

bigger attendance to ensure the needs of the whole membership are covered. The President's Report noted significant events during the past year and it is pleasing to hear of the activities of each section. We have a total of 83 members across the boating, flying and engineering sections.

The Officers elected are as follows: Patron - Mayor,

Hon. Solicitor - P. Radich,

Hon. Auditor - J. Bolton,

President - P Gibbison

Vice President -

Secretary - N Wood

Treasurer - N Wood

Committee - C McMillan

R Perkinson

J Bolton

R Gleeson

M Taylor

Brayshaw Park Rep - N Wood

Deputy Rep - J Bolton

Newsletter/Website Editor - C McMillan

Librarian -

Recording Officer - R Ashwell

MEANZ Rep - R Perkinson

The annual subscriptions were set at same level as past year:

Ordinary Senior members - \$55.00

Junior and Country members - \$35.00

Family membership - \$60.00

Annual subscriptions are now due to be paid, please.

It is very pleasing to report that Marguerite and Tom Hood were awarded Life Membership in recognition of their involvement and commitment to the Society over many years.

During the period boating and flying have continued although weather has played a big part in how well their activities fared. Work on the new project of altering the track layout so that both raised track and ground level tracks will pass through the station has progressed with cutting/welding steel for points, fabricating concrete piers for the raised track, removal of trees and foliage along the new track locations, and other tasks as required. The attached photos show the difference a digger has made around the area. Train running days have had really low attendance from the public.

We welcome John Turner (Engineering) and Lloyd Taylor (flying, boating) into membership. We hope they enjoy their time with us and look forward to getting to know them.

Nigel Wood
Secretary / Treasurer

Engineering Section Reports:

The April Meeting was a pleasant evening. John Bolton was re-appointed Section Captain and we appreciate his willingness to take on the position and his leadership.

Win Holdaway reported parts of the project were in limbo until we can get use of a digger to shift some of the earthwork involved. Meanwhile Patrick Robinson and others have been cutting steel for fabrication of the points. A grant application had been submitted for purchase of rail steel. Offers of help with project costs have been received from other Societies which is much appreciated. Details to be worked through as to how this will occur.

Nigel reported his SweetPea had suffered from lack of use for 4 months during the total fire ban and the pistons had seized despite having oil poured into the valve chests beforehand. Fortunately only minor pitting was found in the cylinders and the locomotive appears to be working well now.



Win Holdaway had a truck assy for the driving trolley for his A5 Pennsylvania shunter. This will house batteries, compressor, etc. The truck frame had been cast in one piece.

John Bolton showed samples and described the process of lost wax casting which he employed in his business of making jewellery. Very interesting and informative.

The May meeting began with Ron Perkinson giving a briefing from the latest MEANZ newsletter focussing on recent incidents and the need for members acting as station staff to keep passengers informed of hazards when riding behind our miniature locomotives. Our members need to be aware of procedures to be followed by drivers and station staff during train operations. Changes to ADR registration were noted.

Ticket box manning needs to be looked at, perhaps on a shift basis, to give Marguerite a break.

Track project - we're getting through the list of preparatory jobs and await the use of a digger.

Discussion on the offer from Nelson Society to help with fund raising. Members were generally in favour but we need to find out a bit more about what would be expected. John will contact NSM to thank them and and talk about the proposal.

The club loco is not running properly - seems to be fuel starvation at times. Suggested that the fuel filter element be taken out and see what difference this makes.

A portable generator has been purchased to help with tasks beyond the reach of extension cords. It was suggested that we convert one of the unused ground level maintenance trolleys by cutting the sides out and strengthening the frame to hold the generator as the cheapest option.

Allister Green commented that the ground level passenger trolleys would perform better with excess play taken out of the bogey at one end to minimise derailments.





Boating Report.

Its been a mixed bag over the last month on the pond. Bad weather not helping. From damage causing wind gusts to drifting contests.

Highlight would be the appearance of Kens model of the "Earnslaw". It looks really good on the water and gives off a very realistic bow wave when in motion. Ray has got to the stage of testing all the electrical side of his Seawolf subs water tight cylinder. Not a raging success story. Drive motor and pump motor not working. Fried a couple of microswitches and not getting to grips with 40mhz radio gear. Also may not have circuit properlyworked out.

Ray

Flying Section Report

The MAMS AGM was held in April, details earlier in the Newsletter, and the Subs remain the same as last year. If you have not paid your MAMS Subs for this year they are now due.

We welcome back Lloyd Taylor and his family to the club.

We have had some nice flying days over the last month, often very picturesque with fog in the Valleys. Trev had had his Quad copters up taking photos and I had a couple of FPV flights, as well as our regular fixed wing flying. The weather was not very helpful for the NDC glider flying (Saturday mornings) with consistent lift hard to find so scores were a bit low, with ALES 123 the only event we flew in May. Launching to 123 metres you don't get much time to search for lift and the best anyone did was get two good flights out of the three required (aiming for 6 minutes), quite challenging, but that is the nature of the game.

Event 415 - ALES 123

Phil Elvy MFNZ #11020

Flight 1 - 6 min 00	360 points	25 landing	385
Flight 2 - 4 min 32	272 points	50 landing	322
Flight 3 - 5 min 56	356 points	50 landing	<u>406</u>
Total -			1113

Rex Ashwell MFNZ #10746

Flight 1 - 5 min 59	359 points	50 landing	409
Flight 2 - 4 min 55	295 points	25 landing	320
Flight 3 - 5 min 58	358 points	00 landing	<u>358</u>
Total -			1087

Garry Morgan MFNZ #12386

Flight 1 - 6 min 00	360 points	50 landing	410
Flight 2 - 5 min 59	359 points	50 landing	409
Flight 3 - 3 min 15	195 points	50 landing	<u>245</u>
Total -			1064

Carl McMillan MFNZ #8446

Flight 1 - 6 min 05	355 points	50 landing	405
Flight 2 - 6 min 00	360 points	00 landing	360
Flight 3 - 3 min 23	203 points	50 landing	<u>253</u>
Total -			1018

Phil Sparrow MFNZ #12385

Flight 1 - 3 min 01	181 points	25 landing	206
Flight 2 - 4 min 14	254 points	25 landing	279
Flight 3 - 3 min 55	235 points	50 landing	<u>285</u>
Total -			770

Peter Smith MFNZ# 12188

Flight 1 - 3 min 16	196 points	25 landing	221
Flight 2 - 3 min 36	216 points	50 landing	266
Flight 3 - 4 min 04	244 points	00 landing	<u>244</u>
Total -			731

This month we have two NDC event we can fly, ALES Radian and ALES 200, lets hope we get some good flying days.
Keep warm have fun, and fly safely.
(Carl M)

For Sale

Any members who want a battery for flight-line charging: Used 12 Volt, Deep Cycle batteries are available for \$10 each, from Access Mobility (next to Medlab, on Maxwell Rd). Ask for Lloyd.

MAMS Membership and Subscription Structure

Ordinary Member (all Sections)	S55.00
Family membership	\$60.00
Junior Member	\$35.00
Country Member (+40km from Blenheim)	\$35.00
Life Member	Nil.

Members may belong to any or all of the following Sections, for one Ordinary Membership fee:

Engineering - Boating - Flying.

*Flying Section members may join **MFNZ** (Recommended) for an **additional annual fee of: Senior \$95 Junior \$30, and Family \$100, paid to MAMS.***

NOTE: MFNZ Fees must be paid to the club before 31 March. NEW members joining after 1st October only have to pay half fees, however existing members renewing late, will still need to pay for a full year. Carl McMillan is the MAMS MFNZ Contact person regarding any MFNZ membership issues.

For on-line payments members just have to use the club account number, give their name and purpose of payment, i.e. **MAMS subs**, and/or **MFNZ subs**.

SBS Bank Account number is 031355 0512739 00

Subscription Policy: Financial membership shall cease if the required subscription fee has not been paid by the **31st of July**. **Non-financial members are not covered by our insurance policy and therefore cannot operate their models at our designated sites**, and they do not receive a Newsletter.

(**New** members who have joined and paid their Subs from December 2020 onwards are still considered paid up club members for 2021/2022 year)

Those who have paid their subscription since the last AGM may collect their membership card and receipt from a folder on the notice board in the clubroom. Anyone not wishing to renew their membership please let the treasurer, or a committee member, know. If any flying section members are not renewing their membership could they also return their key to the flying field.

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Please get any items (Notices, articles, or for sale items etc) for the **August** issue to the editor a few days before the end of **July**.