



Model Aerobatic Association
of South Africa

MINUTES OF THE MAASA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008

Venue: Barnstormers, Kempton Park

Date: 2008-04-26

1. Welcome

Kas Hamman, the current chair person welcomed everyone to the meeting. He congratulated and thanked the local National Championships organising committee for the hard work and a well organised event.

2. Members present

Kas Hamman (Chairman)	Bertie Viljoen	Danie Potgieter (Jnr)
Pierre Marais (Vice Chairman)	Neels Bergh	Marc Wolffe
Danie Potgieter (Snr) (CD)	Chris Theron	Quentin Schroll
Ivan Olivier (Chief Judge)	Grant Brooke	Rui Martins
Rodney Potter (Treasurer)	Juan Pretorius	Bob Skinner
Bernus v/d Westhuizen (Secr)	Charl Pienaar	
Christo Rust (Chief Judge WP)	Walter van Huyssteen	
John Brink	Blake Dormer	
Burt Botha	Wynand Swart	
Elize Olivier	Paula Bester	
Greg Moss	James Hill	
Johan Fourie	Pierre Fouche	
Nico Erasmus	Neil Collins	
Stuart Nix	Chris Zurinskas	
André Stockwell	Mark Hubbard	
Nazeem Harris	Dean Grobbelaar	
John Clemments	Neil Allen	

3. Apologies

Brett Ingpenn	Paul Hearn	Herman
Henry Kurowsky	Nico Wilcocks	Dirk van Rhyn
Ian Wentzel		

4. Proxy Votes Received

Danie Steyn
Nico Wilcocks
Paul Hearn
Henry Kurowsky
Dirk van Rhyn

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes and Acceptance of Previous Minutes

The chairman briefly discussed the minutes of the previous AGM and clarified the issue regarding the positions of Chief Judge (Ivan Olivier), Chief CD (Danie Potgieter Snr) and PRO (Claude Mackrill). Nazeem Harris proposed the minutes as read, and it was seconded by Christo Rust

6. Chairman's Report

The Chairman delivered his report on the activities of the past year. He opened the floor for discussion. As there were no comments and the report was regarded as accepted.

Refer to Appendix A for the Chairman's Report

7. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer delivered his report on the financial status of the organisation. The balance in the MAASA bank account was R9616.48 on the 26th April 2008. The Budget for 2006/2007 showed a deficit of R48000. Refer to Appendix B for the Treasurer's Report

Regions were asked to submit budgets for the year in order for the MAASA committee to consider financial assistance and to get a more accurate financial forecast for the year. Based on the information supplied, funding may be allocated. Refer to Appendix C for the 2008/2009 budget.

8. New Matters regarding Finances And Membership Fees

a. Cost of Competitions

Bertie Viljoen (CRF) mentioned that the R10 000 allocated is not enough to host a successful SA Masters and asked the committee to allocate more money from the budget for hosting the event.

Burt Botha proposed a dedicated MAASA venue for all events. Referring to previous meetings the chairman replied that having a central venue for the national events would not be conducive to the goal of promoting the sport countrywide. He also pointed out that this proposal has been considered numerous times in the past with little support.

Paula Bester briefed the meeting on their effort and expenses to host the 2008 National Championships. The GAA received R15000 from MAASA, R15000 from Aerial Concepts in the form of sponsorship and the R13200 from entry fees, with the total cost of the event being in the region of R70 000.

Bernus van der Westhuizen mentioned that the organizing committee of the 2007 National Championships had, except

from the fees for the judges, no financial support from MAASA and had to carry the entire cost of the excess needs themselves. Sponsors are prepared to donate goodies etc, but no one is prepared to sponsor an event that draws 40 to 50 competitors and almost no spectators. At the same time the participants see the National Championships as a prestigious event, spend a lot of money in preparation and travelling costs and expect to be treated as VIP's.

Bertie Viljoen suggested that we scale down the events to reduce the costs.

Rui Martins suggested that a balance must be found between cost and prestige.

Paula Bester suggested better long term planning to obtain funds for the different events.

c. MAASA Membership Fees

The chairman requested Rodney Potter to go through the proposed budget again for clarity, whereafter he asked for specific proposals from the floor to address the membership fee issue.

Burt Botha proposed a straight fee of R750/pilot/year. He based this figure on the requirements of the proposed budget, the money needed to run the organisation effectively and to stage the two national events.

His proposal was seconded by Chris Theron. This proposal received 3 votes.

Nico Erasmus felt that R750 was too much and that MAASA would lose members. He proposed a R200 subscription for Sportsmen and R500 for all other classes. Chris Zurinkas seconded Nico's proposal.

Quinton Schroll proposed a R500 subscription fee for all classes plus entry fees for league events. This proposal was seconded by FC Hamman and received 5 votes.

Pierre Marais gave an explanation of the previous year's fee structure. He emphasised that a considerable amount of money is needed to run an efficient and well organised organisation. In the light of the complaints about the previous years fee structure and the budget requirements, he proposed a R600 flat rate for all classes except Sportsmen. In order to draw more pilots into the interest group he proposed a membership fee of R300 for the Sportsmen class. Nico Erasmus withdrew his proposal in support of Pierre's proposal which then seconded.

The proposal was put to vote and was accepted with a clear majority.

After discussion it was also agreed that the entry fees for the NATS and SA Masters will be restricted to R350/pilot.

9. Amendments to the Constitution/Sporting Code

a. Sporting Code

It was decided, and unanimously accepted, that in the case of a hearing impaired or deaf pilot, a second caller would be allowed on the flight line.

b. Official Communication

All communication from the committee to the members shall be via e-mail to the regional representatives, who will then forward the information to the members in their region as well as to the relevant club chairmen. Rodney Potter to supply the regional reps with updated membership lists on a regular basis, enabling them to maintain their mailing lists.

c. Financial Year

A proposal that the MAASA financial year end be moved to 31 December was accepted with a majority. 15 Members voted in favour of this proposal..

d. Date of AGM

A proposal that the date of the AGM be moved to coincide with the Masters, was rejected by a majority of votes.

10. Voting for Office Bearers

a. MAASA Committee

According to the constitution, Ivan Olivier (Chief Judge) and Danie Potgieter Snr (Chief CD) had to vacate their positions, having served their full term.

Christo Rust was nominated, seconded and appointed as Chief Judge.

It was decided that Ivan Olivier would continue to handle all provincial competitions in the northern provinces.

There were no valid nominations for the position of Chief CD. Danie Potgieter Snr was co-opted as CD until a suitable replacement could be found.

Claude Mackrill was not available to serve another term as National PRO. Paula Bester was nominated to fill this position.

The chairman thanked Danie Potgieter (Snr) and Ivan Olivier for their service on the MAASA committee in the past and the years to come. The current MAASA committee was re-elected for a further term of 1 year.

b. Regional Representatives

A proposal that the re-election of Provincial reps would be done at provincial level and the names to be forwarded to the MAASA committee was put forward and accepted.

11. Normalising of F3A P09 & F09 Scores

After discussion it was agreed that the percentage scores achieved by F3A pilots who opt to compete in the P07 and P09 schedules in all MAASA competitions will be used to calculate the required normalised scores.

12. General

- a. The venue for the 2008 SA Masters was discussed. CRF (Bloemfontein) was asked by the chairman if they were prepared to act as hosts again. Pierre Fouche undertook to report back to the committee.
- b. The committee received two nominations for honorary MAASA membership and will deal with the matter at a more convenient time.

13. Closure

The chairman thanked all the members for attending the 2008 National Championships and especially thanked those who took the trouble to attend the AGM. He declared the meeting closed and invited everyone present to, on behalf of the organising committee, join the committee outside for potjiekos and some social inter-action.

APPENDIX A: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In my humble opinion MAASA had an interesting but relatively good year since the new Committee took over at the 2007 AGM. The geographical distribution of the Committee necessitated the frequent use of email and telephonic communication and I can report that it worked quite well. During the past year the Committee had one meeting in Somerset West in June 2007 and our first "electronic" special meeting in September 2007. The email meeting worked quite well and more than thirty members participated quite actively. Throughout the year this method of debating and resolving issues worked well and we will certainly continue along these lines.

The SA Masters, once again in Bloemfontein, was well attended despite the fact that we moved the date back to accommodate some of our junior pilots. My plea is that the dates for our two national competitions should in future always take cognizes of school holidays to make it possible for as many as possible of our junior pilots to attend.

Congratulations to Marc Wolffe, Ian Wentzel and Carl Germishuys who represented South Africa at the World Championships in Argentina. All three of them did quite well under difficult circumstances, we are really proud of you guys. Thank you also to Nico Erasmus who ably led the team and a big thank you to all the sponsors, helpers and supporters. Thank you also for the excellent reports written by Christo Rust (who attended as scribe), Marc and Nico and the sharing of all the valuable experiences.

After lots of email views, opinions and debates we finalised the 2009 F3A World Championship team selection criteria to the satisfaction of most potential participants and officials. Details on this were published in February and circulated to all MAASA members.

Another achievement of your committee during the past year was to get SAMAA to agree to award SAMAA proficiencies to qualifying MAASA pilots. The MAASA proficiency criteria will appear on the SAMAA (linked to MAASA) web and outline the evaluation requirements for Bronze, Silver, Gold and Instructor ratings. These SAMAA proficiency ratings will be awarded to MAASA pilots according to achievements during the previous two years of participation at MAASA recognised national competitions. An interesting suggestion came from SAMAA in that they suggested that we also award Instructor proficiency ratings to any F3A pilot that represented South Africa at any previous Aerobatic World Championship. The following criteria currently apply for the awarding of these proficiencies:

- A Bronze proficiency rating will be awarded to any Sportsman or higher category pilot who achieved a minimum average score of 50% in any recognized national MAASA competition.
- A Silver proficiency rating will be awarded to any Advanced or higher category pilot who achieved a minimum average score of 55% in any recognized national MAASA competition.

- A Gold proficiency rating will be awarded to any Expert or F3A pilot who achieved a minimum average score of 60% in any recognized national MAASA competition.
- An Instructor proficiency rating will be awarded to F3A pilots that represented South Africa at previous Aerobatic World Championships.

The 2008 National Championship organising committee made a huge break through by securing Aerial Concepts as a medium-term main sponsor for this and future SA National Aerobatic Championships. This new partnership is an exciting development for MAASA and all its members and it is now up to us to foster and to make a success of this partnership. Thank you also to SAMAA and all the other sponsors that made all sorts of contributions to make our national event a success. Keep in mind that MAASA has been formed under the SAMAA banner to actively promote the construction and flying of aerobatic model aircraft, to foster comradeship amongst its members, to advance and protect the interest of all its members, to promote the sport and to always compete and interact in a professional manner.

To the current MAASA committee (including the co-opted members) and all regional reps, thank you for your support and the lots of hard work that each and everyone of you invested into making this a success story. A special thank you to our three outgoing committee members namely Ivan Olivier, Claude Mackrill and Danie Potgieter for the huge contribution they made since the inception of MAASA in 2003. Lastly I would like to thank all MAASA members for your interest, challenging debates and enthusiasm that contributed to making us without a doubt the most successful special interest group within the SAMAA structure.

Kas Hamman
(Chair: MAASA)

APPENDIX B: TREASURERS REPORT

Since taking over from previous treasurer, Nick Dreyer, it has been quite an experience trying to "fill his shoes".

The process of taking over included setting up a new account in the name of MAASA. This was eventually officially opened 03/11/2007.

The reasons for the delay were:

- We needed an account in the name of MAASA, although ABSA was the only bank with a club facility, it was very difficult and frustrating to find a branch with staff who knew anything about setting up such an account.
- Secondly we needed an account with internet facility, the Club account, being a new product didn't yet have this feature, so it took awhile to get this sorted out.
- Thirdly we needed to set up a simultaneous meeting at the bank with all signatories. This was almost impossible. So we had a resolution signed by 3 committee members. The account was finally opened with R500.00 deposit by myself as a donation to the organisation (MAASA).
- The internet details have been passed on by myself to The Chairman and the Secretary.

On 18/01/2008 the funds from previous account in the name of Nick Dreyer were transferred to new account.

Up to this transfer, Nick was still in control of MAASA funds, which he handled responsibly on our behalf - Thanks Nick

From inception of new committee at 2007 AGM, the following was credited to old account

- Membership fees
- Masters entrance fees - R11 550.00
- Donations (R Potter R250.00 x 2)
- Interest

Total R33 467.60

The following was debited to account (Old)

- Masters expenditure - officials for event including travelling and meals - R7260.00
- CRF, the Hosts for Masters - R3493.00
- Assistance for Scribe to World Champs - R5000.00
- Bank charges

Total R15 753.00

Amount Transferred from old account R17 714.60 (18/01/2008 and 20/03/2008)

Further income to new account up to AGM 2008

- Donation to open account R500.00
- Fees R9 700.00
- Interest R416 90

Debited to New account

- MAASA contribution to Paula Bester to host Nationals 2008 - R15 000.00
- Bank charges - R397.30

Balance at AGM (14/04/2008) R12 934.20

Estimated income for 2008 of R44 200.00 was based on the following

- SAMAA- R5000.00 (this to be noted as R6000.00 as informed later)
- Fees - based on structure voted and accepted at 2007AGM -total of 84 pilots -R39 200.00 (a percentage already included in above balance)

Estimated Expenditure 2008 R58 000.00

- Nationals R17000.00 (only R15000.00 was required ,R2000.00 was set aside for security if needed)
- SA Masters R10 000.00 (previous year cost MAASA R10 753.00)
- Air tickets for SIG meetings R3000.00
- CIAM representation-R10 000.00 (at the time of AGM we did not know SAMAA would cover this amount)
- Travelling judges and other officials R5000.00
- Assistance for Regionals R12000.00 (as discussed at 2007 AGM)
- Stationary- R1000.00 (also intended for inclusion Telephone costs and cell phone calls)

Another unknown fact at the time of drawing up proposed budget, was the donation from Aerial Concepts for future Nationals(3years?)

With the information at hand at time of AGM we would have a deficit of R13 800.00

Various fee structures were put to the floor and a decision was taken.

However the above had many variables, namely:

- Number of Members still participating or not (not due to fee structures) -probably closer to 65 rather than 84
- PILOTS PAYING their FEES
- Cost of SA Masters
- Cost of officials and pilots to World champs in 2009
- Given that SAMAA is paying for CIAM Rep Deficit would be R3 800
- Given that we have not assisted regionals We have a credit of R12 000.00

Thanks

Rodney

APPENDIX C: MAASA Budget 2008/2009

EXPENDITURE for 2008

1. Nationals 2008	R17000.00	
2. SA Masters	R10 000.00	
3. Air tickets for SIG meetings	R 3 000.00	
4. CIAM representation	R00 000.00	(now been covered by SAMAA)
5. Travelling judges and officials	R 5 000.00	
6. Assistance for regionals	R12 000.00	(as discussed in 2007 AGM)
7. Stationary	<u>R 1000.00</u>	
Total	<u>R48 000.00</u>	

INCOME for 2008

1. SAMAA	R6 000.00
2. Fees at current fee structure	<u>R39 200.00</u>
Total	<u>R45 200.00</u>

26 Sportsman @ R300.00
12 Advance @ R400.00
10 Expert @..R500.00
36 F3A @..R600.00.....R39 200.00

Deficit with current fee structure: R2 800.00 Excl extra expend for 2009

Extra expenditure for 2009

1. World Champs.....R15 000.00(min) for pilot representation
2. Scribe or Judge.....R 5000.00

Assuming fee structure changes:

@R400.00 per pilot.....x 84 = R33 600.00.....Annual deficit.....R14 400.00 excl World Champs
@R450.00 per pilot.....x 84 = R37 800.00.....Annual deficit.....R10 200.00 excl World Champs
@R500.00 per pilot.....x 84 = R42 000.00.....Annual deficit.....R 6 000.00 excl World Champs