

**Minutes of a meeting of the SAMAA Management Committee
8 October 2003 in the Aero Club Boardroom**

Present: Mnr. A Beukes
 Mnr. J Coetzer
 Mnr. JL Ehlers
 Mr. JR Godwin
 Mr. B Skinner (in the chair)

Apologies: Mr. D Armitage
In attendance: Mev. M Skinner (treasurer)

The chairman welcomed the committee and read the notice convening the meeting.

The chairman reported that Ian Edwards had sent him a letter of resignation from the committee. The committee accepted Mr. Edward's resignation. The committee made two recommendations:

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- (i) that the chairman send a note to Mr. Edwards thanking him for his long and conscientious service, and
- (ii) that Mr. Edwards be recognized in an appropriate fashion at the next Colours Awards Ceremony.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Following a proposal by Mnr. Beukes, seconded by Mnr. Ehlers, the committee ADOPTED the minutes of the meeting of 3 September 2003.

Finances

The treasurer tabled the financial statements. The chairman requested committee members to study these carefully, and comment if necessary. Mr. Godwin undertook to publish the financial figures and auditor's report for the year 2002/ 2003, in SAMAA News and on the SAMAA website.

JRG

Mnr. Beukes undertook to investigate the renewal of the SAMAA insurance policy. In so doing, he would also consider alternatives to the way the various excesses were handled currently. He emphasized the need for prompt submission of any claim against the policy.

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Management Committee

After discussion, and in terms of the constitution, Mnr. Coetzer was declared elected to the committee in place of Mr. Edwards. Mnr. Beukes indicated that whilst he accepted the majority view of the committee, he was not entirely happy with this decision. He reserved the right to raise the matter again at a later stage.

To avoid conflict of interest, the committee felt that the chairmen of SIGs should not be members of the management committee, and vice versa. The committee saw this as gentleman's agreement, rather than a hard-and-fast rule.

The committee noted that Mnr. Coetzer had stepped down as chairman of the MGSA. Messrs. Beukes and Ehlers indicated that they would also step down as chairmen of their respective SIGs after handing over to their successors.

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SIG status

The chairman advised that he had received a request, in good order, for the recognition of a Scale Interest Group – the NASA. On a proposal by Mnr. Beukes, seconded by Mnr. Coetzer, the committee formally agreed to recognize to the Group.

The committee confirmed that it had through electronic interaction amongst the members of the Committee, agreed to also register the Jet, and Pylon Racing SIG"s.

The chairman said that he expected to receive soon, requests for recognition form the Control Line and Fun Fly Groups.

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The chairman undertook to get in touch with the Large Scale Fraternity to assist it with the registration of its group.

The committee agreed that:

- (i) the SIGs should in the interim be requested to submit minutes of their meetings to the committee
- (ii) SIGs' financial years should coincide with the SAMAA financial year – April to March
- (iii) The SIGs should prepare budgets for 2004 / 2005 for consideration by the committee, by the end of December 2003

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The treasurer undertook to draw up guidelines for SIG financial management.

The committee confirmed that it was a prerequisite that each SIG ran a cheque account.

Administration

The chairman said that while the member admin system was working reasonable well, it required some improvements. It was impractical to get the original designer to make these changes. The chairman undertook to look at the options for replacing the system.

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JRG

The chairman handed Mr. Godwin an updated Club Register for inclusion in the November 2003 issue of SAMAA News.

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Mr. Beukes undertook to investigate the possible use of a Yahoo Group, or similar, for communication with members.

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Safety Code Update

The committee agreed to place the matter of the Safety Code Update on the agenda of the intended Strategic Think Tank. Mr. Godwin undertook to circulate copies of the MAAC safety code for information.

STRATEGIC Think Tank 2004

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The committee agreed that:

- (i) the date for the meeting should be between end Jan 2004 and mid Feb 2004. The chairman undertook to circulate suggested dates. All
- (ii) we should invite SIG chairmen, the Dealer and Club reps, and Dieter Eberbach to report on Transformation.
- (iii) committee members should begin to draw-up lists of agenda items

The F3A team affair

Mnr. Ehlers reported on the letter received from the team lawyer, confirming that the team did not wish to appeal against the decision to ban them. The letter, however, gave reasons why the team did not accept the process and set down a deadline for a reply. BS

The committee agreed to mandate the chairman to:

- (i) reply by fax advising that the committee did not accept the arbitrary deadline, and that it would respond in due course BS
- (ii) consult with John Gildenhuys on his return from leave, regarding a formal reply.

After discussion, the committee re-iterated its view that it had followed due process in dealing with the matter. *(See note 1 below)*

Response to the MAASA

The committee noted with concern that the MAASA had, in defiance of the discipline of the SAMAA, allowed Messrs, Marais, Stockwell and Potgieter to participate in a SAMAA recognized competitive event. BS

The committee resolved that:-

- (i) The chairman of the MAASA be requested for a detailed explanation of MAASA's action, whereafter the Committee would consider what action it should take in terms of the BS

- Founding Statement of MAASA which required of it to operate in terms of the SAMAA Constitution. BS
- (ii) Mnr. Beukes be requested to investigate the implications of a lack of Insurance cover resulting from the inappropriate actions of MAASA .
 - (iii) Following the outcomes of this investigation, X-treme RC Academy would have to be advised appropriately.
 - (iv) the Aero Club be requested to suspend the FAI licences of Messrs. Marais, Stockwell and Potgieter with immediate effect.

Recovery of F3A team funding

The chairman reported that he had been unable to recover the R12 000.00 donation to the F3A team. BS

The committee resolved that an Attotney be instructed to issue a Letter of Demand to the three ex team members, the ex team manager, and the chairman of the MAASA. If not responded to, the Attorney should immediately issue summons against all the parties. *(See note 2 below)*

Aero Club AGM and end of year function

Mr. Godwin suggested that the chairman give a brief verbal report at the Aero Club AGM on the F3A Team Affair. All

The chairman requested confirmation from committee members of who would attend the Aero Club end of year function.

General

1. Mr. Godwin reported on the recent down-time of the SAMAA web site.
2. The chairman advised that Colin Montgomery of Barnstormers had requested feed back from the committee on some aspects of SAMAA management. The committee resolved that Colin be requested to submit his BS

concerns in writing, after which he would be invited for an audience with the Committee.

3. Mnr. Ehlers announced that the NASA had agreed to a new class in Scale – Sportsman Class. This would be a Flying Only class.

4. Mnr. Coetzer reported that there were now 8 PD pilots in the MGA. Two at Silverton, two at Midrand, two at ETB and two elsewhere. There were indications that considerable funding was available to assist with Transformation.

Next meeting

To be advised.

Notes dated 20 Nov 2003 on these minutes

Note 1.

1. 7 November 2003

Aero Club Notice

The Aero Club of South Africa has facilitated a meeting between the South African Model Aircraft Association and the 2003 F3A Aerobatic team at which all parties contributed to the resolution of a dispute, which arose between the two organizations.

All the restrictions on the F3A Aerobatic team have been lifted.

The Aero Club would like to take this opportunity to sincerely commend both sides for their honest and constructive approach to the issues involved.

The Aero Club looks forward to working closely with aero modeling in the future.

Chairman
The Aero Club of South Africa

*Original signed by. Mr. Bob Skinner for SAMAA
Mr. Burt Botha for F3A Team*

*Witnessed by. Mr. Stan Oliver for Aero Club
Mr. David Levy for Aero Club*

Note 2. These monies have since been paid into the SAMAA bank account