



MINUTES OF THE 2015 MAASA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: PC Pelsers Airfield, Klerksdorp, North-West province.

Date: 13 June 2015, 18:00

Minutes by: Clinton Carter-Brown

1. WELCOME

Andre Stockwell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. PRESENT

Andre' Stockwell (Acting Chairman and Vice Chairman)

Clinton Carter-Brown (Secretary)

Grant Brook (Treasurer)

Danie Potgieter (Snr) (CD)

Chris Theron (Chief Judge)

Ivan Olivier

Ozzie Paranee

Cobus Malan

Martin Knoetzen

Ludwig Steyn

Rodney Potter

Stuart Nix

Nico Erasmus

David Austin

Chris Austin

Chris O'Connell

Bruce Clark

Neil Allen

Danie Potgieter Jnr

Matthys Botha

3. APOLOGIES

John Brink, Pieter Botha, Max Buizer

4. PROXY VOTES

Proxy Votes were received from:

John Brink and Pieter Botha in favour of A Stockwell

Hadri Lombaard and Dereck Butow in favour of G Brook

Andre' Vogel in favour of S Nix

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

D Potgieter Jnr proposed that the minutes of the previous AGM were and accurate and true reflection. I Olivier seconded the proposal.

7. STANDING ITEMS

7.1 Chairman's Report

Andre' Stockwell presented the chairman's report.

Attached as Appendix A

Andre' was thanked for his leadership role and for stepping in as acting chairman when Arthur Eggar resigned.

7.2 Treasurer's Report

Grant Brook presented the financial statements. Comments after the meeting were welcomed.

Attached as Appendix B

8. PROPOSALS

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.

Result: Proposal was supported. New committee to develop new merged schedule(s). Masters class to continue to fly FAI P schedule. Advanced schedule will need to bridge the move between Sportsman and Masters classes.

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.

Result: Not supported as already considered to be accommodated in the sporting code. Suggestions were made as regards judges badges, a judging card with classification and other possible means to provide judges with appropriate recognition. Judges recognition to be looked at by the committee.

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.

Result: Supported. Constitution to be changed accordingly. Regional rep is to be selected by the regional reps.

Proposal 4

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

Result: Not supported. Once off officials fee to be retained

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)

Result: A modified version of Option C was supported as follows.

Sportsman R150 with no first year discount
Advanced R300
Masters and F3A R500

Grant Brook to also investigate possible debit order options.
Note that the “local membership” option in the “development provinces” will no longer be supported.

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 am not entering, its only an monthly”

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

Result: Supported. Sporting Code to be amended to remove the limit on the maximum number of leagues that a province can hold in a year. The province will then have discretion as regards the hosting of Leagues or Monthlies.

9. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

In the course of the year honorary life membership was bestowed on John Brink. This was noted in the AGM.

It was also confirmed that the committee has received a nomination for Danie Potgieter Snr, which was unanimously supported by the membership. As such honorary life membership was awarded to Danie Potgieter Snr at the AGM.

John and Danie were congratulated, and thanked for their selfless service to MAASA.

10. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Andre’ Stockwell and Chris Theron indicated that they were not available to continue to serve on the MAASA committee. Andre’ was prepared to continue as the CIAM representative.

Nominations for the committee positions were solicited from the meeting, and voting took place via a show of hands.

The outcome was as follows:

CHAIRMAN	Clinton Carter Brown
VICE CHAIRMAN	Matthys Botha

CHIEF JUDGE	Bruce Clark
SECRETARY	Chris O'Connell
TREASURER	Grant Brook
CONTEST DIRECTOR	Danie Potgieter Snr

Furthermore Andre Stockwell agreed to continue to be the RSA technical representative on the CIAM F3A sub-committee.

11 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 20:00.

Minutes Approval:

Name:

Name:

APPENDIX A: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Period Jan to June 2015)

Dear Members,

It is a pleasure to present this report after a memorable flying season.

Firstly, I would like to extend a special word of thanks to your hard working committee of the past 12 months. They are: Arthur Eggar (X Chairman) for the past 2.5 years, Andre Stockwell (Vice and Acting Chairman), Chris Theron (Chief Judge), Clinton Carter- Brown (Secretary), Grant Brook (Treasurer and National PRO) and Danie Potgieter (SNR) Contest Director.

Thank you also to our regional representatives for your support and hard work during the reporting period. Our regional Representatives were Matthys Botha (MAASA Gauteng), Sebastiano Sacca (MAASA NW), Neil Allen (MAASA KZN), Stuart Nix (MAASA Western Province), Burt Botha (MAASA Eastern Cape) and Anton van Wyk (MAASA Free State),

I would like to thank all MAASA members for your interest and support for this great sport of ours.

Membership

MAASA has 53 paid up members for 2015 of which 8 are officials. That represents approximately a 20% growth from the previous year.

The membership numbers per province are:

GP:25, KZN:6, NW:3, WP:19

The membership numbers per class are:

Sportsman:12, Intermediate:5, Advanced:7, Masters:14, F3A:7, Officials:8

New Members: 23

GP:9, KZN:1, WP:13

Local Members: 13

WP:11, KZN:2

It is very promising to see the growth, especially in the Sportsman class, which means that there will be renewed growth in the lower classes in the years to follow.

MAASA Initiatives

MAASA embarked on a renewal drive.

As part of this initiative the MAASA Logo was revised to include regional identity for example MAASA Gauteng and membership status. Thanks to Stuart Nix for the logo design.

New logo for 2015



In order to make the administration at National and Regional levels a lot more efficient, Grant implemented a capability for online membership application and renewal, checking SAMAA membership, submission of competition entry forms, checking online competition entry list and results and much more. Thanks to Grant's initiatives and hard work.

South African Team and World Championships

During the year a national team was selected to represent SA at the world championship in August in Zurich, Switzerland this year. Congratulations to Calvin Schroll, Clinton Carter-Brown, Andre` Stockwell, Grant Brook (first reserve) and Roston Dugmore (Jnr) who will be defending the Junior World Champion Title. The Team Manager is Matthys Botha. With their experience, ability and dedication we have a strong team to do us proud, and we wish them every success. As this is a very expensive exercise, I wish to thank those who have donated and sponsored them to date, and urge you to support remaining fund raising efforts.

World Championship Judge

Congratulations to Ivan Olivier for being invited to judge at the 2015 F3A World Championships in Zurich, Switzerland. Ivan also judged at the 2013 World Championships here in South Africa. Judging at a World Championships is the pinnacle in a judges judging career.

We wish Ivan the very best with the important judging task at the World Championships.

I will end by asking you all to reflect on the progress made in the past year and to carefully consider what direction you wish the organization to take, who is best to do this, and the finances required to achieve our aims.

Lastly I would like to wish the new chairman and his committee everything of the very best for the hard work that lies ahead of them. Use this opportunity to build on the sound foundation that has been provided, to grow and improve RC aerobatic competition in Southern Africa for the benefit and enjoyment of everyone interested in this fantastic sport.

Thank you for your attention.

Andre` Stockwell
(Acting MAASA Chairman)

APPENDIX B : TREASURER'S REPORT

A detailed income/expenses report dating back to January 2013 is attached.

From this report one can see that the income from membership has fallen significantly. Over the past few years people have been quick to blame the economy, membership fees, expensive planes and everything else but the truth is that the mix of MAASA members has changed somewhat. From 2014 to 2015 we have had an increase in membership but yet the income has still reduced.

In 2013 there were some 40 members in the Advanced/Masters and F3A classes contributing R600pa each. In 2015, with 8 fewer members there are only 28 members in the above classes. Many of the 'lost' members are old stalwarts and hopefully they have just been on sabbatical and we can expect them to join the ranks again. On the flip side membership in Intermediate and Sportsman class has grown from 9 to 17 members this year with the resurgence in Western Province contributing 18 members in total. Unfortunately the enthusiasm shown in KZN over the past 5yrs has waned somewhat. Hopefully a temporary change.

One might think that introducing the Local membership class has skewed the above figures but that is not entirely true as many of the Local members contributing R150 and competing in Sportsman or Intermediate class are paying the same, if not more, than if they joined as full members.

Over the past two years 33 new members have joined MAASA so it is difficult to argue that we are unable to attract new members. What is a problem is keeping those members coming back. This is not something that I feel can be done with cheaper membership. To a large extent it is the nature of our sport where the huge focus on precision, requiring hours of practise over an extended period of time, does not suit everyone's tastes. The people that have stuck it out have reaped the rewards and many of them are here today to support MAASA going forward.

MAASA is entering a new phase with SAMAA financing the combined nationals. In this regard the SIG's, including MAASA, will lose their SIG grants so all in all we have to make do with less. Hopefully the proposed new fee structure will create a platform for growth going forward and bring everyone back onboard as fully-fledged MAASA members.

I would like to thank Stuart for his contribution regarding the membership cards. The printing and distribution comes at a significant cost, kindly donated by Stuart and Square Edge Design. At around R2000 it represents 15% of the fee income of MAASA and is difficult, in my opinion, to justify without a generous donation.

In closing I would also like to thank my fellow committee members for their support.

Model Aerobatic Association of SA

10 June 2015

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
	Jan - Dec 13	Jan - Dec 14	Jan - 10 Jun 15	2014	2015
Income					
Masters Income	1,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Fees	23,430.00	14,300.00	13,000.00	23,430.00	15,000.00
Gifts and Donations Income	2,800.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest Earned	1,008.99	1,792.85	796.56	1,700.00	1,700.00
Grants (SIG)	6,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
World Champs Team Income	69,952.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
Nationals Income					
Nationals Entries	0.00	7,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sponsorship	0.00	8,015.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nationals Income - Other	42,440.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Nationals Income	42,440.00	15,615.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	147,430.99	43,707.85	17,796.56	29,130.00	20,700.00
Expense					
Office Expenses	0.00	1,146.16	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
Judges Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
Bank Charges	678.60	207.00	47.48	300.00	300.00
Internet Expenses	75.00	75.00	0.00	75.00	75.00
Provincial Grants	10,000.00	2,000.00	2,500.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
Annual Calibration equipment	0.00	570.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
World Champs Team Expenses	69,951.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Masters	4,525.00	8,216.00	0.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
Nationals					
Catering	0.00	6,909.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Judges Expenses					
Accommodation	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Catering	0.00	3,294.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel	0.00	5,475.00	678.24	0.00	0.00
Judges Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Judges Expenses	0.00	12,769.00	678.24	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scoring Consumables	0.00	164.51	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trophies & T-Shirts	0.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Venue	0.00	2,180.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nationals - Other	63,787.97	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	10,000.00
Total Nationals	63,787.97	30,022.51	678.24	15,000.00	10,000.00
Total Expense	149,018.42	42,236.67	5,225.72	37,875.00	20,375.00
Balance	(1,587.43)	1,471.18	12,570.84	(8,745.00)	325.00
Opening Bank Balance for Period under review	31711.17	37091.59	40562.77		
Sanction fee allocated to opening balance	6,117.85				
Profit/Loss for period	(1,587.43)	1,471.18	12,570.84		
Absa Bank Balance (Not transferred)	-50				
Travel Payments to be made		600	-600		
Membership fees pd but not invoiced	900.00	2300	-2000		
Fees previously paid, now invoiced		-900			
SAMAA Individual Grant pending					
Closing Bank Balance for Period under review	37091.59	40562.77	50533.61		