

SA MODEL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee held on 5 February 2003 at 19:45, at Pickfords, Midrand.

1. **WELCOME** The chairman, Bob Skinner, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **APOLOGIES** Felicity Meyer (FM), Roston Dugmore (RD)
3. **PRESENT** Bob Skinner (BS) – *chairman, secretary, finances, aerobatics, growth, admin*
Johan Ehlers (JE) – *vice-chairman, scale, proficiency*
Dave Armitage (DA) – *Fun-fly, proficiency, sunday flying*
John Godwin (JG) – *Communications, database, constitution*
André Beukes (AB) – *Helicopters, proficiency*
Russell van der Westhuizen (RVDW) – *Pylon racing, growth*
Joe Coetzer (JC) - *Gliding, constitution, transformation, development*
Ian Edwards (IE) - *Large aircraft, safety*
Boet Denysschen (BD), *Jets, growth*
Marietjie Skinner (MS) - *Guest*
4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
E-mailed to committee members for approval. Minutes accepted on proposal from JC, seconded by JE.
5. **MATTERS ARISING**
None
6. **FINANCES**
Detailed financial report presented and circulated to committee **MS**
HRF request for ad-hoc grant discussed. After deliberation – R5 000 approved. **BS**
BS to issue cheque
7. **ADMINISTRATION**
All in hand. Scanner acquired at R800. Windows XP + Office Professional obtained from Ruan Maritz at MS cost (R420). Renewals streaming in but high proportion of Pensioners. When total membership of 3500+ is reached, we will need to re-think admin procedures. Meeting venue at Pickfords still secure despite H Wilesmith's promotion. Benoni Heliport club activities to resume after ICASA and practical tests at Benoni Radio Flyers prove interference-free. **BS**
8. **DATABASE**
Positive comments from clubs regarding database accessibility on website. **BS**
JG
9. **CONSTITUTION**
SGM poorly attended, but constitution accepted as presented. Workgroup established comprising JG, JC, BS, DA to establish voting procedure for postal/e-mail ballot. JC and JG to draft communication for SIG's and regional interest groups to re-apply for recognition. Management committee to deal formally with **JG, JC**
BS,
DA

requests from bodies outside recognized ones. Where body exists, surely all requests to be channeled through this body.
BS to contact K Nicolls with view to become club rep. Proposal to be pitched by July 2003.

10. GROWTH

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Workgroup to present final details of dealer partnership.

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11. SAFETY

H Callaghan declined offer of safety portfolio. Two prospects identified (Van Reenen, Theron). Jet incident at Zwartkop could have had dire consequences. Article in SAMAA News regarding failsafe settings for programmable radios. DA/BD to draft wording of ECU failsafe settings on Jet models. Radios of JWM participants to be checked. Suppliers of turbines to arrange for operating instructions.
Full-size heli incursions at NERF noted.
Off-course judging tried in pylon meet recently. Considered inferior to nets used currently. FAI sporting code not prescriptive on local events.

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12. PROFICIENCY

DA to do tests at RAM. BS testing at X-Treme, Snoopy's and Barnstormers. Also visit to Bethlehem to test proficiencies. Anton van Wyk approved as instructor judge, as well as Martin Erasmus in Polokwane.

DA,BS

13. PUBLIC RELATIONS

FM incapacitated with broken foot.

14. LOCAL COMPETITIONS, AIRSHOWS, DISPLAYS, EXHIBITIONS

Chairman to report on demos at shopping centers.

BS

15. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Welkom MAC upgraded. DA to consider Fun Fly Masters to return to Welkom. Scale and Aerobatic Nats 21/22/23 March 2003 at X-Treme R/C Academy. All in hand. Pylon and Large Scale at RMAC.

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Glider Nats 1-3 May at Ladybrand sites.
Control line in hand for NCB over easter.

16. JET WORLD MASTERS

SA team trial produced 9 entries. SA team ratified – M Savage, G Casson, G Roberts, A Robinson, B Denysschen, F Diedrehsen, J Peel as T/M. JE appointed as flying judge. 56 entries to date. R12K approved for team. BS to supply 1998 F4 docs to JE for modification. Advert for JWM to JG for display on website.

BD

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17. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

Funds allocated (R1500) for Scale Masters, 1 & 2 March at Xtreme R/C Academy Pretoria. Team selection procedures approved.
 Jet event at RMAC 7/8 Feb. Vanderbijlpark site not suitable for power events. (no crowd control, and public housing too close). Good however for gliding events.s – All under control.
 Helicopters – All under control. Action plan for year’s activity established.
 Pylon – Event planed for March at Noodsberg. Meeting to discuss introduction of Quarter 40 (Midgets).
 Large scale – I Brandon new chairperson of LSMAA. IMAC rules flown presently – in future possibly FAI rules if accepted at March Plenary meeting.
 Aerobatics – Good event at Klerksdorp. Team ratified as A Stockwell, P Marais, D Potgieter. Burt Botha T/M. First reserve is Christopher Harris, second reserve Savas Nicolaidis. C Bessinger received invitation to judge at world championship.
 Soaring – F3B team ratified as Craig & Michelle Goodrum, Chris Adrian. Martin Attwell first reserve, J Coetzer second reserve. T/M to be appointed.
 FunFly Round 1 posted to 60 clubs.
 Communication – Next issue deadline is 20 February 2003.

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T-shirts. Quote to be obtained from Magda Britz. BS to supply artwork.
 Memorabilia sales: Stickers now available. Promotion needed. Pin boxes also ready. Adverts in every second issue.
 J Vos and R Maritz to receive 1 year free membership in recognition of service to SAMAA.

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18. GENERAL

19. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 5 March 2003, unless advised otherwise.

All

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

Seconded by: -----

Secretary: -----