



MINUTES OF THE 2013 MAASA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: Midvaal Raceway Henley.

Date: 2011-04-26

Minutes by: Richard Wiedemann

1. Welcome

Arthur Eggar welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Present

Arthur Eggar (Chairman)
Andre' Stockwell (Vice Chairman)
Richard Wiedemann (Secretary)
John Brink (International
PRO)

Ivan Olivier (Chief Judge)
Danie Potgieter (Snr) (CD)
Van Zyl Koegelenberg
Frik De Beer
Stadler Brits
Grant Brook
Clinton Carter Brown
Mark Savage
Chris Theron
Johan De Lange
Ludwig Steyn
Bruce Clark
Sebastiane Sacca
Calvin Scroll
Marietjie Skinner
Bob Skinner
Christo Rust
E. Vice
Ian Morris

3. Apologies

Nico Erasmus

4. Proxy Votes

Proxy Votes were received from:

Des Cooper
Michael Wyatt
S van Niekerk
Dave Greer
Colin Addis

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

None.

6. Acceptance of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Andre Stockwell proposed that the minutes of the previous AGM were correct.
Grant Brook seconded the proposal.

7. Standing Items

7.1 Chairman's Report

Attached as Appendix A

Arthur Eggar.

7.2 Treasurer's Report

Andre Stockwell presented the financial statements
Refer to Appendix B for the detail Financial reports.

8. PROPOSALS

Proposal 1 and 2

PROPOSALS FOR THE 2013 AGM – by Grant Brook and Clinton Carter-Brown

1. Change the F3A flight format at National competitions (Nationals and Masters) to PPF and update the sporting code to reflect the changes.

Motivation:

At the 2012 AGM the proposal to amend the F3A fly-off format for provincial competitions to a standard PPF format was approved. As the fly-off format was already being used for the Team selection process at the Nationals and Masters

Competitions there was no proposal for changing the format at the time. The team selection process has been completed for 2013 and changing the format to PPF can be incorporated into a new Team selection process for 2015 if necessary or an alternative team selection process can be adopted.

The PPF format will provide additional differentiation between the Masters and F3A classes and simplify the National competition format by bringing it into line with league and provincial competitions.

The change will reduce the National competition duration by 2hrs.

If proposal 1 is accepted then it is proposed that the amendment be implemented immediately after the 2013 Nationals.

A mandate was granted to Clinton Carter Brown and Grant Brook as a sub committee to investigate the process further and compile a formalised proposal which will be decided on by the MAASA committee, this process is to be completed before the Masters 2013.

Proposal 3

1. The following statement (with wording based on the rule freeze statement included in the FAI Sporting Code effective 1st January 2013) is proposed to be included in the front of the MAASA Sporting Code:
“With the exception of genuine and urgent safety matters and indispensable rule clarifications, and noise rulings changes to the sporting code may only be made at the AGM and special meetings as defined in the MAASA constitution.”

Motivation:

The proposal to include a clause to manage the changes to the sporting code is an attempt to clarify the views of the majority of MAASA members and to provide a framework and a mandate to the MAASA committee for future changes to the sporting code.

If this proposal is rejected by the Members then it must be considered that a full and open mandate has been given to the MAASA committee to make changes to the sporting code at will.

The proposal was rejected by the Members and the MAASA committee is given a full and open mandate to make changes to the sporting code at will.

PROPOSAL 4

1. Team selection process for 2015

Option 1: Team selection remains a 3 event selection process, subject to the outcomes of proposal 1. If proposal 1 is accepted then results for each team selection event will be based on the best 3 of the 4 (PPFF) flights i.e. 3000 normalised points. Best two of three national event scores are added for a maximum of 6000 normalised points.

Motivation: Retains the status quo of 3 team selection events, but aligned with proposal 1.

Option 2: Team selection is not done at the three National competitions. Rather a separate single team selection event is held, typically sometime between February and May in the year of the F3A World Championship (allowing sufficient time for the selected pilots to make the necessary arrangements to compete at the World Championship). This separate event is only for pilots competing for a team position. The format will be the same as the present 4P 2F format, however all competing pilots will compete in the F rounds. Pilots will need to qualify for the team selection event by scoring at least 60% in three provincial or national competitions following the completion of the previous world championships.

Motivation: A single team selection event (early in the year of the World Championship) will help ensure that the pilots peaking in form closer to the World Championship event will be selected. The qualification requirement will ensure that pilots compete locally in the run up to the event. All participating pilots should fly the F schedules as the number of pilots is expected to be fairly low (less than 15 and typically less than 10), a dedicated team selection event provides sufficient time for the additional flights, and it gives all pilots the opportunity to fly the F schedule. It is acknowledged that a single event has the inherent consequence if a competitor is not available (sick) or performs poorly at the single event. The same risks occur as for the World Championship e.g. sickness, model problems etc.

Option 3: A single team selection event be structured according to other proposals presented at the AGM

A mandate was granted to Clinton Carter Brown and Grant Brook as a sub committee to investigate the process further and compile a formalised proposal which will be decided on by the MAASA committee, this process is to be completed before the Masters 2013.

8.1. Migration of pilots between f3a and Masters

Proposal was to remove clause 18.7 from sporting code

It was decided by the members that migration between F3A and Masters will only be allowed at the start of the year. MAASA will be informed of any move between the Masters and F3A classes, but approval is not required.

9 Election of the Office Bearers

The following vacancies had to be filled:

- Secretary
- Chief judge
- Treasurer
- Local pro

The following nominations were received

Christo Rust chief judge position
Clinton Carter Brown Vice Chairman.
Van Zyl Koegelenberg local pro position

The outcome with majority votes was as follows

CHAIRMAN	Arthur Eggar
VICE CHAIRMAN	Andre Stockwell
CHIEF JUDGE	Christo Rust
SECRETARY	Clinton Carter Brown
TREASURER	Grant Brook
LOCAL PRO	Van Zyl Koegelenberg
INTERNATIONAL PRO	John Brink
CONTEST DIRECTOR	Danie Potgieter

10 Closure

The meeting closed at 20.30

Minutes Approval:

Name:

Name:

APPENDIX A: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2013 MAASA Annual General Meeting – Chairman's Report - 26th April 2013

I take this opportunity of welcoming everyone to the 2013 Annual General Meeting.

This meeting is the opportunity for the members to congregate, submit proposals for change to our Constitution and Sporting Code and rekindle old and distant friendships.

Further, it also is the occasion where a new Committee will be elected by the members.

Regarding matters Committee, we have had three resignations from existing Committee members, those vacancies to be filled at this meeting.

I thank those committee members who have decided to step down, for their support over the preceding term and wish them well into the future. I trust they will remain active in the Aerobatics SIG and grace us with their company from time to time.

Further, we had regular Committee meetings, albeit that we were geographically separated by huge distances, all thanks to the wonderful world of electronic communication, where important local matters were discussed, decisions made and the interests of the members always kept in the foreground. The diversity of Committee members' responsibilities in their business and private lives, made it difficult at times, to obtain information from them when required. However, in the end, no harm was done other than a bit of frustration.

If I may dwell on the frustration issue and this is a personal thing from me, there is nothing more annoying to me than a non – response to e-mails sent out to members. If you agree or otherwise, let us know, because a grievance relating to an old matter may have no impact or value six months later.

Another matter that I believe created huge dissatisfaction at the beginning of 2013 was the new schedules and my only comment in that regard is, it is going to happen again, here and now, as your vote regarding changes brought about at this meeting are very premature, they generally will only be effective eight months hence, so give thought to your vote, before you raise your hand.

Staying with the local scene, we have welcomed a number of new members, however and it is always a regret, we have lost a few participating members. Whatever their reason, I hope their absence will be short lived.

At the beginning of 2013 as mentioned earlier, most pilots were faced with new schedules and whilst at the outset there were grumblings of concern from some, I am pleased to report that those faced with what they thought to be insurmountable challenges, have overcome their concerns and are coping well at this stage. May I say that there is no reward for no effort.

Focusing on the Regional scenes and I thank every regional representative for their unselfish contribution, the GAA still has the lion's share of active national members,

OFS seems to yo-yo but maintains reasonable activity, Northwest is on even keel, KZN, close to home for me, has a reasonable interest group in all classes and I am very pleased to see five entries from them at these Nationals, WP and sadly our friends down south, who have chosen to take a sabbatical, have found the travelling and related costs a huge contributor to their non appearance at these Nats. For the other regions that are on the books, we look forward to their participation into the future.

Onto the International scene, we are looking forward to the 2013 FAI F3a World Champs (last held in RSA in 1979) to be held at this venue later in the year and apart from the problems encountered with venues initially, I am pleased to report that under the guidance of Messrs Brink, Skinner and their committee, all is on cue to be a memorable event in our flying careers. I urge everyone to make a concerted effort to be part of the spectacle as you won't have the opportunity again at the price you will pay for the privilege.

This weekend we are here to contest the MAASA National Championship in all our disciplines and at the end of the weekend we will crown the South African Champions' in those classes for 2013. Certainly an achievement well deserved for all the effort preceding the event by every competitor. I wish every entrant well and thank them for being here as that is an achievement within its own right. Remember, to have winners, we must have losers.

Coupled to this National Championship, will be the last round of our F3a team selection process to determine who represents South Africa at the World Championship later in the year as mentioned earlier. To those in the running, I say to you individually, may the best men win and as victors, do yourselves and your country proud.

Finally, I thank our Sponsor for this event, Dean Grobbelaar of Aerial Concepts, without which it may not have happened, the MAASA sub-committee formed to organize everything we will enjoy this weekend, our host Nino Venturi, his merry assistants of Midvaal Raceway and everybody that will be on board for the event, You know who you are and I say thank you.

Last but not least, thanks to the pilots competing, without you, there is no competition.

Arthur Eggar.

APPENDIX B : TREASURER'S REPORT

Income and Expenditure statement for period 08 May 2012 to 24 April 2013	
Income	
Membership Renewals:2012	R 1 050.00
Membership Renewals:2013	R 24 805.00
SA Masters Entry fees	R 4 200.00
Interest Income	R 1 244.77
Sponsorship: Aerial Concepts	R 15 000.00
Sponsorship: ARE	R 10 000.00
Aerial Concepts/MAASA Nats 2013 Entry fees + Donations	R 17 740.00
Gross Income for the period	R 74 039.77
Expenditure	
SA Masters Expenses	R 16 104.80
Bank Charges	R 1 329.50
World Championships 2013 - Affiliation Fee (Net Recovered)	R 0.00
Regional Grants Paid	R 7 500.00
World Championships 2013 - Entry Fee (to be recovered)	R 30 550.00
Aerial Concepts/MAASA Nats 2013 Net Costs incurred	R 57 919.97
Gross Expenditure for the period	R 113 404.27
Net Income/(Expenditure for the period)	-R 39 364.50
Opening balance at the beginning of the period	R 48 438.74
Available funds as at 24 April 2013	R 9 074.24
Balance per bank statement 24 April 2013	R 9 074.24
Difference: Check should be zero	R 0.00

SA Precision Aerobatics Nationals 2013 Income and Expenditure Statement

Date	Description	Note #	Prior Period	Budget	Actual
			R's	R's	R's

INCOME

	Entry Fees	1	R 25 500.00	R 20 000.00	R 16 940.00
	Additional Dinner Tickets	2	R 1 040.00	R 0.00	
	Sponsorships ARE	3		R 10 000.00	R 10 000.00
	Sponsorships Aerial Concepts	4	R 15 000.00	R 15 000.00	R 15 000.00
	GAA Donation	5		R 800.00	R 800.00
	TOTAL INCOME		R 41 540.00	R 45 800.00	R 42 740.00

EXPENDITURE

	NATS Venue -Midvaal	8	R 0.00	R 25 000.00	R 25 000.00
	Marquee Hire	9	R 4 650.00	R 0.00	
	Judges and Officials costs	10	R 22 250.00	R 17 000.00	R 9 880.00
	Welcome Reception costs	11	R 1 800.00	R 0.00	
	Saturday evening Braai	12	R 4 550.00	R 0.00	
	Prizegiving Dinner	13	R 8 625.00	R 0.00	
	Trophies and Badges	14	R 5 000.00	R 5 250.00	R 4 902.57
	Toilet Hire	15	R 1 775.00	R 0.00	
	Security	16	R 2 500.00	R 0.00	
	Petrol for Generators	17	R 800.00	R 0.00	
	Catering	18		R 17 100.00	R 17 100.00
	Sundry Purchases	19			R 1 037.40
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		R 51 950.00	R 64 350.00	R 57 919.97

Notes To The Budget

- 1 40 entries assumed at R500 per entry
- 2 0 additional dinner tickets assumed at R120 ea
- 3 ARE sponsorship pledge
- 4 Confirmed R15,000 sponsorship from Aerial Concepts
- 5 GAA Donation confirmed
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- 8 Venue confirmed -
- 9 No Marquee required
- 10 Assuming same level as 2012 - to be firmed up, accomadation secured for out of town officials
- 11 Included in venue and catering costs
- 12 Included in venue and catering costs
- 13 Included in venue and catering costs
- 14 Increases by 5% over 2012
- 15 Toilets venue
- 16 Security provided by venue
- 17 Power provided by venue
- 18 Thursday Evening: 75 People @ R30p/p = R2250.00 (Food Only, Cash Bar)
- 18 Saturday Evening: 75 People @ R70 p/p = R5250 (Food only, Cash Bar)
- 18 Sunday Evening: 80 People @ R 120 p/p = R9600 (Food only, Cash Bar)
- 18 Total for the Three evenings: R 17 100.00 (For the catering, Drinks Excluded)