

MINUTES OF THE MAASA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: Greys Old Boys Club (Bloemfontein)

Date: 2005-04-28

1. Present

T P Marais
I Olivier (Chief Judge)
D Potgieter (Snr) (Contest Director)
M van Vuuren
D van Rhyn (Jnr)
D van Rhyn (Snr)
A Pretorius
T Dreyer
M Wolffe
K Beukes
P Fouche
B Viljoen
C Rust
K Hamman
D Potgieter (Jnr)
B Botha
C Germishuys
C Theron
M Erasmus
N Erasmus
J Smit
K Mackrill
C Mackrill
N Harris
L Smit
Q Schroll
W van Huyssteen
A Stockwell

2. Apologies

S Nicolaides

3. Welcome

Savas asked Pierre Marais to chair the meeting on his behalf. Pierre welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that the meeting be conducted in a positive and constructive manner.

4. Acceptance of previous minutes

No minutes were presented.

5. MAASA Overview

Two years ago SAMAA decided to follow the BMFA structure of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) which are responsible for organizing their own affairs.

9 SIGs were registered with SAMAA. The question was raised whether the South African scenario is the same as in the UK in terms of the number of modellers belonging to the organizations and the geographical distances.

SAMAA gave a R5000 grant to MAASA to start the SIG under Eric Ousman's leadership.

The question was raised whether the membership fees of MAASA should be raised and SAMAA membership fees lowered, as MAASA has very limited funds for promoting the SIG and the contests. The R5000/year grant from SAMAA is not sufficient.

The F3A debacle also affected the aerobatics fraternity. That chapter is now closed.

Burt Botha stated if any member is unhappy with the way MAASA is managed or with the structure of MAASA, it should be addressed during the meeting to resolve the matter. If members felt that they could contribute to the running of the organization, they should make themselves available to serve on the committee and not complain afterwards.

6. Special Thanks

Pierre thanked all the committee members for their contributions over the past two years and specially thanked Ivan Olivier for sponsoring and printing the Rule Books.

7. Communication

Dirk van Rhyn said that there is not enough communication from MAASA in general. To improve the communication, each of the 9 regions should form a small committee to organize the sport in their area and serve as a link between the MAASA committee and the members. A proposal was made to use the SAMAA website to publish rules, the constitution, news and events. The P.R.O. is to arrange with the SAMAA editor to update the MAASA web page. Special communications are to be forwarded to the secretary for re-distribution to the members.

8. Finances

No Balance Sheet nor Income / Expense Statement were presented at the meeting. The Financial statements will be distributed once it is reconciled and handed over to the new treasurer. Pierre Marais indicated that the bank balance is approximately R7000.

9. Election of Office Bearers

Chairman:

Nominations: Savas Nicolaides, Pierre Marais, Christo Rust

Elected: Pierre Marais

Vice Chairman:

Nomination: Christo Rust

Elected: Christo Rust

Chief Judge:

Nominations: Ivan Olivier, Christo Rust

Elected: Ivan Olivier

Secretary:

Nomination: Andre' Stockwell

Elected: Andre' Stockwell

Treasurer:

Nomination: Sharon Pretorius

Elected: Sharon Pretorius

P.R.O.:

Nomination: Claude Mackrill

Elected: Claude Mackrill

Contest Director:

Nomination: Danie Potgieter (Snr)

Elected: Danie Potgieter (Snr)

10. Election of Regional Representatives

Gauteng:	Carel Germishuys
Free State:	Walter van Huyssteen
Western Cape:	Nazeem Harris
Eastern Cape:	Rick Allsopp
Limpopo:	Chris Theron
Kwazulu Natal:	T P Marais to confirm
North West:	Quintin Schroll
Mpumalanga:	Marius van Vuuren
Northern Cape:	--

Pierre thanked everyone for their positive contributions and declared the meeting closed at 20:20.