

**Meeting of the SAMAA Management Committee in the Aero Club boardroom at
Grand Central Airport on 1 September 2004**

Present	Mr. A Beukes	
	Mr. B Denysschen	MJASA
	Mr. JL Ehlers	
	Mr. JR Godwin	
	Mr. P Joffe	SAMAA News
	Mr. H le Grice	NASA
	Mr. P Marais	CWG
	Mr. I Olivier	MAASA
	Mr. N Pieterse	Transformation
	Mr. J Sieling	MHSA
	Mr. RW Skinner	in the chair
	Mrs. M Skinner	treasurer
	Mr. E Theron	
	Mr. R vd Westhuizen	SAMPRA
Mr. G Walton	LSMAA	
Apologies	Mr. D Armitage	
	Mr. P Attfield	CLASA
	Mr. J Coetzer	
	Mr. D Meyer	chairman interim committee
	Mr. J Monk	MGA

The chairman read the notice convening the meeting and welcomed those present.

At a proposal by Mr. Beukes, seconded by Mr. Ehlers, the committee adopted the minutes of the meeting of 11 August 2004.

Constitutional Proposals

The committee considered proposals made by the interim committee for changes to the principles of the Constitution. These were:

The Management Committee should have a treasurer elected by the members.

The chairman of the Management Committee should not hold any other office in the Association.

There should be better recognition of SIG, Regional and Club bodies.

There should be a mechanism to call an AGM and SGMs.

The Association should have a General Manager, who might be an employee of the Association.

There should be better access by SIGs to the Management Committee.

There should be an obligation on the Management Committee to operate in consultation with the members.

Overall, any changes should be made as simply as possible.

The interim committee appointed Mr. Coetzer to draft the changes and circulate them for comment.

JC

The objective is to approve the changes at the Management Committee meeting in November 2004.

The process to seek approval from members has not been defined yet.

Aero Club

The Committee discussed with Mr. Marais possible ways of approaching the Aero Club on the matter of affiliation fees. Mr. Marais will get in touch with the Aero Club

PM

Finances

The treasurer tabled the financial figures.

The treasurer reported that while the Association's situation was sound, there might not be an excess of income over expenditure this year. The treasurer agreed to prepare a forecast for the rest of the year for the next meeting.

MS

Administration

Administration is under control.

The Chairman reported that he was discussing with Steve Filby the matter of insurance excess, possibly based on model size or cost.

RWS

Mr. Godwin reported that Johan Beyers had offered to look at the potential impact of the SAMAA Safety Code on insurance claims.

JRG

The Chairman said he had drawn-up a new frequency chart that he would ask Mr. Armitage to check before publication for Clubs

RWS

SAMAA News

The committee welcomed Peter Joffe, the new editor of SAMAA News, and extended to him a standing invitation to committee meetings.

The Committee briefed Mr. Joffe on aspects of editorial policy he might like to consider.

Mr. Joffe undertook to give estimates of the costs of either a full colour front and back page, or a full colour issue for November. Offering dealers the option of colour advertisements might increase advertising revenue.

PJ

Mr. Skinner agreed to include a brief financial statement in each Chairman's Report for the News.

RWS

Transformation

The Committee welcomed Nick Pieterse, who was running a development program at a school in Pretoria. Mr. Pieterse described his work, which is to involve students in both full size and model aviation. He asked if the Association would support him.

The Committee congratulated Mr. Pieterse on his initiative and promised both moral and financial support.

Mr. Pieterse undertook to let the Committee have a plan and estimate of what he needs to expand his project.

NP

AGM

Notice of the AGM has been published in the September 2004 issue of SAMAA News.

The AAD Air Show

Mr. Beukes reported on preparations for the AAD Air Show.

The Committee authorized him to arrange insurance for models displayed at a rate of 1% of value.

AB

He reported that Messrs. Goodrum and de Lange and Col. Thomas were helping him.

The Committee noted that the SAMAA banners were in possession of Messrs. Armitage and Skinner.

The Committee agreed in principle to fund additional banners to an extent of R3000. Mr. Goodrum is to put in a written request and estimate for this funding.

CG

General

The committee noted that Eric Ousman had stepped down as chairman of the MAASA. Mr. Nicolaides had taken his place.

The Committee agreed to put its agenda the matter of advice for Clubs on possible tax obligations.

Committee

The chairman confirmed that the Committee cannot and should not interfere with SIGs in the matter of team selection. He emphasised however, that SIGs must ensure that their members are apprised of the process.

SIG chairmen

The Committee agreed to put on its agenda the matter of preparing a briefing note to assist team managers to prepare for overseas travel.

Committee

The Committee noted the requirements of the Colours Board to apply for colours 45 days before the event.

Messrs. Joffe and Skinner undertook to do some work on a SAMAA Pamphlet for AAD.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be at 1900 on 6 October 2004 in the Aero club Boardroom at Grand Central.