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## Control Line SIG AGM 5/1/2018 7 pm

Held at the Vintage Car Clubrooms at the 2018 Nationals

### **Present:**

As appended list

### **Apologies:**

Daniel Munro, Dave Wright, Danny Walker, Don Robinson (arrived subsequently)

### **Last SIG AGM minutes:**

- No outstanding actions
- Dave Ackery moved they be accepted; seconded by Bryce Gibson

The **Chairman's Report for 2017** read by Dave Thornley proposed they be accepted by Dave Ackery; seconded by Rob Wallace.

The **Treasurers Report for 2017** was read by Kevin Barnes. Proposed they be accepted by ? seconded by David Thornley

A remit was passed to setup an emergency fund of \$400 as support for control line events which have costs and issues beyond their control e.g. weather. Proposed by Kevin Barnes; seconded by Dave Ackery. Passed.

There was some discussion regarding charity status for donations to C/L funds. Kevin Barnes advised those who have donated funds, should ensure he has their details as the donations are tax deductible and he will issue a donation certificate.

The Secretary was not present so the Secretary's report was not read.

### **Location of 2019 Nationals.**

- Assuming the hard circle at New Plymouth is used like it was in 2017, there needs to be a day between the hard circle events and the Matamata events to allow travel from New Plymouth to Matamata.
- There was some discussion about an alternative hard circle to New Plymouth for the Matamata 2019 Nats. The Porter Group has a suitable site but due to company policy, the use of this facility has been refused.
- Ohakea in the Manawatu has a suitable circle but permission to use was declined by the defense department.
- Cambridge netball courts are a possibility.

### **Provision of new hard circle**

- Following work on the Clareville hard circle, the circle is looking good and should be usable for the foreseeable future

### **2018 Control Line World Champs**

- 4 raffle prizes have been donated for a second raffle to raise funds for the World Champs
- Rob Wallace may not be able to go to the Team Trials; Kevin Barnes can be a backup
- There was some discussion about prizes for future raffles which appeal to the wider community to increase ticket sales e.g. a \$150 Pak n Save voucher etc

### **Appointment of SIG Committee 2018**

- Existing committee willing to stand again although the chairman welcomed any nominations for this position
- David Thornley elected as Chairman
- Kevin Barnes elected as Treasurer
- Danny Munro elected as Secretary
- Andrew Robinson elected to the committee
- Bryce Gibson and Danny Walker remain on the committee
- Adrian Hamilton will be ex committee but stunt series co-ordinator

### **General Business**

There was some discussion of the "incident" in Slow Combat. It was mentioned that the slow combat rules overlap the FAI rules and the interpretation of these rules can cause confusion to flyers. Bryce Gibson offered to write a full set of separate rules for NZ slow combat. Offer accepted by meeting.

Noted that tempers flared in the bout concerned, this will be followed up with the SIG and MFNZ Competition Manager, for the most appropriate action.

Neil Lickford noted a big thank you for those who did the maintenance on the Clareville hard circle.

Kevin asked if there was a trophy for Classic Aerobatics. He said there is a South Island stunt trophy which could be repurposed as a trophy for this event.

F2C needs another prize award as it is a team event.

The meeting closed at 7:45pm

# 2018 AGM ATTENDEES

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ANDREW ROBINSON	2254
Adrian Hamilton	8487
Bryce Gibson	4147
Brandon Robinson	2255
Glen Lewis	1824
Rod Brown	4716
Rob Wallace	2550
DAVID ACKERY	1001
Kevin Barnes	8590
Rob Morgan	10860
DAVID THORNLEY	
PHIL ELDRIDGE	
CARL LICKFOLD	
NEIL LICKFOLD	
DON ROBINSON	2256
GRAEME CHRISTIE	

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Control Line SIG  
Model Flying New Zealand  
Receipts and Payments Account to 31 October 2017

	<u>Interim to 18</u> <u>Dec 2017</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Inwards</b>			
Nats entries (after exps)	-	364.00	210.00
World Champs grant ex MFNZ	-	-	9,424.00
Interest	-	3.22	6.21
Stunt Series funds	35.00	75.00	
Hard circle donations	2,877.00	1,380.00	-
Donation ex Pacific funds	-	750.00	
World champs fundraiser	-	360.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>2,912.00</b>	<b>2,932.22</b>	<b>9,640.21</b>
<b>Outwards</b>			
World Champs grants paid	-	-	9,424.00
Stunt series exps	-	-	100.00
Carterton circle maintenance	1,890.93	-	-
New Plymouth circle maintenance	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>1,890.93</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,524.00</b>
<b>Receipts over payments</b>	<b>\$ 1,021.07</b>	<b>\$ 2,932.22</b>	<b>\$ 116.21</b>
Opening Bank Balance	5,496.66	2,564.44	2,448.23
<b>Total Funds available</b>	<b>\$ 6,517.73</b>	<b>\$ 5,496.66</b>	<b>\$ 2,564.44</b>
<b>Specific funds held</b>			
World champs funds	360.00	360.00	
Hard Circle funds - general	1,866.07	880.00	
Hard Circle funds - New Plymouth	500.00	500.00	
	<b>2,726.07</b>	<b>1,740.00</b>	

The key financial activity has been the work on the circle at Carterton

This was a mixture of donations and volunteer labour

While the work has occurred, this year, there will be on going work to maintain the circle probably every two years

This is expected to cost approximately \$2,000 each time - mainly in grinding disks

The key benefit of maintaining the Carterton circle is the ability to have a comined Nats

In addition there is a repeat of the stunt score sheets reprint to occur this year

Overall we are in a reasonable shape but it will be good to continue to grow the hard circle funds

**Kevin Barnes**

**29 December 2017**

## Chairman's Report

This year has been one of little change. I guess for a minority discipline such as ours, this is all we can expect. However, no growth really means a slow decline, as other model flying disciplines grow, whereas active participants in CL grow older, ultimately join the great circle in the sky, and are not replaced.

We need more fresh blood in the sport and somehow we have to find ways to attract new participants into CL. I believe one of our main focus points should be to increase participation. Maybe some new, more fun based CL events rather than the traditional heavily competitive ones flown at present.

It greatly concerns me that in combat there are no new participants. It's just too difficult for new fliers to jump in and start competing. I personally know of three pilots who intended to have a crack but backed off before having a try. Unless we find some way of inducting and encouraging new novice pilots, combat will become extinct. This is why I am very much against any increase in speed; we should be making it slower and more fun. This year in the north island there has been only one event for combat apart from these NATS, which DID attract nine competitors.

In F2B, I was hopeful that after the Rotorua meeting we might get Rene Berringer (ex world champion) joining us in F2B, but nothing has materialised.

## Remits

There have been five rule remits voted on this year,

- The first was a name clarification remit which attracted the grand total of two votes in favour.
- The second was a favourable vote for the formal introduction of FAI classic team racing
- The third was a favourable vote to accept a re-format and word processor tidy up of the overall rules. I would like to thank Don Robinson for his time and diligence in checking my re-formatting work to make sure there were no material changes to the rules. He picked up a number of errors and I am really grateful for his assistance. What a man for detail!
- The fourth remit was a favourable vote to allow two models in slow combat with a third model being allowed for the final.
- The fifth remit was a remit to allow a speed increase in slow combat. Despite having a majority in favour it failed, under the MFNZ rules for remit voting. In my short time as a NZ CL flier, this is the second time that this remit has been submitted and voted out. I understand that the proposer now plans to re-submit it again later this year on the basis that it might attract enough votes to pass.

## Clareville Hard Circle

The CL circle, here at Clareville was giving concern to team racers about its condition and in October there was a weekend working bee to grind down the rough surface and fill cracks. Before that, Martin Szeto, Andrew Robinson and Rob Wallace had come up and done some preliminary preparation and filling. I don't think the bee would have happened if it had not been for the efforts of Bryce Gibson and Martin to organise the weekend and encourage those who did help to come along. Thank you to all those that came to help, especially those that don't actually fly TR.

The work did not end then, because subsequently the circle needed re-marking and thanks to Brendon Robinson for organising the paint and markers needed so that it could be done at the start of the NATS.

All the TR fliers that I have spoken to have expressed satisfaction with the circle condition.

I copied the reports from the weekend to Jonathon Shorer and I am pleased to announce that Kevin and myself were invited to submit a CAPEX for \$1000 to cover part of the remediation cost from NATS funds, on the basis that it helped to keep CL at the Clareville site during this and future NATS.

This has recently been granted and the money transferred to our account. Kevin's report does not show the funds due to it being created before the transfer.

### **Hard Circle Maintenance Fund**

The CL fliers donation fund for support of R & M of Clareville and New Plymouth has attracted reasonable funds as will be detailed by Kevin later. To all those who have donated, thank you for your personal support.

### **France WC's**

This year, the world champs will be held in France and there will be NZ pilots competing. A funding request has been submitted to council and Kevin will report on this. Trials have been held to ensure those going meet reasonable standards. After the Perth WC's we were criticised because of our lack of communication back to NZ during the event. Justified or not, this criticism does have an effect on future chances for funding, so this year I hope someone will take on the role of daily reporting back via a facebook page or to the CL forum pages. If you want support its necessary to give back in return.

### **Publicity**

CL is very much a minority discipline within MFNZ and it's absolutely vital that we keep our profile as high as possible in order to ensure that we get as much support, both financial and general from MFNZ council. This was the reasoning behind my efforts to have CL "give it a go" sessions at this 70th NATS. Thanks to all those that supported the idea, unfortunately the poster promoting the sessions was not included in the immediate preceding MFW (along with material from other SIGS). We have held one successful session this Nats, unfortunately the others were rained off.

I think that last year we did a great job in having meeting reports etc in almost every copy of MFW. We need to keep this up. At every meeting we need to see if any one will step forward and write it up for MFW. I would like to see an article in MFW about the engineering that goes into modern F2B machines, particularly the knock down construction, differential flaps and the electric systems. The construction and development work that goes into FAI TR would also; I am sure, be of interest to modellers. I plan to pursue certain people this year to help me write a couple of MFW articles along these lines

### **2019 NATS**

The next NATS will probably return to Matamata. This gives us the recurring problem of a hard circle location. We have investigated two possible locations for a circle within reasonable distance of Matamata and Rob Wallace will report on results later.

### **These NATS Slow Combat Incident**

I believe most of you will have heard about what has been described as "flight and fight" behaviour of a pair of competitors during slow combat this NATS. Whatever happened during the preceding bout, there is absolutely no justification to use physical violence and threatening behaviour in an attempt to resolve a rule dispute with the opposing pilot. This brings the sport (which is what we are supposed to be doing) into disrepute. I have spoken to the MFNZ competition secretary about the subject and his recommendation is to formally notify the people involved that behaviour as exhibited, will not be tolerated. He needs SIG approval to do this, and I will be in

discussion with the SIG committee shortly to seek this approval. At a world championship, similar behaviour would result in DQ from the championship and probable suspension of their competition licence.

David Thornley.

### CL SIG AGM Agenda

Date: 7.0pm, Jan 5, 2018, Vintage Car Club Room, Carterton 2018 NATS

1. Apologies
2. Last Meeting Minutes:
  - Any actions on same
3. Chairman's Report for 2017
4. Treasurers Report:
5. Secretary's Report
6. Location of 2019 Nationals, CL hard circle location and timing for hard circle events.
7. Provision of new hard circle.
  - Report on Establishment of a New Circle Research Group.
8. Maintenance of existing hard circles.
  - Maintenance funding account and MFNZ funding
9. 2018 World Champs:
  - Funding, Trials.
10. Appointment of SIG Committee for 2018
11. Any other business