



Hornsby Electric Model Flying Club

2016 AGM Minutes – 3rd July 2016

Attendees:

Matthew D'Souza	Rajeev Katarya	Basil Smith	Stewart Thornton
Marcel Lehrer	Ian Smalley	Grant Lowe	Trevor Prinsloo
David Bartlett	John Anderson	Steve Rickard	Ken Craddock
Henry Hua	K.C. Tam	Ed Drakes	Geoff Stanfield
Rod Nordsvan	Ian Friery	Louis Abdilla	Carl Bower
Chris Tindall	Nicholas Allen	George Sampson	Ken Petersen
Terry Potesta	Ben Nordsvan	Craig Atkins	John Bartram
John Pellicano	Tom Pecar	Stephen King	Warwick Sedgwick
David Marley	Rex Broadbent	Richard McDonald	

Apologies:

Alistair Bennetts	Barry Phair
Isaac Broadbent	Joshua Abdilla
Damien Stevens	Andrew Szente
Kahl Eckersley	Peter Brown

1.1. Meeting opened at the Fagan Park flying field at 10:00 am.

2. Reports & Minutes – agenda

2.1. Last year's AGM minutes accepted by Ken Craddock , seconded by Ken Petersen

2.2. President's report accepted by John Pellicano seconded by John Bartram.
(See appendix A)

2.3. Treasurer's report accepted by Steve Rickard seconded by Rex Broadbent.
(See appendix B)

2.4. Secretary's report accepted by Geoff Stanfield seconded Tom Pecar.
(See appendix C)

2.5. Members attendance report accepted by Louis Abdilla seconded by Geoff Stanfield
(See appendix D)

3. Election of Office Holders

3.1. President:

Ian Friery was nominated by Geoff Stanfield and seconded by Ken Craddock

He was elected unanimously.

3.2. Vice President:

Rod Nordsvan was nominated by John Bartram and seconded by Ed Drakes

He was elected unanimously.

3.3. Treasurer:

John Pellicano was nominated by Ian Friery and seconded by Geoff Stanfield.

He was elected unanimously.

3.4. Secretary:

Louis Abdilla was nominated by Geoff Stanfield and seconded by Rod Nordsvan.

He was elected unanimously.

3.5. Safety Officers:

A call for volunteers for the positions of Safety Officer was made. The following volunteered:

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| - Peter Brown | - John Bartram |
| - Ken Craddock | - Richard McDonald |
| - Darren Critchley | - John Pellicano |
| - Ed Drakes | - Ben Nordsvan |
| - Marcel Lehrer | - Ken Petersen |

All nominations were accepted.

4. General business:

- 4.1. Rod Nordsvan nominated Geoff Stanfield to become a life member of HEMFC. This was unanimously voted and approved by all members.
- 4.2. (Geoff Stanfield) reminded everybody about Flying Etiquette, safety and boundaries and the importance of adhering to it. It is available on the web site.
- 4.3. (Geoff Stanfield) discussed the purchasing of a fiberglass pole for aiding the removal of models from trees. A vote was taken and the decision to go ahead was approved. Geoff will work with the supplier to purchase the largest pole available at a cost near \$2,000.00
- 4.4. (John Anderson) discussed if council can clear the undergrowth along the creek bed. It would be helpful to have a few access paths through the creek to enable access to the other field. It would reduce the risk of injury and possibly snake bite. (Ian Friery) will ask Hornsby council if they can assist with the above.
- 4.5. Members discussed the possibility of replacing trees that have been removed. (Ian Friery) will discuss with Hornsby council.
- 4.6. Nick O'Reilly will become the clubs Website administrator. This was unanimously voted and approved by all members
- 4.7. Ben Nordsvan will become the clubs Facebook administrator. This was unanimously voted and approved by all members
- 4.8. Discussion to continue the Gala day twice a year was of full support by the club. Members all agreed
- 4.9. Discussion was raised about holding activities for newbies in the Gala days for new members and beginners.
- 4.10. (Ken Petersen) raised the point about cutting the grass more often. Committee will discuss.

4.11. Discussion was held about holding auctions for passed away members planes and equipment and to pass the funds to the family. Members agreed this was a good point.

4.12. (Rex Broadbent) raised point about badges. It would help if all wore them, in a position that others who are talking to them can see their name. Members all agreed this was a good point.

4.13. (Ian Friery) Discussed a further donation to Friends of Fagan Park of \$1,000.00 –This was unanimously voted and approved by all members.

5. Meeting close

5.1.Meeting closed at 11:01 am.

Appendix A

President's Report for AGM

Held 3rd July, 2016

- 1) Welcome to all the new members who have joined throughout the year. Thanks given to all those members who have helped the newbies (and even more experienced flyers to get airborne safely.)
- 2) In particular I would like to mention our two instructors, Rod Nordsvan and Ed Drakes who do a lot of work for many members. We are still looking for more instructors. Not necessarily having done the official course but experienced enough to get new pilots started. If you think you can be of help let me or the chief instructors know. They can give you some ideas too.

We now have club transmitters, training planes and buddy cords for use if you want to help train pilots.
- 3) Thanks to the current executive for their help and advice – Ian, Rod and Louis I have been please with your input on the many things that come up during the year. Many thanks to Louis for taking over the secretaries role when Gary Hoggard left. I would like to thank Ian Friery for the great job he has done as treasurer.
- 4) I particularly want to thank Gary Hoggard for all of his work over the last 9 years or so. Gary has been transported to Van Diemen's Land where he is now serving a life sentence in the cold! Gary has been keeping our website running efficiently as well as all the communications with MAAA and Aeromodellers of NSW for a long time.
- 5) Thanks to Ed Drakes who has set up and maintains our database on club attendance. Ed will outline interesting features from this data collection during the AGM.
- 6) Thank you to all of the Safety Officers for keeping members safe and for the most part keeping them within the airfield boundaries! This is very important task.
- 7) Congratulations to all of those members who have been awarded gold, silver and bronze wings throughout the year. I encourage everyone to try out for these awards if you haven't

done so yet. If nothing else it gives you a rewarding target to aim for while making you a better, safer pilot. Congratulations to Kahl Eckersley for being promoted to Advanced level in the national F3A competition.

- 8) Thanks to members like Ken Petersen who enjoys annoying rabbits by filling in their burrows and those other members who see small but necessary jobs to do around the place which keeps our field looking good and performing well.
- 9) The two Gala Day activities have been a great success this financial year. Many thanks to Rod and Ian and others who have worked to get this going so well, such as John, Nick and Dennis. I believe the Red Cow days will continue into the future.
- 10) We have had only two or three complaints this year from the Ranger or a member of the public. Great news but could be better.
- 11) We will continue to add new tables and chairs as the need arises.
- 12) Grass mowing is still being conducted by Brett. Mowing is down to approximately 1/month in winter but gets up to 1/week during wet summer months. The Fagan Park management mowing has also made an improvement to our surroundings
- 13) Be aware that we have a first aid kit and fire extinguishers in the safety box. You never know when you might need to use it. The main first aid kit is in an orange box which is covered by plastic to keep out moisture. Report any upgrades if they are needed.
- 14) I remind all members that the BBQ is there to be used if you want to do so. Perhaps when the weather warms up a little.
- 15) A reminder that members need to be up to date financially before they fly again as they are not covered by insurance until they do. This is a more than a personal matter but effects everyone within the club as litigation can be very expensive for all.
- 16) I am pleased to see photos being added to our web site gallery. Thank you particularly Stewart Thornton who is often seen moving around the field with his camera and lens. Have a look if you haven't done so lately. See Louis Abdilla if you would like to add your compositions to the gallery.
- 17) On a sad note. We lost one of our dedicated members this year. Stuart McCrostie passed away after suffering a long term illness. Ken Craddock, Marcel Lehrer and myself attended

his memorial service and the HEMFC donated to the Cancer Council at his wife, Gillian's, request.

18) It is of paramount importance to all of us that this club continue to run safely and harmoniously for all members. This requires all of us respecting each other and following the HEMFC guidelines. If you have an issue with some one's behaviour and do not feel confident in discussing the issue with them cordially please refer the matter onto me or another executive officer.

19) As I indicated at the last AGM I will not be standing for the role of President again this year. I have now done 9 years in this position and believe that the club would benefit from new blood. I thank all of you for choosing me to do the job in the past. It has been a pleasure to do it.

20) Have a great year of flying in 2016 – 2017.

Geoff Stanfield

President HEMFC

2015-2016

Appendix B - TREASURER'S REPORT – July 2016

HORNSBY ELECTRIC MODEL FLYING CLUB INC.

Income & Expenditure Statement: 01-July-2015 to 30-June-2016

	<u>2015/2016</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>
<u>Balance b/f</u>	19598.77	21709.59
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<u>Add Income</u>		
Gala Days Income	947.20	
Interest Received	21.68	50.65
Membership/MAS Fees Current Year	8,995.00	6,880.00
Membership/MAS Fees Next Year	8,160.00	5,415.00
Overpayment Returned		
Sales - Gate Keys	120.00	60.00
TOTAL	18,243.88	12,405.65
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<u>Less Expenditure</u>		
Donation - Friends of Fagan Park		1,000.00
Donation- Royal Flying Doctor	250.00	
Donation - Camp Quality	650.00	
Donation - Cancer Council	100.00	
Fees Paid - Club Registration - NSW Fair Trading	54.00	53.00
Fees Paid - Website/Domain Name Costs	135.40	
Fees paid - Hornsby Council Field License	877.00	836.00
Fees Paid - MAS	7,855.00	8,075.00
Fees Paid - Mowing	2,400.00	2,880.00
Fees Paid - Westpac	12.00	7.75
Purchase - Badges	187.82	269.28
Purchase - BBQ Supplies/Gala Day costs	942.54	

Purchase - Club trainers, transmitter & equip		497.00
Purchase - Flowers for ill member		100.00
Purchase - Gate Keys	203.72	
Purchase - Get well card	9.80	
Purchase - Rakes	26.85	
Purchase - Reflectors & marker cones		77.49
Purchase - Postage stamps	28.00	14.00
Purchase - Shed base material		98.35
Purchase - Signage at gate	52.97	
Purchase - Soil & piping for poles		114.92
Purchase - Tables & chairs	511.10	493.68
Purchase - Umbrella base, poles & pegs	153.44	
Refunds - Fees (Instructors)	160.00	
Refunds - Keys Returned	60.00	
	TOTAL	
		14,669.64
		14,516.47

Balance c/f per Bank Statement	23,173.01	19,598.77
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Balance c/f Comprises

Income/(Expense) For New Financial Year	8,160.00	5,415.00
Surplus At Year End	15,013.01	14,183.77

Prepared Ian
By Friery
Treasurer

Signed:

Date: 1/07/2016

Appendix C

SECRETARY'S REPORT – July 2016

Big thanks to Gary Hoggard

Just like to say thank you to Gary Hoggard in assisting me in taking over the Secretary's role for HEMFC. Gary has been great to work with and always there to help me whenever needed. It has been greatly appreciated.

Member Details

This is a reminder to all members to log into the members' area of the web site (<http://hemfc.org.au>) and check that your details are correct. For those who have not logged in, and those who have forgotten their password, please contact Louis on 0402 141 151, or email Louis@contentsecurity.com.au

The web site will be updated to allow for a photograph of each member. If you have a photo of yourself in digital form, please email it to Louis for inclusion on the web site.

Member Name Tags

Each member either has or shall be issued a name tag. Please contact the Secretary if you have not received your name tag.

The Club Web Site

All members should be aware that the club web site is at hemfc.org.au and includes a private area for club members. Please keep your details up to date. Contact the Secretary if you have any issues accessing the site. Big thanks to Nick O'Reilly who will take over as the website Administrator.

The Club Face book account

As social media continues to grow HEMFC introduced the clubs Facebook account in the past year. Big thanks to Ben Nordsvan who will take over as the Facebook administrator.

Environment

HEMFC has a tremendous environment for all members to enjoy the hobby we all love. This environment has been built over many years and in recognition of members from past and present. It's important to continue to hold this great environment as I believe HEMFC is a special club. Let's all work together to maintain this environment for the current and new members for the future.

Louis Abdilla
HEMFC Secretary

Appendix D

HEMFC 2015-2016 Attendance Report – Prepared by Ed Drakes.

Average Attendance..

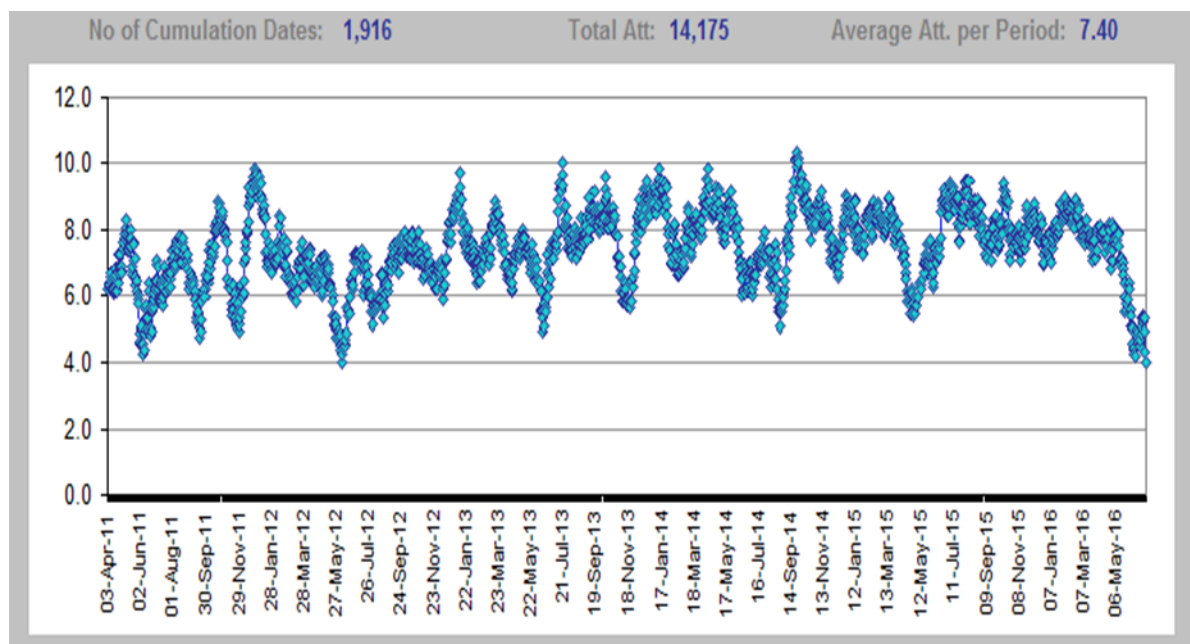
Year	Total Att.	Daily Average
15/16	2,829	7.73
14/15	2,818	7.72
13/14	2,931	8.03
12/13	2,554	7.00
11/12	2,481	6.78

Summary:

Over the last 5 years attendance has varied between 6.5 and 8 per day with a general trend upwards.

Total Attendance since 3-April-2011 when computer records began..

	1541
No.	1,916
Days	
14,175	7.40



Summary:

Over the last 5 years the total number of attendances has reached 14,175. This results in an average attendance, long term, of 7.4 per day.

Attendance Nuts for 2015/16

88 Guys contribute to the total attendances = 2829.

Average cost per attendance = $190/2829*88 = \$5.91$

These following 13 guys contribute half the total attendances.

Member #	Name	Init	Count		
73769	Ed Drakes	EDS	187	187.00	
83204	Dennis Fragias	DFS	183	370.00	ZORBA
76488	Ken Peterson	KPN	148	518.00	
76331	Richard McDonald	RMD	134	652.00	
73998	Marcel Lehrer	MLR	104	756.00	
57740	Les Stacey	LSY	103	859.00	
76386	Carl Bower	CBR	95	954.00	
76487	Alastair Bennets	ABS	92	1,046.00	
67494	Geoff Stanfield	GSD	85	1,131.00	
82689	Trevor Prinsloo	TPO	85	1,216.00	
73586	Rod Nordsvan	RNN	72	1,288.00	
34415	Ian Smalley	ISY	69	1,357.00	
15170	Kahl Eckersley	KEY	68	1,425.00	

Summary:

13 Members contribute half the total attendances.

88 Members contribute to the total attendance of **2829**.

The average cost per attendance is thus $[190/2829*88=]$ **\$5.91**

Of course this varies between about \$1 (for the high attendees) and up to \$190 for those who attend just once. Go figure for those who do not attend at all....

Most Popular Days of the Week

Monday	414	15
Tuesday	387	14
Wednesday	304	11
Thursday	250	9

Friday	301	11
Saturday	661	23
Sunday	512	18
	2829	

Summary:

Saturdays' attendances account for nearly 1/4 of the total.

Thursdays account for less than 10% of the total.