



Meeting Notes

LFC General Meeting 10 April 2016

Around 20 LFC members attended the general meeting, with apologies from:

- Jock Folan
- Phil Anthony
- Marjy Grosvenor
- Graeme Holmes
- Mark Pitcher
- Ray Morris
- Kevin Hanrahan

Memberships and Finances

Russ Grosvenor reported a membership of 81, with four or five new ones to be added. Approximately 50% of those that signed up for the club's first year of operation did not renew their membership.

The bank account currently has \$4600 in it and we are holding \$300 in cash. At this point the \$30 per year for the website is the only constant outgoing.

Merchandise

There are only 25 caps left unsold.

The meeting decided polo shirts could be popular and elected to explore buying charcoal-grey shirts to sell to members and others. Jenny Gust, who has a merchandising business, volunteered to handle this one. Steve Hitchen to liaise with Jenny to get some pricing.

The group also thought having some stickers made up could be a good idea.

LFS Open Day

Neroli briefed the meeting on the LFS Open Day on 30 April and called for volunteers from the club ranks to help out. The day will be a showcase for the flying school, not for other operators on the airport such as the skydivers and helicopter ops. There will be some flying, but most of the action will be on the ground with hangar tours for the public, a video competition, seminars and speakers. This event is an experiment. Volunteers to help out on the day can contact Neroli nerolim@lilydaleairport.com.au.

Events

Porepunkah Report: Fifteen club member and seven planes attended the Porepunkah/Bright fly-away weekend on 19-20 March. All enjoyed the weekend very much and some members requested this to be an annual event.

Inter-club Flying Competition: Bob Irvine is co-ordinating LFC's team for the next comp day at Tyabb. Last time LFC came away with second place in the flour bomb competition. This time the comp is slightly different. A team member on the ground will have to chip or putt a golf ball to the target from wherever the flour bomb lands. Pilots wanting to compete are to contact Bob Irvine on 0419 703 719.

Point Cook Trip: Point Cook Flying Club has offered to host us for the day after a visit to the RAAF Museum. We will need permission from airfield management to fly in there, but the conditions are being tightened. Steve Hitchen to co-ordinate with PCFC and advise a date. PCFC have suggested we try to co-ordinate with one of the RAAF open days.

Melbourne Cup Weekend Fly-away: Several options were discussed for a fly-away on Melbourne Cup Weekend Saturday 29 October – Tuesday 1 November. The group settled on Hobart. We need to take note that RAAus aircraft cannot use Cambridge as it is inside controlled airspace. Another airport will have to be found. Roger Merridew suggested Sandfly. David Marty to organise this one.

LFC/LFS Winter Dinner

LFC has taken over organising the Winter Dinner. This year the venue will be Fergusson Winery at Dixons Creek Friday 1 July at 7.00 pm. The menu is a three-course meal with a choice of three entrees, spit roast main and a choice of three desserts. At the moment the keynote speaker is to be Dave Wheatland, chief test pilot at Mahindra Aerospace/GippsAero, but a back-up will have to be found if Dave is called away to the USA at the last minute. Cost at this stage is \$60 per head. The Winter Dinner is usually very well supported and LFC encourages all members to come along. Steve Hitchen will produce a flyer and circulate soonest possible.

General Business

Mentor and PPL Careers Program: LFS liaison for this program Dave Woodland has left for Vortex Air at Moorabbin. A new LFS instructor will need to be found before the program can be progressed. Mentors and mentees have already been assigned and the mentor program is progressing well.

Signage for Airport Entry and Building: Steve Hitchen will do some mock-ups and co-ordinate with YVA and Scott Patterson.

Student Memberships: Anthony Jones suggested free memberships for people attending the Open Day. There was not a lot of support for this, but it was suggested we could offer discounted memberships for students, new PPLs and RA-Aus Pilot Certificates. The idea was floated to announce the discounted memberships on the Wings Afternoon later this year. Students need to have some incentive to join. We need to do things like matching student pilots to empty fly-away seats so students can also participate.

New Members: Peter Holyoake suggested as we are getting three-four new members per month that a member of the committee should contact each person to welcome them on board.

Hargreaves Hill: It was also suggested a good non-aviation event would be a Hargreaves Hill night in Yarra Glen. This is an informal wine/beer/food night that is not expensive and is generally a good night out. Russ Grosvenor to investigate and advise.

Club Breakfasts: Graham Bunn raised the idea of Sunday breakfasts to free up the rest of the day for other commitments. It was suggested a brunch with pancakes and so forth, inviting other groups to fly-in to Lilydale for the day.

Future Meetings: The members decided that a general meeting such as this one should be held every quarter. The time will be moved to 2.00 pm with the BBQ finishing at 1.30 pm on that day.

The date of the next meeting is to be advised.