

## **From The President, Aeromodellers NSW Inc**

### **Update on the December 2015 General Monthly Management Committee Meeting and the Extraordinary Management Committee Meeting to vote on changes to the Constitution of Aeromodellers NSW Inc.**

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As most of you will be aware Aeromodellers NSW held its normal General Monthly Management Committee Meeting and an Extraordinary Management Committee Meeting on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December at Dooley's Waterview club Silverwater.

These meetings were restricted to Club Delegates and Club Members who are affiliated through Aeromodellers NSW Inc.

We had attendance from 52 individuals from 17 clubs. To supplement this we also had postal votes and proxies from 22 clubs.

As outlined in our Constitution we could only accept votes from those Clubs who had a membership of 10 or more individuals who are affiliated through the Club to Aeromodellers NSW Inc.

Of our 84 clubs there are 24 with less than 10 members. Of the 60 clubs eligible to vote we had formal votes from 39 clubs. This leaves 21 clubs that for whatever reason chose not to cast their votes.

Both meetings were videotaped in order to allow us to provide to our member clubs a full record of the proceedings. Those clubs that would like to view videos of the meetings please contact our Secretary Mr Tim Nolan to obtain the links for downloading.

It is important to note that the decision to ask the members their views and to vote on a change to the Constitution is not a vote on whether or not to break away from MAAA, but rather one on changing the wording within our Constitution that directs us to operate under MAAA rules. MAAA has already voted at the Mid-Year Presidents' Conference to not recognise any of the current three NSW Associations as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016. We as an Association will not be able to work within the MAAA framework if we are not recognised.

If the vote had been successful in changing the Constitution we would have removed the references to MAAA but would still have had the option of working with MAAA within the MAAA framework should the situation change. This would only have given us a level of freedom of choice should we have needed it.

During the General Monthly Management Committee Meeting I provided an update on the progress of all meetings and discussions that I have attended involving the unification process. I also informed the meeting that your Executive is still trying to work with CLAS NSW and the NSW FFS to come to a workable solution that will allow all MAAA Aeromodellers in NSW to work under the one organisation.

The voting process for the first motion to move the 2016 AGM by up to six months only required 50% of the votes cast to be accepted.

The voting process for the remaining 10 motions which involved changes to the Constitution required that 75% of the total votes cast must agree to the changes before they can be carried.

The voting results were as follows:

Motion	Present		Postal		Total		Votes Cast	%For	% to Carry	Carried/Defeated
	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against				
<b>Motion 1</b>	14	3	14	8	28	11	39	71.79%	50%	Carried
<b>Motion 2</b>	14	3	12	10	26	13	39	66.67%	75%	Defeated
<b>Motion 3</b>	14	3	12	10	26	13	39	66.67%	75%	Defeated
<b>Motion 4</b>	14	3	12	10	26	13	39	66.67%	75%	Defeated
<b>Motion 5</b>	14	3	12	10	26	13	39	66.67%	75%	Defeated
<b>Motion 6</b>	14	3	10	11	24	14	38	63.16%	75%	Defeated
<b>Motion 7</b>	14	3	12	10	26	13	39	66.67%	75%	Defeated
<b>Motion 8</b>	14	3	12	10	26	13	39	66.67%	75%	Defeated
<b>Motion 9</b>	14	3	12	10	26	13	39	66.67%	75%	Defeated
<b>Motion 10</b>	14	3	12	10	26	13	39	66.67%	75%	Defeated
<b>Motion 11</b>	14	3	12	10	26	13	39	66.67%	75%	Defeated

You will see that following extensive question and answer sessions during the course of the meetings that the vote from those present in the room was overwhelmingly in favour of the Constitutional changes. The votes cast as postal votes did not have the same result.

It is obvious that this whole process of unification is causing much comment and there is an enormous amount of misinformation doing the rounds.

I would like to thank all clubs and individuals for their input, especially those country clubs from Wagga, Port Macquarie, Gunnedah, Dubbo and Wybung who travelled long distances to the meeting and voiced their support for the manner in which we are providing what information is available to us.

Regards

Bob Carpenter

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