

Meeting of the SAMAA Management Committee in the Aero Club boardroom at Grand Central Airport on 2 June 2004

Present	Mr. D Armitage	
	Mr. A Beukes	
	Mr. J Coetzer	
	Mr. JL Ehlers	
	Mr. JR Godwin	
	Mr. H le Grice	NASA
	Mr. J Monk	MGA
	Mr. E Ousman	MAASA
	Mr. J Sieling	MHSA
	Mr. RW Skinner	in the chair
Mrs. M Skinner	treasurer	
Mr. R vd Westhuizen	SAMPRA	
Apologies	Mr. B Denysschen	SAMJA
	Mr. D Meyer	CLASA
	Mr. E Theron	
	Mr. G Walton	LSMAA

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

At a proposal by Mr. Beukes, seconded by Mrs. Skinner, the committee adopted the minutes of the meeting of 5 May 2004.

Aero Club

We agreed that the Chairman would notify the Aero Club that the SAMAA would hold an AGM before Nov. 2004, in accordance with the Aero Club articles of association. RWS

We agreed that Messrs. Coetzer, Godwin and Skinner would attend an Aero Club EXCO meeting to put the SAMAA case on affiliation fees. JC, JRG, RWS

We agreed to look at a longer term plan to restructure the SAMAA to have two sections; one ordinary and one competitive. Only the competitive section would seek Aero Club affiliation. We ask Mnr. Meyer, by copy of these minutes, to consider this during his project on the Constitution. DM

Finances

The treasurer tabled the financial figures.

The committee approved the following expenditure:

SIG start-up funds of R5 000.00 for SAMPRA, CLASA and MHSA.

Approval of payments to LSMAA and SAMJA will be held over until next meeting.

The treasurer noted that the auditors had still to complete their work on Tax and the accounts for 2003.

We asked the treasurer to keep the performance of the auditors under review, and if necessary look for an alternative arrangements. MS

The treasurer reported that there were some monies outstanding from SAMAA News advertising. She was taking action on this matter. MS

Administration

The Chairman circulated membership statistics of the larger clubs. These show potential to increase SAMAA membership. He will publish such figures in SAMAA News from time to time. RWS

The Chairman reported registrations of numbers of new clubs. He will send this info to Mr. Godwin for the web site and SAMAA News. RWS

The Chairman reported that he had received a number of Long Service Nominations.

We agreed to review Think Tank action plans at the first Interim Committee Meeting on 14 July 2004. The Chairman reported that he had received only one nomination for Club Reps so far.

Overseas Teams

Mr. Ehlers reported that transporting model boxes was now very costly: he had been quoted R30 000 for the Scale team to move boxes to Poland. He asked if the SAMAA would consider additional funding to the Scale team, failing which the team might have to withdraw. We decided against such extra funding and suggested that the team seek sponsorship.

We declined to take a view on the desirability of the MGA being sponsored by the Flamingo Club in Pretoria. We felt that the MGA must make this decision.

We discussed the matter of team funding. Some members felt that had there been a black pilot in the Scale team, funding might have been available from the Sports Council.

The Chairman identified the need for a Fund Raising Function within the SAMAA. Mr. Coetzer said the Wolfgang Steffny had accepted the job of fund-raising for the MGA.

The Chairman reminded SIG chairmen of the need to review, and get SAMAA approval of, their team selection processes.

SIG
chairmen

SIG reports

The chairmen present reported briefly on their groups.

We noted two items of overall concern:

1. John Monk raised the question as to how the SAMAA might manage model aircraft activities from unregistered sites. We agreed to consider this matter.
2. We agreed that it is important for rule changes, schedule changes etc. to widely circulated for comment before being implemented. This is a job for the SIG chairmen.

SAMAA
Committee

SIG
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The Chairman asked that SIG chairmen make the most of their

attendance at SAMAA committee meetings. The SIGs are responsible for the day-to-day operation of competitive flying in the country. The chairmen should manage information flow both upwards and downwards between the committee and their members. He said that it was important that copies of minutes of SIG meetings be sent to the SAMAA Management Committee

SIG
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Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 19:00 on 30 June 2004 in the Aero Club Board Room