

Life Membership Proposal – Cliff McIver

We recommend Cliff for Life Membership based on his sustained and unmatched contribution to the DAC on multiple dimensions over a sustained period of time.

Cliff has been actively involved with the Club since 1978 (32 years) – with sustained (and sustainable) contributions through:

- Length and quality of service to the Administration of the Club:
 - President for six years (1982, 83, 84, 85, 86 and 2006)
 - Vice President for eight years (1987, 88, 90, 2005, 07, 08 and 09)
 - Quiet and conscientious delivery on core club tasks (mowing roster, mower maintenance, club house cleanouts and repairs, council and neighbour liaison throughout those years)
- Increasing the visibility of the Club through visible, external successes:
 - Leadership and coaching of the VMAA trophy team. Captaining the DAC team to secure 12 wins and one draw – an unparalleled effort galvanising the Club across all styles of model and flying, and as an entrant many more times;
 - Promotion of the F3A discipline within the Club, making DAC one of the most highly represented and respected groups within that Special Interest Area;
 - Active contribution to building disciplines, particularly around Scale (David Law, Ron Schnell);
 - Representing the Clubs through flying demonstrations and Community activities;
 - Ran approximately 8 air shows, all successfully raising money for charities.
 - Many exhibitions, and still active (Croydon: May 2; Lilydale: May 9)
- Training and development of Pilots:
 - Adding to the membership of the Club by providing a successful, managed entry to the hobby for hundreds of current and past members
 - Making a massive contribution to the ongoing safety of flight operations through:
 - the quality of his initial training;
 - the follow through in helping new 'Solos' through to broader fulfilment of their 2nd, 3rd and on models
- Mentoring select individuals through good times and bad:
 - Simply mentoring people away from black holes (particularly some of our younger members)
 - Mentoring and encouraging potential world champions (notably David Law)
 - Caring for those less fortunate – transporting to the field (eg, John Harper), helping disabled (eg, Kevin Fryer sons),
 - Multiple displays and support for external interest groups (schools, scouts)

NOMINATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF DONCASTER AEROMODELLERS CLUB

BACKGROUND

Doncaster Aeromodellers Club (DAC) has granted a number of Life Memberships over the years. DAC currently has some nine Life Members.

The DAC Committee recently considered the issues surrounding Life Membership and concluded that granting of Life Membership is an appropriate way to recognise contributions made to the club.

The Committee also determined a formal criteria and procedure for the receipt of and consideration of nominations for Life membership. This is reproduced overleaf.

NOMINATION RECEIVED

Cliff McIver has been nominated to receive a Life Membership, by long time DAC members Ian Slack, David Gibbs and David Law. A copy of the Nomination is attached.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with the procedure overleaf, the committee has considered the nomination.

The Committee has also voted to endorse the nomination.

CONSIDERATION BY MEMBERS

The nomination of Cliff McIver for the receipt of Life Membership is now presented for consideration by DAC members at this AGM.

Ian Pullar
President – Doncaster Aeromodellers Club
19 July 2010

Granting “Life Membership” to a member of the Doncaster Aeromodellers Club.

(Determined at DAC Committee Meeting 3/3/2010)

Criteria (Overview)

Nomination for life membership is open to any current member of the Doncaster Aeromodellers Club, who has made a significant and exceptional contribution to the club over a substantial period of time, being a period of at least ten years being a guide (though not an absolute).

Awarding of life membership is to be made broadly in accordance with the procedure set out below, with the core principle that the decision is made by an informed membership base in full knowledge of the substantial contribution against the criteria set out in Attachment 1.

Procedure

1. Nomination may be made by any current member of the Doncaster Aeromodellers club (the Club)
2. The nomination must be in writing and outline in detail the reasons for the nomination and the specific reasons why the Life Membership should be granted.
3. The written nomination must be endorsed by at least three current members of the Club.
4. The written nomination must be delivered to the Committee of the Club a reasonable period (at least six weeks is suggested) prior to the Annual General Meeting.
5. The Committee will conduct the necessary inquiries to verify the nomination.
6. If the Committee believes that the person nominated for Life Membership does not sufficiently fulfil the criteria, then they shall inform the member who submitted the nomination, in writing, of that decision.
7. If, after making the necessary inquiries, the Committee endorses the nomination, then a written report shall be prepared for presentation at the Annual General Meeting, for consideration by the membership.
8. A vote shall then be taken to determine the granting of Life Membership.

ATTACHMENT 1

CRITERIA (Detail)

NOTES

- Member does not need to have ALL of the boxes ticked to warrant Life Membership.
- It may be possible to get life membership without being a saint (!!) and/or
- notwithstanding the member's popularity or lack of it.

The following are some *suggested* criteria.

In summary: Exceptional and Sustained contribution to the club, or on behalf of the club.

Length of time in club.

Length of time in official positions.

Length of time contributing in non-official fashion (eg long time mentor, mower or maintenance person, or carrying some other responsibility/ies).

[A period of 10 years contribution in one or a number of ways might be considered to be appropriate to use as a rule of thumb.]

Work done in respect of the above.

Leadership role

- getting others involved
- making things happen
- individuals and/or team/s achieving results through that leadership.

Mentoring contribution.

Providing support for other modellers (beginners, intermediates, advanced)

Representing the club –

- At inter-club events (local, interstate, overseas)
- At VMAA / MAAA or similar
- Local Council liaison
- Other official or semi-official liaison

Bringing the club to the wider community.

Bringing aeromodelling to the wider community.

Bringing aeromodelling to specific groups (eg school groups, community groups, disabled).

Contribution to:

- safety
- flying standards
- organisation
- club culture
- club harmony
- making the club what it is today.

Consideration may or may not also take into account negative aspects of the nominee's membership.

- concerns over the nominee's current activities
- concerns over the nominee's past activities