Committee debating the best way of doing membership checks and eliminating the use of helmet stickers
- President seeking alterations to CTA boundaries through RAPAC and CASA
- Cahill declares Mystic launch complete and request payment – committee members inspect launch and declare work unfinished, deferring final payment

JANUARY

- Committee meet (Detailed minutes available) summarized:-
  - Helmet stickers to be dispensed with and on-line registration to be put in place
  - Landowners Christmas gifts to stop, replaced by card
  - Google Groups document storage to be trialed for committee documents
  - Insurance to be considered for Mystic launch surface
  - Routine administration (Road grading, signage etc)

FEBRUARY

- Proposition to charge half fees for first time AAA pilots competing in next year's Bright Open rejected by committee

- Flying restricted by DSE because of bushfires. Warnings and notices issued to members
- Another committee meeting called (Detailed minutes available) summarized:-
  - Seminars for, and appointment of, Safety Officers
  - Club's current financial status reviewed – very little extra expenditure possible
  - More routine administration
  - Breakdown and redistribution of Chairman's workload. Chairman announces his decision not to nominate for his position at next AGM

## MARCH

- Intense and prolonged debate over replacement of vandalized boulders – Stadelmanns replace these boulders at cost, and some boulders were retrieved by club member volunteer work gangs.
- Cease operation of The Pines mobile phone wind talker
- Continued flying and Mystic launch access restrictions due to bushfires
- Request put out to members to supply incident reports of landing problems caused by the adjacent pine trees to Mystic LZ, to assist in a case for tree removal
- On line membership established, the Membership Secretary/ Treasurer emails members the details of club membership numbers for the past 6 years
- Craig Collins request the club fit , and pay for, a style or gate in a Freeborough property occasionally used as an emergency landing for pilots getting too low in that area.
- Another committee meeting called (Detailed minutes available) summarized:-
  - Financial situation remains very tight
  - A schedule for essential works could not be drawn up until more funds were available to pay for it
  - The Freeborough property landing paddock gate to be costed and a grant requested from VHPA
  - Membership checks to take place on Mystic launch at the three busiest times of the year. Members to be advised
  - A newsletter to members to be put out twice per year

## APRIL

- Notice put out to members to avoid . so far as possible, landing in the Freeborough property until the gate issue has been sorted
- President submits applications for VHPA funding for (a) a gate in the Freeborough property landing paddock fence (b) monies for Xmas gifts to local landowners allowing use of their properties.(a) is accepted, (b) is rejected

## MAY

- Committee members examine Mystic launch surface, declare it complete and Cahill finally paid

- Jason Reid grades Mystic lane free of charge after a tandem flight with Garrit Verway

## JUNE

- NEVHGC Safety Officers approved:-

Peter Broughton  
Carolyn Dennis  
Heinz Bobner  
Barb Scott  
Clinton Arnall  
Matthew Hall  
Peter Whitworth  
Greg Walsh  
Garrit Verway  
Ted Jenkins  
Bill Brooks  
Brett Robinson  
Rob MacDermot  
William Oates  
Fred Gungl  
Alistair Johnson  
Adam Nienkemper  
John Greenwood

Senior Safety Officers approved

Karl Texler  
Brian Webb

- Thank you card made up and sent to Jason Reid
- Club membership data bank handed to Brian Webb to set up on-line membership

## JULY

- Treasurer advised that CAV (Consumer Affairs Victoria) are overdue financial statements for 2006 through to 2009
- Treasurer emails members showing current club membership numbers at 172 full and 132 associate
- President, Secretary and Treasurer hold meetings reconstructing financial operations from past records to complete required CAV submissions. These are sent off, apart from the 2009 statement, which is required to be lodged subsequent to this meeting
- Request received from Bogong cup organizer for temporary membership fee reduction for his comp. Denied due to club financial constraint

## AUGUST

- President puts forward a proposal that VHPA take over financing Mystic, getting the funds using the HGFA SARSIG system. Final decision to be voted on by the members at the AGM
- President drafts projected annual costs for Mystic at \$22,000 for 2010/2011, amended to \$22,500 after committee discussion, then sent to VHPA prior to their AGM
- Brian Webb has membership on-line working – members advised
- Proposed and agreed that Karl Texler senior (65 + year old on-flying member) be given provisional (non-flying) membership as he may be negotiating with Hancocks regarding the trees issue at the LZ (after handover from Jo Rainczuk).
- Brian Webb attends public info meeting with Hancocks, briefed to debate the LZ tree removal, however, thrust of meeting was more general community oriented. Valuable feedback regarding logging schedule obtained.
- Draft proposal for Mystic funding received from VHPA for this committee's consideration.

## SEPTEMBER

- Additional signs added to existing ones regarding pilots' HGFA and NEVHGC membership requirements to fly Mystic
- Modified version of VHPA Mystic management proposal returned to VHPA
- President emails a proposed airspace modification application to HGFA general Manager (Refers to CTA boundaries around Myrtleford and The Pines)
- President propose to hold AGM Sunday 01/11 – Agreed
- Members informed of proposed management of Mystic by VHPA
- Committee approve the president's draft documents for (a) VHPA submission to HGFA (b) memorandum of agreement between VHPA and NEVHGC concerning Mystic management

## OCTOBER

- Mystic car park sign erected
- Further consideration to insurance of Mystic launch surface investigated with the conclusion that there would be significant premiums involved – will be put to the membership at the AGM.
- Committee discussing what is involved in ensuring a safe helicopter landing on Mystic launch
- 4 peaks run approved for use of Mystic