



MINUTES OF THE MAASA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011

Venue: Emoyeni Aviation Park, KZN

Date: 2011-04-29

Minutes by: AndreøStockwell

1. Welcome

John Brink welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Present

John Brink (Chairman & Int. PRO)

AndreøStockwell (Secretary)

Quintin Schroll (Vice Chairman)

Christo Rust (Chief Judge)

Danie Potgieter (Snr) (CD)

Bertie Viljoen (Treasurer)

Derrick Grobbelaar

Neil Allen

Mark Hubbard

Leon Pierre Coetzee

Johan de Lange

Francois van Pletzen

Kobus Booysen

Nazeem Harris

Roston Dugmore

Fred Wilkinson

Brendan Whitehead

Jason Barker

Les Ward

Nico Erasmus

Ivan Olivier

Grant Brook

Clinton Carter-Brown

Danie Potgieter (Jnr.)

Neil Collins

Dean Grobbelaar

Stuart Nix

Walter van Huyssteen

Arthur Coleby

Marc Wolffe

Richard Wiedemann

Carl Nicholl

Timothy Hamman

Pierre Marais

John Clements

Gerhard Venter

Danie Steyn

Kas Hamman

Greg Moss

3. Apologies

Pierre Fouche

F C Hamman (Nat. PRO)

Johan Brits

Arthur Eggar

Burt Botha

Rui Martins

4. Proxy Votes

Proxy Votes were received from:

Ludwig Steyn, Walter Lin, Tony Rorke

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

None.

6. Acceptance of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mark Hubbard proposed the minutes as read and seconded by Christo Rust.

7. Standing Items

7.1 Chairman's Report

Refer to Appendix A for the Chairman's report.

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7.2 Treasurer's Report

Bertie Viljoen presented the financial statements and Proposed Budget for 2012.

The SAMAA grant for the F3A team amounts to R20000, which leaves a shortfall of R4816 for the Entry Fees for 2011 World Championship. John requested that MAASA funds the shortfall. No Objections were received to this request and John thanked everyone for their support.

An amount of R1500 is budgeted for Provincial assistance. This amount will be paid to the relevant Province on the condition that there are more than 10 entries for the Provincial Championship.

Johan de Lange proposed that the financial statements are correct, seconded by Nico Erasmus.

Refer to Appendix B for the Treasurer's report.

8 Matters for Discussion

8.1 Proposed amendments to the Constitution.

No amendments to the Constitution were tabled.

8.2 Sporting Code changes

8.2.1 NOVICE and SPORTSMAN class

Proposer: Stuart Nix

Limit the plane size to "90 size" only or electric equivalent motor size. "By reducing the size of the plane, should lower the cost of entering the sport and open the door to new pilots".

The proposal was discussed at length and a modified proposal was formulated, stating that the restriction is only applicable to Novice class.

The modified proposal was put to the vote and the majority vote was against the proposal.

8.2.2 Conflicting Statements in the Sporting Code

Proposer: Ian Morris

Ian highlighted that paragraphs 8.6 and 11.1 in the Sporting Code are contradicting statements.

Paragraph 8.6 Take-off and landing shall be scored between 10 and 0 for the Novice and Sportsman Classes. For all other classes takeoff and landing will not be judged or scored. Flying time in all classes will be eight (8) minutes starting from when the line director indicates to the pilot to start and ends when the last manoeuvre is completed.

Paragraph 11.1 The manoeuvres must be executed during an uninterrupted flight in the order in which they are listed. The

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competitor may make only one attempt at each manoeuvre during the flight. The competitor has three minutes to start the engine/motor and for the model aircraft to commence its take-off roll. The competitor (in all classes) has eight minutes to complete the flight, starting with the instruction to start the motor and **ends when the last manoeuvre is completed.** ~~ending when the model aircraft first touches the runway after completing the flight. The flight ends when the model aircraft touches the ground after the flight.~~ Scoring will cease with the expiration of the eight minute time limit, except for the in-flight sound score, which is done after the flight is completed, irrespective of the time.

Paragraph 11.1 will be updated as shown above.

8.2.3 Corrections in the Sporting Code

Proposer: AndreøStockwell

The following paragraphs to be updated as stated below.

Paragraph 17.4 í Pilots competing in Sportsman to Masters **F3A** Classes must obtain a score of 60%.

Appendix B - Team Selection Criteria

- Should refer to í öthe relevant schedules for the particular cycleö and not P11 and F11.

Further updates are required to make provision for a Junior Team member.

8.2.4 Sporting Code General Comments

The schedules for Novice, Sportsman and Advanced classes will be revised by November 2011.

The proposed FAI öAö Schedule will be used for the Masters Class from next year.

8.3 Membership Fees

The following proposals were received regarding the membership fees for the following year.

8.3.1 Proposer: Stuart Nix -WP.

ADVANCED, MASTERS, F3A classes

Propose a "local" fee structure. MAASA year fee of R350

At the moment a pilot can enter a local league comp without being a member of MAASA, but his scores do not count for both the event and the national scores.

My proposal offers the pilot to take part in monthly comps only and his scores to count for the event.

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The local fee will not allow the pilot to take part in any National event and their league scores will NOT be added to the national scores.

If the pilot wants their score to count on the National scores then they have to pay the full membership.

"I have had a few pilots asking to take part in local league events only, they are not interested in travelling to other National events. Allowing this is no problem but their score at the local league comp counts for nothing".

8.3.2 Proposer : Neil Allen - KZN.

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Proposed by Neil Allen
Seconded by John Dorse
Approved by our full KZN committee of six members.

The KZN Pattern Committee submits the following for consideration for the 2012 subscription fees.

Sportsman - to remain the same at R150 local, R300 others.

Pensioners. To pay the same as other members. This would not require a constitution change, as the class of pensioner members remains but gets zero discount.

Full Members in upper three classes. R400 per year.

Motivation

The current fee of R600 is too high.

By comparison the following figures are charged by other countries.

Australia \$55 (R370)

USA \$40 (R270)

UK GBP20 (R210)

Canada \$71 (R470)

No other countries offer pensioners discount. We are facing the fact that large proportions of our membership are pensioners, or soon will be. In KZN more than half our MAASA members are over 60, and it is not fair to charge the younger members more. By adopting the proposed fees there would be little change in total fees received.

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8.3.3 Proposer: John Brink - MAASA Chairman

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In order to promote aerobatics and to attract new pilots, the proposal is to halve the membership fees for pilots joining MAASA for the first time. It will be a "Once Off" allowance per pilot (within a 3 year window) and normal membership fees will be payable the following years.

[In view of proposals 8.3.2 above, this proposal was amended stating that pensioners will pay the normal yearly membership fees.](#)

[The proposals were put to the vote and the majority vote was in favour of proposal 8.3.3.](#)

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8.4 Bids for the 2012 Nationals

Barnstormers submitted the only Bid for the 2012 Nationals. Concerns were raised regarding the surface of the Northern Runway. Danie Potgieter indicated that Barnstormers have purchased new lawnmowers which will be used to groom the grass run-offs of the runway.

The bid was put to the vote and the majority voted in favour of the bid.

9 Election of the Office Bearers

Due to the unavailability Christo Rust (Chief Judge) and FC Hamman (National PRO) new office bearers were elected.

The roles and responsibilities for the Chief Judge and National PRO are summarized below:

Chief Judge

- Training of judges and maintain a high, consistent judging standard through judging clinics, Judging exams and practical training session.
- Update the judging exams.
- Maintain and publish the Judging register
- Maintain the National Scoring Register and ensure that only paid up members scores are tabulated.
- Plan activities for the following year so that funds can be allocated for it.
- Communicate with international judges and submit the list of judges names that is eligible for selection to judge at the World Championships
- Arrange for judges for National events.

National Public Relations Officer

- Seen as the voice of MAASA.
- Arrange for media exposure and ensure that contest reports are published.
- Retain and grow sponsorships for MAASA.
- Maintain the website with support from regional reps.
- Arrange for media exposure in conjunction with SAMAA and the hobby shops.

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- Ensure that aerobic reports are published in the SAMAA magazine.
- Promote interest in the sport.
- Make support material available (such as video material for judging.)
- Communicate to the public and general fraternity.

The following nominations were received:

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9.1 Chief Judge

- Ivan Olivier
- Quintin Schroll

The majority vote was in favour of Ivan Olivier.

9.2 National PRO

- Stuart Nix

Stuart Nix accepted the nomination.

The other MAASA management positions remained unchanged.

John thanked the outgoing committee members for the work they have done during their tenure.

10 General

10.1 Avcom

Grant Brook mentioned that there is a lot of active participation on AVCOM and that it can also be used to promote Aerobatics in a constructive way.

10.2 Communication

- Neil Allen stated that new members must receive confirmation of receipt of their membership applications and membership fees. MAASA stickers will also be welcomed.
- The membership list will be available on the MAASA website in future should anyone need to confirm their membership status.

10.2 Membership Cards

- Nico Erasmus wanted to know if MAASA membership cards would be issued in future.
- MAASA does not intend issuing cards as pegboards are not used much anymore with the advent of 2.4Ghz frequencies. John Brink to discuss the possibility of putting the MAASA number on the SAAMA membership card with Bob Skinner.

11 Closure

The meeting closed at 22:15.

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APPENDIX A: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Members,

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

First I must thank your hard working committee for their diligence and hard work during the last twelve months during which regular committee meetings were held. They have served you well.

Andre` has been an excellent secretary always on time and accurate with the keeping of minutes, reporting and membership processing.

Bertie has carefully looked after our finances and provided you with regular updates as to our financial health.

Quintin has been excellent in compiling the contest calendar organising and assisting with competitions, and when able sitting in the judges chair.

Christo has been meticulous in maintaining the national scoring register, training of judges, also sitting in the judge`s chair, organising the judges roster, and is to be congratulated on being invited to once again judge at the next world championship. Due to family and work commitments Christo will be standing down so we seek an able replacement to fill his shoes.

FC and Stuart have waved the MAASA flag and ensured that regular reports on our activities have appeared in SAMAA news and on the websites. Due to work commitments FC will also be unable to continue in the PR role.

Ivan has stepped in and maintained the judging standard in the Gauteng area.

With a few exceptions the regional reps. have performed their tasks well and particular mention must be made of KZN, firstly for reviving and running a successful provincial championship, and now being brave enough to host the Nationals. A big thank you, to Neil and his team.

During the year a national team was selected to represent SA at the world championship in August in Muncie USA in this year. Congratulations to Andre`, Pierre and Marc. 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 that have donated and sponsored them to date, and urge you to support remaining fund raising efforts.

The highlight of the year is the visit by Wolfgang Matt to compete in these nationals, assist with team training and in the time available pass on as much of his vast experience to the members, so please make the most of this unique opportunity.

I am also pleased to advise that we have been awarded the 2013 F3A world championship. Not only is this a daunting organizational and financial challenge, it

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will require many hours of dedicated work by volunteers from your ranks. In time details of the tasks requiring this volunteer service will be circulated. This award and the responsibility we now have is an indication of the high esteem we are regarded in by the international community, but it will also ensure that our competitors receive close attention wherever we compete.

We need to broaden our horizons in order to enhance this international recognition, and in this regard we will in future be integrated into the Africa/Oceanic region which makes us eligible to send team and individual entries to the continental championship which is held every 2 years between world championships, as well as possible judge invites.

Also in future our international teams can consist of a 4th junior member, i.e. someone who is 18 or less in the year of the championship. We need to start now with our juniors so that they can participate in our next team selection cycle.

The year ahead is full of new challenges and the incoming committee will have their hands full. Apart from running and maintaining your organization at the current level, I urge them to seek outside financial support to ease the membership burden, find innovative ways to promote the sport of pattern flying and assist with training and development of all.

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.

Thank you for your attention.

John Brink

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APPENDIX B : TREASURER'S REPORT

MAASA BUDGET 2012

Estimated INCOME	2012
42 MEMBERSHIP @ R600.00	R 25,200.00
9 MEMBERS @ R300.00	R 2,700.00
15 Pensioners/ Students / Sportman @ R150	R 2,250.00
SAMAA GRANT	R 6,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	R 36,150.00
EXPENSES	
MASTERS subsidy	R 10,000.00
NATIONALS subsidy	R 15,000.00
PROVINCIAL ASSISTANCE R1500.00 PER PROVINCE	R 7,500.00
GP\ NW \ FS \ KZN \ WP	
TRAINING JUDGES & PILOT CLINICS	R 3,000.00
Promotional Items, flyers, stickers	R 1,000.00
Equipment - wind meters, Noise meters etc	R 0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	R 36,500.00
Surplus	R -350.00

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 May 2010 to 22 April 2011

DATE	INCOME	
01/05/2010	Balance brought forward	R 30,673.06
	Membership fees	R 36,725.00
	Interest	R 1,033.06
	SAMAA Grant	R 6,000.00
	Sponsorship kzn f3a team	R 1,300.00
	Futaba draw	R 2,000.00
	SAMAA F3A team grant	R 20,000.00
	Team USA Accomodation pilots	R 23,400.00
		R 46,700.00
	TOTAL	R 121,131.12

DATE	EXPENSES	
	internet fees	R 943.01
	Cash deposit fee	R 29.45
	Air tickets	R 5,787.50
	Judges travel allowance	R 1,200.00
	Half year team selection cost	R 2,756.00
	Judges clinic	R 1,300.00
	Equipment	R 4,571.00
	Masters shortfall	R 3,875.00
	Bank fees	R 97.86
	Wolfgang Travel grant	R 5,000.00
	KZN Nationals grant	R 10,000.00
	WC Entry and accom.	R 49,900.00
	F3A Team Shortfall	R 1,318.75
	Raffle Advert SAMAA News	R 1,875.00
		R 68,093.75
	TOTAL	R 88,653.57

BALANCE SAVINGS **R 32,477.55**

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Balance Sheet as on 29 April 2011

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash on Hand	R 32,477.55	Creditors	
Debtors		MAASA F3A Team Grant	R 10,000.00
Due from Team	6393.75	Team Entry Fee Shortfall	R 4,816.00
Totals	R 38,871.30		R 14,816.00

Net Asset R 24,055.30

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