

SA MODEL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee held on 23 July 2003 at 19:00, at the Aero Club, Midrand.

1. **WELCOME** The chairman, Bob Skinner, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **APOLOGIES** Felicity Meyer (*FM*)
3. **PRESENT**
 - Bob Skinner (*BS*) – *chairman, secretary, finances, growth, admin*
 - Johan Ehlers (*JE*) – *vice-chairman, scale, proficiency*
 - Dave Armitage (*DA*) – *fun-fly, proficiency, sunday flying*
 - John Godwin (*JG*) – *communications, database, constitution, transformation*
 - Joe Coetzer (*JC*) – *soaring, constitution, development, transformation*
 - Andre Beukes (*AB*) – *helicopters*
 - Eric Theron (*ET*) – *adjunct to AB*
 - Russell van der Westhuizen (*RvdW*) – *pylon racing, growth*
 - Roston Dugmore (*RD*) – *control line*
 - Ian Edwards (*IE*) – *large aircraft, safety*
 - Boet Denysschen (*BD*) – *jets, growth*
 - Eric Ousman (*EO*) – *aerobatics*
 - Marietjie Skinner (*MS*) – *guest*
 - John Gildenhuys – *guest, legal advisor*
4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of previous meeting accepted without alteration.
5. **MATTERS ARISING – F3A TEAM ISSUE**

Noted
BS, MS, RD, and AB recused from meeting. Noted that Vice Chairman, JE, chaired the meeting for the duration of consideration of this item.

In committee
Discussion followed and the remaining committee members, by simple majority vote, found:
 - (i) the three members of the F3A team guilty of bringing SAMAA into disrepute, and after further discussion, keeping in mind the personal circumstances of the members, the nature of the misconduct, the element of mercy and with a view of correcting behaviour, by simple majority vote decided to:
 - (ii) impose a 6-month ban on the members of F3A team from all SAMAA sanctioned competitive activity, with effect from 1st August 2003, or, if appealed against, and if the appeal is unsuccessful, on the day following the decision of the Appeal Committee.

Open meeting

	BS, MS, AB, and RD rejoined the meeting and the Acting Chairman conveyed the outcome of the vote to them. Details to be communicated to team's legal representative, also stating appeal opportunity.	JE
6. FINANCES	Audit to take place on 31 July and 1 st August. Full financial statements presented to committee.	MS
7. ADMINISTRATION	All under control. New club registrations received from Henley Aeromodellers and Namakwaland (Springbok). BS to update club list and supply to JG. DMAC (Cato Ridge) likely to relocate. List of scale members to be supplied to JE.	BS JG
8. CONSTITUTION	Query from K Nicolls regarding first meeting of elected committee, and election procedure. Extracts from S News posted. Ten candidates nominated for committee (D Armitage, I Edwards, A Beukes, F Meyer, J Ehlers, J Godwin, J Coetzer, Z Pretorius, M Skinner, E Theron). Ballot slips posted in last issue of SAMAA News. Vote is not secret, but confidential. Faxed or e-mailed to auditors for control and count. All committee members urged to encourage membership to vote. BS to advise outcome to committee.	BS
9. SIG APPLICATIONS	MHSA (Helicopters) approved by committee. MAASA (Aerobatics) also approved, after receipt of founding statement. Rest of SIG's to follow in due course.	All
10. GROWTH	No report	
11. SAFETY	Letter to ICASA sent. Follow up with request for extra spots in 35MHz band (34,175 to 35,275MHz inclusive).	BS
12. TRANSFORMATION	Invite D Eberbach to future meeting. Access to education institutions not easy. Attempt to contact science teachers – projects for learners.	All
13. PROFICIENCY	Instructor Judges to receive red patch. Solo is blue.	DA
14. PUBLIC RELATIONS	No report. RD to talk with Percy Attfield.	RD
15. COMPETITIONS, EXHIBITIONS, DISPLAYS, AIR SHOWS	No significant events in next few weeks. F3A team departing for Germany.	
16. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	Heli Nats in November. Clubs to approach SIG's with offers, in turn communicated to committee. Large Scale TOC event scheduled for Nov. Glider Nats again	

scheduled for Ladybrand, March 2004.

17. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

LSMAA – Large Plane Day 24 August. Oudtshoorn in Sept. Fun Day arranged at X-Treme R/C Academy.

Fun-Fly – Third round results due in. SA Masters end October in Ladybrand. Judges required. SIG to be established.

Aerobatics – Limpopo Champs scheduled with pattern clinic in Polokwane.

Control line – SIG to be formalized, despite lack of interest. Masters scheduled for October.

Pylon racing – Noodsberg event planned. New enthusiasm from KZN. Founding meeting of SIG scheduled for 30 July.

Soaring – Successful Thermal League on 13 July. Slope event 26/27 July. MGA very active internally.

Helicopters – Two provincials planned for Gauteng (NERF and SA Helisport). Nats likely at X-treme.

Scale – Good S/Scale Eagle event at RMAC. BS to supply labels to JE for SIG notification.

Jets – Apathy for SIG establishment. Hotazel event successful. Event at Mkuze attracted plenty of interest. Registration of Gariep Dam to be revoked.

Communication – All in hand. Deadline for next issue 20th August 2003.

18. GENERAL

Policy document required for ad-hoc team funds.

Funds approved for Kirchheim Cup, pre-F3B world championship.

Results of election to be circulated before next meeting.

Letter of demand to F3A team for return of R12K team grant.

Query on registration of club at Kuruman. No details received.

Club representative – Despite requests, no response. Letter to largest club to appoint club rep. All clubs to be notified.

Details of claim on First Central Insurance to be supplied to AB.

JE thanked committee for tolerance during F3A dispute.

19. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3 September 2003 at 19:00. Aero Club Boardroom, Grand Central.

IE

DA

EO

RD

RvdD

JC

AB

JE

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The minutes were proposed for acceptance by: -----

Seconded by: -----

Secretary: -----