



Model Aerobatic Association
of South Africa

MAASA MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 2007

Venue: Cape Gate, Cape Town

Date: 27 November 2007

Abbreviated minutes by: *Kas Hamman*

1. Welcome

Kas welcomed everyone to the last MAASA committee meeting for 2007. The meeting started at 19:20.

2. Present

Kas Hamman (Chairman)

Bernus van der Westhuizen (Secretary)

Rodney Potter (Treasurer)

Claude Mackrill (National PRO)

Stuart Nix (Western Cape, regional representative)

3. Apologies

Pierre Marais (Vice Chairman)

Ivan Olivier (Chief Judge)

Danie Potgieter (Contest Director)

John Brink (International PRO)

Burt Botha (Co-opted Legal Advisor)

Christo Rust (Co-opted member)

4. 2008 Nationals Championships

We are currently finalising negotiations with Barnstormers to host the 2008 NATS and everything looks positive regarding these negotiations.

Possible dates are 25 to 28 April or 1 to 4 May and the Committee would like some feedback on which of these dates are preferred.

5. 2008 SA Masters

The Committee agreed that the 2007 SA Masters turned out to be a great success and thanked the Bloemfontein guys (CRF) for the excellent job they once again did. This venue is indeed quite central for most pilots in the country and one should consider making it a standard setting provided MAASA manages to not to over burden the Bft. crowd. After lengthy deliberation, the Committee agreed on 4 & 5 October as suggested dates for the 2008 SA Masters. This date is once again to accommodate junior and students pilots who can never participate at the late October date as it is in the middle of year-end school and university exams. From this point of view the revised 2007 date certainly achieved its objective.

6. MAASA Sporting Code

An updated Sporting Code has been circulated in July and Burt Botha received very few comments on this document. The Committee thanked Burt for his effort with this comprehensive document and expressed the need to finalise this document preferably prior to the 2008 flying season. All regional reps are requested to go through the document thoroughly with their members and provide us with comments by 15 December at the latest.

7. Bank Account

Rodney confirmed that the approval of the relevant signatories has now been obtained and that he is now in apposition to manage the account on behalf of MAASA. The Committee thanked Nic Dreyer for always being available to help in a friendly and constructive manner.

8. 2008 Calender

Bernus van der Westhuizen will collate all comp dates as soon as possible, circulate it to all MAASA reps and members and submit it to SAMAA to publish it in their newsletter.

9. Paid Up Members

Members are reminded that the annual subscription fees as per MAASA AGM dated April 2007 for aerobatic flying members are: F3A R600, Expert R500, Advanced R400 and Sportsman R300. Joining fees are 50% of the class annual fee. Renewal of membership is payable annually on 1 May with a grace period until 31 May. Non flying members can pay a voluntary annual subscription of R150 allowing these members voting privileges. This applies to non-flying committee members, judges, CD's, line directors and PRO's.

According our records a number of MAASA members did not renew their 2007/08 membership. Rodney and Bernus will circulate this information to all regional reps to check for correctness and to update our membership database if and where applicable. Regional reps please keep in mind that it is your function to make sure that only paid-up members are allowed to participate in any MAASA organised competitions.

10. F3A Team Selection Process

The various versions of the suggested team selection process must be tested, ratified and finalised by the Chief Judge, Ivan Olivier as soon as possible.

11. Provincial Colours

The Committee is still waiting for feedback from the SAMAA SIG chairman on this issue.

12. New Schedules

The new schedules for 2008 has been finalised and published on the MAASA web site. A special thanks to all those that assisted in finalising this process.

13.Updating of National Scoring for league competitions

FC Hamman (*fchamman@mac.com*) kindly offered to do this for MAASA.

12.Honorary colours at schools

The Committee accepted a suggestion by Bernus which entails that school going

25. Closure

Kas thanked everyone for their positive and constructive contributions and closed the meeting at 21:15.