



Thursday 15 October

Your new board results are in!

The votes received for the SGM showed the biggest turn out of member interest in HGFA history. In all, 999 votes were received of which 920 were counted. **This represents just under half the total membership** that was registered on the day of ballot closure. This means there was still half the membership that chose not to vote! Of those that did vote the view was nearly split, evidenced by the totals for and against the motions.

In regard to the second ballot form and confusion in the date of closure for the SGM vote, a total of 55 ballots were received showing the second ballot form had been used. 52 of these were counted as the legitimate vote of the member. 3 others were not counted as the member's first and second votes were opposing each other (ie – either all yes for the first ballot form and all no for the second ballot form or vice versa). There were 23 ballots sent in with no boxes ticked. 24 of the ballots received were from people not listed as current members. 12 ballots were received from student pilot members not eligible to vote. 12 others were received where the person submitting the vote was unable to be properly identified.

The second voting count was for the Committee of Management for the term 2010-2012.

The 9 elected positions are as follows:

**Brian WEBB
Ben KOVCO
Lee PATTERSON
Rob WOODWARD
John TWOMEY
Raef MACKAY
Alex JONES
Chris DRAKE
Peter WENNERSTEN**

In all a total of 579 votes were received for this election of which 529 were counted. There were 19 votes received from persons not listed as current members; 10 ballots had incorrect voter identifiers and 15 late votes. A good number of votes were submitted with only one, two, three or four

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Be prepared

The season has well and truly begun and the conditions around the country have been more than unusual which hopefully wont be an omen for the rest of the season.

We have already seen a number of accidents so it is timely to mention that we should all prepare our equipment. Its also never to late to get fit and adjust our minds to the task of flying safe.

Be prepared and fly safe.

The season of comps

Keep an eye out in Soaring Australia for the latest listing of all the comps.

There has been some good flying already and the season is shaping up to be a good one.

The best way to improve your flying skills is to be in the air with the best from around the world.

selected names which dwarfed the overall count against those who voted for the full 9 positions.

The drop from 999 voters for the SGM to just 579 voters for the General Elections indicates that either members were confused on whether the SGM vote counted toward the General Election or that members returned to a state of apathy in regard to the General Election. Regardless of the reasons for members voting on the SGM and not voting on the General Election, the results are in and are as shown. Over half of the total HGFA membership remained silent in both votes and a clear even split division (difference only of 70 votes) in the SGM shows that 50% of the HGFA members who are interested enough to lodge their view are at odds with the choices in direction of the organisation.

It is now up to this Board and the succeeding 2010-2012 board members to work toward resolving that difference and to lead the organisation toward higher involvement.

Safe Flying,
Chris Fogg.

Moving forward

Anyone with a passing interest in the affairs of the HGFA will be aware of the bitterness and division that has seen five members of the board replaced with new people.

As one of those new board members I would like to note the handover and express regret at the bad blood that has been a feature of this process. At the same time I want to thank those replaced board members. It is a voluntary and thankless task and, despite our differences, your work must be acknowledged and due thanks expressed.

It is my hope that a little time will heal the wounds. I hope also that we can all go on to participate in the democratic battle of ideas co-operatively and on a friendly basis.

Ray Firth

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