



MAASA AGM AGENDA
Date: Saturday 13 June 2015
Time: 6:00pm
PC Pelser airfield, Klerksdorp

AGENDA

Welcome

Apologies

Registration of proxy votes

Acceptance of previous minutes

Matters arising from previous minutes

Standing items:

- Chairman's report
- Treasurer's report

Proposals:

- Sporting Code changes:
 - Grant Brook: Merge Intermediate and Advanced classes from 01/01/2016
 - Grant Brook: That the new MAASA committee implement minimum requirements (especially related to participation in local competitions at ALL levels including monthly's) for judges to be nominated to CIAM for international duties.
 - Stuart Nix: Increase in the number of events for Masters qualification
- Constitution changes (2/3rd majority required):
 - Grant Brook: That the National PRO portfolio be amended to a Regional Reps Representative, selected by the reps, not the AGM.
- Fees (input to the new committee):
 - Grant Brook: Official joining fee
 - Grant Brook: Membership fees

Honorary life membership:

- Award to John Brink
- Any new nominations

Election of office bearers

Close

Note that the closing date for the submission of proposals for the Sporting Code is expected to be 6 June 2015, as dependent on the final date of the AGM.

PROPOSALS

Grant Brook

Proposal 1

Merge Intermediate and Advanced classes from 01/01/2016

Motivation: In 2014 it was agreed to reintroduce a non 2m class as an entry level class in MAASA. In order to do this it was necessary to introduce a 5th class, the intermediate class to accommodate existing pilots. With the current low entries the logistics of running 5 classes makes for additional expenses, especially when it comes to trophies, which constitute the largest expense after judges. The current sportsman class is already a 'partial turnaround' class and will provide a smoother transition to Advanced class than before.

The proposal is to task the committee with merging the Intermediate and Advanced class into a single Advanced class. To review the Advanced schedule with the view of reducing the K factor by up to 5 points and to review the Sportsman class with a view of increasing the K factor by up to 5 points. This will also entail reviewing the Development Framework and Sporting Code before the start of the 2016 season.

Proposal 2

That the new MAASA committee implement minimum requirements (especially related to participation in local competitions at ALL levels including monthly's) for judges to be nominated to CIAM for international duties.

Motivation: To encourage judges wishing to be invited to international competitions to participate regularly at all levels locally and also to provide a clear route for 'promotion' of judges. The details to be discussed and implemented by the incoming committee before the start of the 2016 season.

Proposal 3

That the National PRO portfolio be amended to a Regional Reps Representative, selected by the reps, not the AGM (Constitution change, 2/3rd majority required)

Motivation: The current National PRO portfolio has been vacant for an extended period of time and even when it was filled the role of National PRO seemed to overlap to some extent with that of the MAASA Secretary. In terms of encouraging participation in the affairs of MAASA at a national level it seems appropriate to provide the Regional reps with a vote on the committee. A nomination and majority vote in writing from ALL the regional reps will be sufficient to be appointed as Regional Reps rep on the MAASA committee with full voting powers and subject to all the conditions and responsibilities of the Constitution.

Proposal 4

Remove R150 joining fee for Officials but require annual update of contact information to remain current

Proposal 5

Membership Fees.

Motivation: The membership fees voted in 2007 has been a constant thorn in the side of MAASA, even 8 years on, and has been challenged regularly since then. At the time the MAASA committee had a budgeted loss of R30,000 with a bank balance of R10,000 and would have been bankrupt if the budgeted loss had materialised.

MAASA's only source of income is from members and donors. The future of MAASA depends on saving where possible and using the funds wisely. In the past MAASA has used the membership fees to cross-subsidise the regions. In some years the subsidy to regions has exceeded the contributions from those regions. Mostly the contributions were used to finance our two national competitions, the Masters and the Nationals. Even then, sponsorship formed a significant portion of the income for our competitions and for those of you that have attended past National competitions you will agree that they were prestigious.

Based on our current membership we would need to increase the membership fee to R1156pa just to maintain our budget provisions for those competitions and STILL have to source donors and entry fees.

Nevertheless, we have trimmed back significantly in the last 2 years. Our income has halved and with SAMAA hosting the Nationals we are still able to break even. The large number of Western Cape members is also gratifying and my proposals are intended to bring them back onboard as full voting members of MAASA. The proposals are as follows:

- Option a Existing Fee Structure
Extend R150 Local membership for one more year, no voting rights
Sportsman/Intermediate: R300pa
Advanced/Masters/F3A: R600pa

- Option b First Alternative
No Local membership
Sportsman: R200pa (50% discount first year)
Intermediate/Advanced/Masters: R400pa
F3A: R600pa

- Option c Second Alternative
No Local membership
Sportsman: R150pa (no discount first year)
Intermediate/Advanced/Masters: R300pa
F3A: R500pa

With these reduced fees it is also important to consider how the money should be spent:

- I. Regions should not charge their own annual membership.
- II. Regions should collect funds through competition entry fees.
- III. Regions should also require MAASA membership for Leagues and Provincials (not monthly's)
- IV. We should include a 5% escalation clause from 2017
- V. Aim to accumulate 10% of the membership fees towards the national kitty
- VI. Make allowance for Masters/Nationals expenses not covered by SAMAA.
- VII. Make a bigger allowance for judges travel (Training and Participation)
- VIII. Balance of income to be redistributed to regions for Provincial events (Primarily judges expenses, food, travel & accommodation) based on existing rules (minimum participation & budget submission)

Stuart Nix

Proposal 6

Increase the number of qualification events for the Masters to 5 leagues and 1 provincial.

Motivation: At the moment 3 leagues and 1 Provincial are the only qualifying events for any one to qualify for the Masters. Over the years this event has suffered lower and lower entries, I feel that if we increased the qualifying events to 5 leagues and 1 provincial this may allow more pilots to qualify therefore increasing the entries at the Masters event.

Also I have found locally that there is less interest shown for a pilot to enter a Monthly as this is just seen as a practice day, comments "i not entering, its only an monthly"

It maybe a idea to approve my proposal for 2016 and review at the end of the season

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