



MAASA COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: 24 May 2017

Time: 19h00

Location: Skype

Attending:

Rodney Potter (RP)
 Clinton Carter-Brown (CCB)
 Chris O'Connell (CO)
 Sebastiano Sacca (SS)
 Stuart Nix (SN)
 Michael Borchers (MB)
 Grant Brook (GB)
 Martin Knoetzen (MK)

Apologies:

Andre Stockwell (AS)

Item	Description	Actions
1. Welcome & Apologies	Rodney welcomed all to meeting as above.	
2. Acceptance Previous Minutes		Minutes accepted.
3. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribution of Sporting Code Online entries, and what constitutes an entry (WC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SC to be finalized and distributed prior to new season. WC has been struggling with getting online entries. If no formal entry is documented and entry fee not paid, it would be considered a non-entry.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters planning (also from AGM) • Judges' logbooks (CB) • Implementation of question banks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporting code 5.3 and 17.9 applies. • Suggested bi-annual – not accepted. • When not team selection event, tends to be smaller. But simply cut down event to suit the money available. • Bids should be opened for Masters, regardless of qualification season or otherwise. • Leave as is, committee to consider bids as presented. • SS to take over from Bruce. • CO / GB to share spreadsheets. • SS to take over from Bruce, feedback at next meeting. • Applies to all judges, including pilot judges.
4. Matters from AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local membership fees • Number of rounds at Leagues • Masters planning • Appointment of Regional Reps / Rep 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees as agreed at AGM will apply from next season. • Zero fees will apply for Sportsman's pilots for first year as from now. Not retrospective. • They will be regarded as full members if they apply online. • As per AGM, provinces can set their own rounds at leagues. • Duplication. • SN to arrange meeting with regional reps, and come back to committee with outcome. • GB to ensure updates done on website. • Ensure we do not chase away officials for the sake of them not being flying members.

5. Finances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of budget / actuals for 2017 • Feedback on membership updates and new members joined • Bank accounts to be opened (Michael / Grant) • Treatment of Gauteng funds • Sponsorships / donations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GB still maintaining until handover to MB. • Financials to be discussed at later meeting. • Red Bull / Avis sponsors events only, not individuals. • Regional sporting federations would be able to contribute to funds, but big process to get this done. • There is some ad-hoc department in government, not sure of details. • RP to follow through. • RP to share process followed with other regions. • Need to find contact people for the local federations.
6. Contest Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action needed.
7. Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing and growing Pattern 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parked for later discussion.
8. Judging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judging tests, accreditation and clinics • Pilot judging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed tests above. • RP suggested that MAASA pays for judges in League events. • Need is to get common judging base across country. • Clinic is about developing both pilots and judges. Needs to be done by very experienced pilot to guide judges and pilots to become better. • Accepted that Clinics is a good approach. • SS to pick up and arrange one each in WC and GP. • Not used in WC at all. Widely used in GP.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All major events to have 5 qualified judges. No pilot judges allowed at these events? • Judges selection to exclude F3A pilots? • Pilot judges to do the required exam and monitored by neutral party. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CB is seen as official without paying fees. Should be encouraged to be full member. • Should try to get fulltime judges, but simply have no option. • In US – pilot judging is compulsory. • Judge / Pilot Judge has to be qualified to the appropriate level (regardless of pilot or not). • SS to ensure that all judges qualified as needed. • SS to maintain list of current judges on MAASA website. • Discussion on pilot judges fall away. • Stick to minimum qualified judges to be utilized as per sporting code. • Down to availability on the day. • As per above.
<p>9. 2017 Combined Power Nats</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrap-Up • Do we continue with Power Nats? • Should we revert back to rotational Pattern Nats on rotational basis? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback survey was badly done, but critical feedback was given. • Feedback should come through SIGs meeting at SAMAA. • Nats was effectively not a combined Nats. Too little activity, almost nothing happening at PC Pelser. • WC pilots tend to fly only one discipline. • Cost of holding own Nats is the main determinant of our participation. Cannot afford to hold own competition at the same cost level. • If event better planned, can be a great event. • Cost reduction will be

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation of non-MAASA members in Power Nats • Masters Trophy for 2018 	<p>short-lived if entries are not higher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar event to Masters in WC could be held for not massive amounts. But have to keep an eye on the money in doing this. • Perhaps rotate Nats between provinces. • Will get feedback back to SAMAA, and subsequently take point further. Current proposal is to go back to rotational Nats dedicated to Pattern. • CCB to take this message back to SAMAA. • Cannot change this, but MAASA trophies would only be awarded to MAASA pilots. • SAMAA trophies to be handed to any pilots. • Floating trophy – will be returned.
10. Club Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Aerobatics at club level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parked for later discussion.
11. World Champs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Appointment of TM • Fundraising (Raffle / sponsorships / etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only one nomination was received for GB. • Team accepted nomination. • Committee unanimously supports his nomination. • GB is making arrangements as needed for entries, etc. • GB to take forward when Michael out of hospital. • Focus on team for fundraising vs. MAASA? • Sufficient oversight exists within the committee, SAMAA and independent members to ensure governance is not breached. • Current status is that MAASA funds are not used

		<p>for Team, and should this be reconsidered, this would need to be an AGM discussion with members. Not foreseen at this stage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RP to explore possibility of gaining funds from Aeroclub. GB to have offline discussion with RP.
12. Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Score Sheets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CO to update scoring sheets for next season. • CO to work on new Advanced and Sportmans schedules, share with committee for consideration and approval.
13. Electronic Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parked for later discussion.
14. Schedules for 2018/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of FAI schedules (P-19 / F-19) • Change to Advanced schedule • Changes to Sportsman schedule • Score sheets, Call Cards, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above.
15. Management Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basis of MAASA • Provincial committees • Registered Federations with Sporting Bodies (e.g. WP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Already discussed. • Update provincial committees on website. • MAASA role is SIG of SAMAA, reporting to Aeroclub and SASCOC. • Need to figure out how provincial structures feature in this. • Will discuss in future committee meetings.
16. SA Masters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider Annual / Bi-Annual • Consider rotational basis in participating provinces • Sponsorship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To do at later date. • Send out reminder of dates for Masters, seek proposals for hosting (CO).
17. Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of new members • Non-participating provinces • Non-participation of previous members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GB highlighted new members not problem, but rather retaining older members. • RP in discussion with various members and provinces to establish why people leave, and trying to gain participation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment of non-members in competitions / national scoring register / trophies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinics may assist in this regard as well. • People that stick around tend to be ones with others that fly with them. • Discussed above
18. General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of members to higher classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members should be able to motivate staying in lower class or going up to higher classes. • Each motivation should be considered on its own merit, and debated based on the individual case. • The Sporting code will be amended to allow this, if this is not yet the case. • SS and committee to follow rules at end of each cycle, and apply more rigorous progress.

Next meeting to be on 20th June 2017, 19h00 via Skype.

Some issues can be handled via round-robin.

Meeting closes at 21h57.