



MAASA Chairman's Interim Report: 8 November 2010

The MAASA Masters event in October saw the end of a competitive flying season for Precision Aerobatics. This was also the final leg of the team selection program for the World Championships next year in Muncie, USA.

The team selected is Andre` Stockwell, Pierre Marais and Marc Wolffe, with John Brink as team manager. The trip to the USA is expensive and could cost the individuals upward of R30 000 each for airfares, travel and accommodation. So an urgent appeal is made for sponsors and donors to assist.

The Masters event attracted only 16 of the 26 qualifiers, which is disappointing in view of the prestigious nature of the event, and resulted in a loss of income for the organisers.

The CIAM R/C Aerobatics sub-committee has put the final touches to the F3A flying schedules for 2013 and 2015, and has introduced an A schedule as an introduction to F3A, this could become our masters schedule locally. The sporting code has also been rewritten for more consistency of wording and descriptions. Most of this also applies to the F3P class as well.

Other items that also need to be approved at the plenary meeting of the CIAM next April include a provision which would allow a competitor to use another team member`s second aircraft in an emergency. The implication is that it will cut down on the number of aircraft to be transported to a W/C`s. Also the requirements for a Junior team to participate have been defined.

There has been some dissatisfaction locally about judging standards and this is being addressed with emphasis on training, grading, advancement levels and long term incentives.

The necessary equipment for model processing has been obtained. Still to be finalised is the issue of noise testing, when and to what degree.

The budget for a possible World Championships in South Africa in 2013 has been prepared and a submission made via the Aero Club to the Dept. of Sport for ministerial approval. Then a bid has to be prepared for submission and voting at the CIAM plenary meeting next April.

I wish you and yours a safe and pleasant festive season.

Best Regards,

John Brink