

MINUTES OF THE MAASA COMMITTEE MEETING

Venue: John Brink's Home

Date: 2010-05-08

1. Present

John Brink (Chairman and International PRO)

Quintin Scroll (Vice Chairman)

Christo Rust (Chief Judge) (Telecon)

Danie Potgieter (Contest Director)

FC Hamman (National PR)

Andre' Stockwell (Secretary)

Bertie Viljoen (Treasurer) (Telecon)

2. Apologies

Mark Hubbard

3. Welcome

John Brink welcomed everyone to the first newly appointed MAASA committee meeting. This is the first time where Skype was used for telecon purposes.

4. Agenda

- 1. Defining the roles and responsibilities for each committee member.
- 2. Finances
 - Bank Account
 - Membership fees
 - Budget for next year
- 3. Team Selection Event 5/6 June 2010
- 4. Master Date and Venue
- 5. Sporting Code issues.
 - Promotion Relegation criteria
 - Team selection Events change sequence of schedules from PFPF to 2P 2F Pierre's Proposal
 - Increase weight limit to 5.5 kg for all classes except F3A Marc Wolffe's proposal.
- 6. Constitutional changes
- 7. Team Manager Nominations
- 8. Equipment

Procurement of Noise Meter, scale and measuring equipment to be used for model processing

- 9. New MAASA Logo
- 10. Honorary Life membership Nominations
- 11. Public Relations / Communication
 - Blog
 - Website
- 12. Proficiencies
- 13. Northern Judge representative
- 14. General If time permits.

5. DISCUSSION

Ref	TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY:	WHEN
1.	Previous Minutes	None		
1. 2.	Roles and responsibilities	 Chairman & International PRO (John Brink) The goals are to grow MAASA, make aerobatics more enjoyable and to elevate Pattern flying to the premier RC discipline. There will be focus on improved communication and to provide value for money to the members. John serves as the MAASA SIG representative on SAMAA and is the SAMAA CIAM representative for all aeromodelling disciplines. The chairman's primary focus is MAASA, and it is beneficial for MAASA that the chairman is also the MAASA SIG and CIAM rep. Should anyone feel that there is conflict of interest, the matter should be discussed with the chairman. He needs to ensure that budgets are submitted to SAMAA annually, get grants from SAMAA. He will ensure that there is open and transparent communication to all. Ensure that there is transparency in terms of how the organization is run. Vice Chairman (Quintin Schroll) Provide seamless support to the chairman and assist with the long term planning. Create more interest in Aerobatics and assist in changing conception about aerobatics. Draw up the contest calendar and confirm availability of suitable venues for the next two years giving consideration that there is no clashes with F3P and Large scale events. Facilitate getting sponsors. Assist with National Contest organizing. 	Info	

Chief Judge (Christo Rust)

- 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.
- Generate a plan of all planned 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 by November 2010.
- Arrange for judges for National events.

Secretary (Andre' Stockwell)

• Manage all factual correspondence between the committee and the fraternity.

Contest Director (Danie Portgieter Snr.)

- Ensure that the rules are applied at the contests.
- Appoint flight line directors as required.
- Handle all protests at contests.
- Need to ensure that all test and measuring equipment is calibrated and serviceable.
- Ensure that all judging, flying infra structure and the flying site is suited for the event and that he flight lines are accurately positioned.
- Generate checklist of things to be considered for a contest. This checklist may be incorporated into the Sporting code.

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	 National Public Relations Officer (FC Hamman) 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 "wecanfly.co.za" BLOG with support from regional reps. Ensure that there are links from MAASA, SAMAA and overseas sites to the BLOG. Arrange for TV exposure in conjunction with SAMAA and the hobby shops. Ensure that aerobatic reports are published in the SAMAA magazine. Promote interest in the sport. Make support material available (such as video material for judging.) Communication to public and general fraternity. 	Info	
3.	 Treasurer (Bertie Viljoen) Attend to all financial matter of the organization. Maintain the membership register and circulate it to all regional reps. Submit Financial statements as and when required. Compile annual Budget for MAASA. 	Info	

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4.	Finances	 Membership fees The membership fees remains unchanged for 2010. Bank Account 	Info	
		 Bank Account The Bank account details to be transferred to Bertie Viljoen. All transactions to be e-mailed or SMS'd to the chairman. The bank statements will be verified by the committee at each committee meeting and attached to the minutes. Forward the current bank statements to Andre' to be included in the minutes of the meeting. 	Bertie	15/05
		 Finalize 2010/2011 MAASA Budget and forward to John for submission to SAAMA. Judging fee recommendation - R150/day + R100 for food etc plus actual traveling costs (Fuel and toll fees). 	Bertie Info	15/05
		 Regional Reps to submit budgets for Provincial contests to the MAASA committee for possible financial support. Refer to Appendix A for the financial statements to date. 	Regional Reps	As required
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5.	Team Selection Event 5/6 June 2010	 Entry Fee to be finalized once Christo got travelling costs estimated from the judges Entry form to be finalized and distributed. Andre to contact Pierre Marais for further details of the event. Christo's flight ticket approximately R1600 	Christo Andre' Andre' Info	11/05 13/05 12/05 Info

	Master Date and		In fo	
6.	Venue	• A request to move the Master date one week earlier was received at the AGM.	Info	
	venue		Info	
		• Central Radio Flyers is prepared to host the Master under the condition that it will not cost the club any money.	IIIIO	
		 Clubs willing to host the Masters must submit their Bids and budgets to the 	Regional Reps	30/05
		committee before end May for it to be taken into consideration.	Tregional Treps	30,02
		D IDEDE	Danie Potgieter	
			Quintin	15/05
7.	Sporting Code	• Quintin to finalize Sporting Code issues.		
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		Paragraph 17.5 – F3A qualification Criteria		
		(Pierre's proposal) Please change F3A qualifying to an average of 60% for this	Info	
		category.		
		• In order to qualify for an invitation to the Masters, pilots competing in the		
		F3A class must have flown three (3) of the four (4) rounds with three (3)		
		rounds to count. Pilots competing in the F3A class must obtain a score of		
		60% for three (3) of the contests (not an average of 60%).		
		Decision was to retain the status quo.		
		Paragraph 17.8 – Qualification for Invitation to the Masters.		
		• Pilots will compete in the highest class he/she qualified in during the flying	Info	
		season. In special cases, pilots may submit a request for Invitation to the		
		Masters Event, to the committee.		
		Paragraph 18.3 - Promotion Relegation criteria		
		• Should a pilot win a National contest (Nationals and Masters), or obtain an		
		average percentage of 60% or more for his/her three highest <i>National</i> ,		
		Provincial or League events in a given year, the pilot will be promoted to		
		the next higher class at the start of the next flying season. This is not	Info	
		applicable to the Masters Class.		

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		 Team selection Events – Change sequence of schedules from PFPF to 2P 2F - Pierre's Proposal The current team selection process is has already started and cannot be changed. This proposal will be reviewed before the start of the 2013 Team selection process. Consideration should also be given to the strain on the judges should 2 F schedules be judged in short succession. 	Info Committee	3/2011
		 Appendix B Team selection Criteria Proposal to delete the following paragraph as it may exclude the best pilots. "Pilots must have qualified for an invite to the 2010 Masters to remain part of the team selection process even though for some valid reason they are not able to participate in the event." Decision pending. To be discussed with F3A pilots at the Mid year event. 	Info	
		 Paragraph 4.2 – General Characteristics "Increase the maximum dry weight limit to 5.5 kg for all classes except F3A" - Marc Wolffe's proposal. Proposal accepted. Random weight measurements will be taken during the contest to verify that the model mass is within the regulations. 	Info	
8.	Constitutional changes	 17 – Auditor Rephrase as follows: "The MAASA budget for the new financial year will be published within two months of the preceding AGM. Before each committee meeting and the next AGM, a copy of the bank statement and the agenda will be published on the MAASA web page and any MAASA member in good standing has the right to inspect any supporting documentation. Should no queries be received the accounts will be deemed to be in order 	Andre'	30/05

		and tabled at the AGM for acceptance."		
9.	Team Manager Nominations	Advertise the position of F3A Team Manager within MAASA fraternity. SASCOC future requirements should also be taken into account.	John, Danie P 15/06 n costs Regional Reps 15/06 te. vill FC 15/06 Info	
10.	Equipment	 MAASA need to buy equipment for model processing and control. Equipment needed: Noise meters Received quotes for noise meters approximately R2500 each, cheaper meters in the order of R1000. Calibration costs also need to be considered. As per FAI Sporting code, two calibrated meters are required. In view of the fact that electric models are well below limit, the question was raised if it is still necessary for MAASA to invest in the meters and whether MAASA can afford it. Regional reps to give feedback in this regard. Wind speed meter Scale or reference mass Laser range finder with compass to accurately survey flying site. Further investigation is still required in this regard. 		
11.	New MAASA Logo	 The new proposal is striking but concerns are that the small wording will not be legible if printed small. It also appears cluttered. FC to liase with Stuart Nix in this regard. 	FC	15/06
12.	Honorary Life membership Nominations	 Two nominations were received by the previous committee and tabled at the meeting on the 14th January 2009. Refer to point 14 in the minutes. Both nominations did not meet criteria as set out. Other mechanisms exist to give recognition. Usually honorary life membership given to retired / inactive member. John to communicate with the nominee to clarify reasons for the committee decision. 	Info John	15/05

13.	Public Relations	"wecanfly.co.za" Blog		
	/ Communication	 To be linked SAMAA and MAASA websites. Big responsibility and FC will be webmaster. Nobody can publish anything except through FC. To be kept current and topical for it to be well supported. It can also be used as a vehicle to give sponsors more exposure. Controversial issues to be circulated to committee before publishing. The BLOG can be transferred to another person should FC not be available to maintain the BLOG. 	Info	
		 Yearly costs are R450, currently financed by FC. Any advertising revenue derived from the BLOG to accrue to MAASA. The MAASA website will remain and will host all the Factual MAASA information. 	FC Info.	
14.	SAAMA Proficiencies	 A list of pilots to be sent to Bob Skinner. Certificates to be handed out at Masters. 	John	10/2010
		 John to discuss the matter with Bob during this week and update the Expert class to Masters class. Christo has sent the information through to the previous committee on the 9 	John Info	
		April 2010. • Update Master's class criteria on the website.	Christo	
15.	Judging	 Northern Judge (Co-opted) representative Ivan Olivier to remain the Northern Region Chief Judge assisted by Mark Hubbard as a Northern Judge representative to the committee seeing that Mark has the necessary computer infrastructure available. Judging training information and material needs to be more readily available. 	John Christo	15/05

16.	General	Legal AdvisersTo be consulted as and when required.	Info	
		• Duration of the Nationals		
	•	• The duration of the NATS to be reviewed as costs to attend and host such an event increases yearly. Quintin to make a proposal in this regard after assessing the yearly calendar.	Quintin	30/07
		KZN Provincial		
		• Promote the event from up country.	FC	15/05
		• Neil to present a budget for the event for financial assistance. Quintin to liase with Neil.	Quintin.	15/05
		• Judging seminar to be done the Friday evening before the event.	Christo	
		 Flight ticket(s) may be needed to get judges to the contest. 	Info	
		• The concern is that there is only two paid up MAASA members in KZN.	Info	
		2013 World Champs		
	•	• MAASA need to decide before November 2010 whether it is viable to host such an event. It will require approximately 50 people for duration of 2 weeks to run the event.	John	11/2010
	•	• FC to put an invitation on the BLOG requesting support for the event.	FC	15/06
	!	Sponsorships		
		Request for sponsorships to be submit well in advance before the budget cycles of businesses.	FC	
		 MAASA need substantial sponsorships if "National" branding is done. 	Info	
		• Need continuity to sustain sponsorships.		
	•	 TV program give massive exposure and serves as motivation to get bigger sponsorships. 	Info	
		 FC to manage current and future sponsorship matters. 	FC	Cont.

17.	Committee	June 2010, September 2010, January 2011, March 2011	
	Meeting Dates		
18.	Next Meeting	Next Meeting soon after the Mid Year F3A event.	

The meeting closed at 13:15

Appendix A: Financial Statements

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