

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – SA MODEL AIRCRAFT
ASSOCIATION, HELD AT PICKFORDS ON WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST 2002**

PRESENT	Bob Skinner	Chairman, secretary, aerobatics
	Johan Ehlers	Vice-chairman, scale, safety
	John Godwin	SAMAA News, communications
	Russell van der Westhuizen	Pylon racing
	Roston Dugmore	Control line
	André Beukes	Helicopters
	Dave Armitage	Proficiency, fun-fly, sunday flying
	Boet Denysschen	Jets
	Ian Edwards	Large aircraft and Large Scale Aerobatics
	Joe Coetzer	Soaring, constitution

APOLOGY Graham Swallow

WELCOME The chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Request from Joe that majority of meeting be concentrated on objectives for 2002/2003. Short report-back from each committee member, before two groups split for brainstorming session.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Distributed electronically to committee members, and faxed to Ian. Minutes accepted.

FINANCES

Request by Silverton MGC approved. BS to issue cheque for R1 000. BS to arrange new signatories for cheque account (J Ehlers, J Coetzer, J Godwin).

ADMINISTRATION

All in hand. PC ex Comparex still being built. Delivery expected soon.

SAMAA News

Deadline for next issue = 20th August.

AEROBATICS

All in hand. Successful N Prov championship in Polokwane.

LARGE AIRCRAFT AND LARGE SCALE AEROBATICS

No contentious issues. Interest from Western Cape – two delegates from CT at SAC.

FUN FLYING, PROFICIENCY, SUNDAY FLYING

FF Masters = 12/13 October, Nelspruit.

SOARING/GLIDING

All under control. F3J team under strain in Finland. Team not well prepared. Call from JC for all competitive disciplines to re-look qualification levels.

HELICOPTERS

Nats at JOMAC 2/3 November. Steering committee meeting on 15th August.

SCALE W/C in Canada poorly organised but well run. Set-up, opening ceremony, banquet, and T/M meetings poor. Judging good with fair results. Several countries not represented. Model box sizes definitely becoming a problem. 2004 event allocated to Poland, 2006 possibly Australia. SA 2008? Team selection procedure for 2004 basically same, but requirement for model to be used in last team selection event, to ensure de-bugging. Scale and Jet interest groups to combine forces.

CONTROL LINE

F2B Masters in September. P Lott visting for racing event.

PYLON RACING

Team selection year. High costs have direct bearing on low participation. Next W/C in Czech. Qualifying standards required, and to be met by team.

JETS

Organisation of JWM in hand. Entries arriving.

COMMUNICATIONS

All in hand.

GENERAL

- Colours award ceremony at Pyramid Venue, booked for Saturday 23rd November. Invitees: Bob Masters, John Swallow, John Cowlin, Anton van Wyk. Joe to advise glider invitee.
- Commemorative pin set plus other memorabilia to be advertised.

SAMAA 2002/2003. WHERE TO?

It is necessary for the committee to evaluate the way in which we conduct our business. Do we spend too much time reporting on mundane events (the past), and not enough on planning for the future (strategy plan)? If we don't focus on achievable objectives, we cannot expect the Association to move forward. If the rate of change outside exceeds the rate of change inside, we are doomed to mediocrity.

Two groups brainstormed to following objectives, not in any particular order:

- Transformation – develop a plan and purpose for government funding
- Growth
- Approve constitution
- Public relations/business development
- Plan for qualifying for international competitions/local development/skill increase
- Plan for proficiency improvement/monitoring/coaching
- Transparency
- Service improvement
- Data base
- Relationships with clubs/groups
- Safety
- Communication

After re-grouping, the objectives were discussed and narrowed to the following:

Constitution. Sub-committee to be established to continue work on constitution. Recognise relationship with clubs and groups. To be presented at SGM late 2002/early 2003 for acceptance. *John Godwin, Joe Coetzer, Keith Nicolls.*

Transformation plan.

Follow up on MGA model, already supplied to SA Aero Club. *Joe Coetzer, Keith Mabeta, Peter Eagle.*

Proficiency.

Plan required to increase skill level locally, and for international participants. Qualification levels to be established in all competitive disciplines. *Johan Ehlers, Andre Beukes, Russell van der Westhuizen, Dave Armitage, Roston Dugmore.*

Database.

Investigate current system. Improvements needed. Possibility for full use of current data. *John Godwin, Bob Skinner.*

Safety.

Close monitoring of safety issues. More publication. Linked to proficiency. *Graham Swallow, Ian Edwards*

Growth.

Linked to public relations, transparency, service level improvement, business development. Good PR and communication, both externally and internally will lead to growth. *Russell van der Westhuizen, Boet Denysschen, Graham Swallow, Bob Skinner.*

GROUPS TO MEET IN NEXT FEW WEEKS, TO EXPAND ON THESE OBJECTIVES, FOR PRESENTATION AT NEXT MEETINGS.

NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2002 AT PICKFORDS, CNR OF SECOND AND SETTER STREETS, COMMERCIA, MIDRAND – 19:30 FOR 19:45.

NB. Bob Skinner departs for European Championships on Sunday 25th August, to return on Monday 9th September. Please refer membership queries to Marietjie. For matters which cannot wait until Bob's return, please consult Johan Ehlers.