

Brief notes from NSW Merger meeting held 11 January 2016.

Present: Joan McIntyre – Control Line Apologies from Bruce Hoffman.

Roy Summersby – Free Flight

Garry Pope – Free Flight

Rob Masters – Aeromodellers

An agenda was provided which is attached to this document.

The main topic of using other constitutions to guide us in forming a new body to represent NSW instead of the MAAA Fourth Body proposal.

These discussions lead to how would an election of officers be held, as proposed in the Neil Tanks email, affiliated members or clubs. Since radio has around 80% of the clubs and members, this form of voting would not suit either FF or CL.

We also discussed the need to compile a new constitution, which would encompass the rights of all, including the minorities. The Queensland model was mentioned but not accepted as evidently Queensland in recent times has had internal state difficulties, which were known to some present.

The Chair has requested the constitutions of SA and Victoria, along with our own three NSW constitutions, it was a plan to use these as a guide in future formation. Both FF and CL said they would need to refer to their executive to release their constitutions.

Past discussions between the three bodies and at a MAAA meeting had lead to no merger solution. Both FF and CL expressed concern over the way they perceived and treated during a possible takeover action by Aeromodellers.

If FF and CL agree to affiliate through the new 4<sup>th</sup> Body they will lose MAAA Ordinary Member Status. There were some discussions and confusion about expulsion of Ordinary members with reference made to the MAAA constitution Section 6. The March 31<sup>st</sup> date was also discussed, as the fixed time for any conclusion we may come to.

Neither FF nor CL could see any benefit in forming a NSW elected new body to act on behalf of the three NSW organizations. They clearly stated at the end of the e meeting that they will proceed with affiliation through the 4<sup>th</sup> Body.

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