

**Minutes of a meeting of the SAMAA Management Committee
4 February 2004 in the Aero Club Boardroom**

Present: Mr. D Armitage
Mnr. A Beukes
Mnr. J Coetzer
Mnr. JL Ehlers
Mr. JR Godwin
Mr. RW Skinner (in the chair)
Mnr. E Theron
Mev M Skinner (treasurer)

In attendance: Mr. N de Lange Aero Club of SA
Mr. C Goodrum report on a transformation initiative
Mr. S Oliver Aero Club of SA

The chairman welcomed the members present and the representatives from the Aero Club of SA, and read the notice convening the meeting.

Adoption of minutes

On a proposal by Mnr. Coetzer, seconded by Mnr. Ehlers, the committee adopted the minutes of the meeting of 19 November 2003.

Presentation by the Aero Club

The Aero Club presented six matters for consideration:

1. There is a perception the new SAMAA constitution violates some of the Articles of Association of the Aero Club. Mr. de Lange undertook to send Mr. Skinner a copy of the Articles and the Aero Club constitution so that the SAMAA committee could investigate this. Mr. Godwin undertook to let Mr. Oliver have a copy of the new constitution together with the communication, N de L SAMAA committee

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| via the News, with SAMAA members. | JRG |
| 2. There is a perception that some members of the SAMAA feel that the SAMAA committee does not represent them adequately. A petition to this effect, signed by some SAMAA members, had been handed to the Aero Club in October 2003. Mr. de Lange undertook to forward the petition to Mr. Skinner for consideration by the SAMAA committee. | N de L
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committee |
| 3. The Aero Club is not clear on how the SAMAA committee and the SIGs etc function. Mr. Skinner undertook to invite Mr. Oliver to the “Think Tank” to be held by SAMAA.. | RWS |
| 4. Mr. Nicols, had prepared, and sent to the Aero Club, some suggested policies and procedures for SAMAA. Mr. de Lange undertook to send these to Mr. Skinner for consideration. | N de L |
| 5. The Aero Club asked SAMAA to consider a substantial increase in affiliation fees. Mr. Skinner undertook to respond to this request in due course. He promised that the matter would be the subject of debate at the Think Tank. | RWS |
| 6. It was agreed that in future, if representations were made to the Aero Club by SAMAA members, the Aero Club would refer these back to SAMAA. | |

Transformation

Mr. Goodrum of the MGA reported on a successful transformation initiative he had undertaken in conjunction with the Department of Transport at Polokwane. (More information can be found on the SAMAA web site).

Mr. Skinner explained SAMAA had funded the MGA SIG in 2003 to enable it to proceed with transformation work.

Mr. Oliver congratulated Mr. Goodrum and offered the services of the	SO
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Aero Club to coordinate transformation work. He said that Mr. Gaillard of the Aero Club would get in touch with Mr. Goodrum to discuss next steps.

Finances

The treasurer tabled the financial figures.

Election 2003, process, results flaws

Mnr. Coetzer proposed that a sub-committee be established to work with the auditors, and others, to design a revised election process. He suggested that he might be able to get some learned input on the process.

Mr. Skinner undertook to call for volunteers for the sub-committee

RWS

SIG status

Mr. Skinner reported that nine SIGs were now registered:

Scale	NASA	Humphrey le Grice
Control line	CLASA	Roston Dugmore
Fun fly	NMFFA	Dave Armitage
Helicopters	MHSA	Johan Sieling
Aerobatic	MAASA	Eric Ousman
Large Scale	LSMAA	Gavin Walton
Jets	SAMJA	Boet Denysschen
Gliding	MGA	John Monk
Pylon racing	SAMPRA	Russell van der Westhuizen

Administration, database, club/flying site registrations

1. Mr. Skinner reported that Jan renewals were coming in and that membership now stood at just over 3000.
2. Mr. Armitage suggested that we might prepare a SAMAA flyer to

be included in kits sold by hobby dealers. He also thought we should investigate Long Service Certificates for people with 21 years and more of membership. Mr. Skinner undertook to look into these matters.

RWS

3. The committee approved the purchase of a colour ink jet printer for the admin office.

4. The committee asked Mr. Skinner to investigate the purchase of a replacement black and white laser printer.

RWS

Mr. Skinner reported on contact with ICASA on the matter of additional frequencies in the 35MHZ band. ICASA has indicated that there is no possibility of an allocation in the 34 MHZ band. The committee noted that the 60 MHZ band would be phased-out for model use over the next 18 months.

Safety Code

Mr. Skinner reported that he was planning to re-capture the existing Safety Code as a Word DOC to enable easy updating.

He undertook to send Mr. Armitage a copy of the Code

RWS

Think Tank 2004

It does not seem possible to hold the Think tank on 28 Feb. Mr. Skinner undertook to look at alternate dates.

RWS

Other business

1. Mr. Godwin undertook to circulate a “straw man” SIG funding policy for discussion at the next meeting.

JRG

2. Mr. Skinner undertook to produce a “members interests” extract from the database

RWS

3. The committee supported the Chairman’s decision to invite Mnr. Theron onto the committee in view of the amount of work to be

done.

Next meeting

The next meeting would be held in the Aero Club Board room at 1900
on Wed. 3 March 2004

Minutes proposed for acceptance by.....

Seconded by.....

Signed (secretary).....

Date.....