

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SAMAA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN THE AERO CLUB BOARDROOM AT GRAND CENTRAL AIRPORT
ON 2 MARCH 2005
(draft)

1. PRESENT: Mr. J H Coetzer (Acting Chairman)
Mr. J Ehlers (Vice Chairman)
Mr. P Joffe (SAMAA News)
Mr. H le Grice (NASA)
Mr. B Denysschen (MJASA)
Mr. A Beukes
Mr. P Attfield (CLASA)
Mr. D Meyer (Chairman interim committee)
Mr. E Theron
Mr. R van der Westhuizen (SAMPRO)
Mr. K Nicolls
Mr. D Armitage
Mr. I Olivier (MHSA)
Mr. P Marais (MAASA)

2. APOLOGIES: Mr. J Sieling (MHSA)
Mr. B Skinner

3. WELCOME

The Vice Chairman, Mr J Ehlers, welcomed all present.
He requested Mrs. Elize Olivier to take the minutes. - This was agreed to.

4. CO-OPTION OF SIG CHAIRPERSONS AND APPOINTMENT OF CLUB DELEGATE

The Management Committee of SAMAA agreed to:-

- a) Co-opt the SIG Chairpersons to the Management Committee until the newly elected Committee assumes office.
- b) Accept Mr K Nicolls as the Club representative for the same period.

5. RESIGNATION OF CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Ehlers announced that he had received a letter of resignation as Chairperson of SAMAA from Mr. Bob Skinner. He would however continue in the interim for the next 8 to 10 months, with the administrative and secretarial duties of SAMAA. Mr. J Coetzer confirmed that he had received a copy of Mr B Skinner's resignation.

Agreed to accept the resignation of Mr. Skinner, to thank him for his major contributions over a number of years to the SAMAA and to formally convey the appreciation of the Association at an appropriate formal occasion.

4. ELECTION OF ACTING CHAIRPERSON:

NOTED that due to other commitments and a possible conflict of interest, Mr. Ehlers was not available to act as chairman for the interim period until the new Committee was elected.

Mr.P Joffe proposed Mr. J Coetzer and Mr I Olivier seconded the proposal.

It was unanimously agreed by all members of the Committee that Mr J Coetzer would be the Acting Chairman of SAMAA.

Mr. Coetzer thanked the Committee for the vote of confidence and promised to do his best and requested the members for their full support to take the interest of SAMAA forward.

5. FUNDING S.A. HELI MASTERS:

Mr Coetzer reported that Mr Sieling had accepted the fact that in order not to create a precedent SAMAA was not able to fund the shortfall that occurred with the MHSA Masters.

6. MEETING ADMINISTRATION

Mr. D Meyer enquired whether it was necessary for the Treasurer to be present at Committee meetings and proposed that Mr. K Nicolls take the minutes for the interim period. P Attfield seconded.

It was agreed that the Vice Chairman would act as link between the treasurer and the committee and that Mr Keith Nicolls would be the Secretary of the Committee.

7. COMPLAINT BY MAASA.

The Vice Chairman advised that he had received an e-mail from MAASA stating that they had decided not to pursue the matter any further and that a formal reply would be forthcoming by Friday. Mr P Marais then advised that the MAASA Chairperson, Mr. S Nicolaides had requested him to inform the meeting that MAASA had closed the book on the matter. A confirmatory letter would follow.

This was noted with appreciation to all concerned.

10. TRANSFORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Chairman informed the meeting of a request received from a teacher, Mr. Nick Pieterse, who was running a modeling program aimed at previously disadvantaged children at his school, for assistance from SAMAA in the form of junior membership for these children. It was agreed to allocate 20 free junior memberships to the transformation program, of which 10 could be allocated to children in the Nick Pieterse group. This was seen as a good opportunity to get youngsters involved as the average SAMAA members age was 55 years. Mr. E Theron was concerned about the excess amount payable should there be a claim. Mr. A Beukes explained it would be the responsibility of the school.

It was further agreed to appoint Mr. Craig Goodrum as Convenor of a Task Team to compile a business plan to take Transformation forward in a meaningful manner. Funds would be made available as soon as the plan was approved.

11. NEW FREQUENCY BOARD:

It was agreed that in the interest of safety the top 6 and bottom 6 frequencies should not be used simultaneously. Mr. D Armitage explained why this was necessary and Mr. P Joffe would publish the new frequency board lay-out in SAMAA NEWS upon receipt thereof from Mr. Skinner.

12. EDITORIAL COMMITTEE:

The Chairman proposed that the editorial committee, to assist the Editor of SAMAA News with all contentious and advertising issues and to ensure that the SAMAA NEWS remains financially viable be retained. Mr. K Nicolls then nominated P Attfield, P Joffe and J Godwin as members of the Editorial Committee. D Meyer seconded.

This was unanimously AGREED to.

13. FEEDBACK FROM SIG'S:

Mr. Coetzer mentioned that no 2005 budgets, and in some cases also, no minutes from meetings have been received from SIG groups. The SIG delegates should please take note and comply with the basic requirements of their Founding Statements.

This was NOTED.

14. RATIFICATION OF F3A TEAM:

The Chairman advised the Committee that the Team Manager, Mr. B Botha had resigned due to an unforeseen work load. Mr. P Marais suggested that the team members be ratified in the interim and the Team Manager at a later stage.

This was AGREED to.

15. ADMIN ADVERT IN SAMAA NEWS:

According to the Chairman the wording of the advert in SAMAA News was not a correct reflection of the position being advertised. He proposed that Mr. B Skinner continue in this position for the interim period, as he knew the work and he did apply.

It was AGREED that Mr. B. Skinner should temporarily continue with the admin of SAMAA until the new Committee had been elected, where after the new Committee would re-advertise the post and make an appointment.

Further AGREED that this arrangement be formally conveyed to Mr Skinner in writing.

16. LETTER TABLED BY MRS. SKINNER AT PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman referred to the confidential letter addressed to SAMAA received from Mrs. M Skinner, which was not dealt with at the previous meeting since it was tabled without any prior notice late in the evening, right at the end of the meeting. Mrs. Skinner was requested during a telephonic discussion a few days ago, to send the letter to all members of the expanded Committee. This was apparently not done and since the contents were unknown to most committee members, the matter could not be proceeded with.

It was proposed that this matter be dropped.

17. ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE:

The election documents were compiled by Mr. P Attfield. As there were small amendments made, the Auditors would only be able to ratify the election process in the week following the meeting. Voting papers would be double sided, the SAMAA member number and voting number will appear on voting forms to avoid any form of fiddling.

Nomination forms would be published in the next SAMAA NEWS.

Closing date for nominations would be **28 APRIL 2005**.

18. FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET.

The Financial report for February was NOTED

The 2004/2005 budget was circulated.

Mr. A Beukes requested further information regarding when and who agreed to support a 2nd CIAM meeting travel fees. Mr. J Coetzer suggested that the "Travel Overseas" breakup be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. E Theron requested a breakdown on UIF of R3000,00. This should be paid on a 50% split.

Subject to these enquiries the Budget as circulated by Mr Skinner and the subscription increases were APPROVED.

It was also AGREED that Mr. J Ehlers would investigate electronic banking/ payments for SAMAA..

19. APPOINTMENT OF TASK TEAMS

The Chairman explained the necessity of a establishing task teams to actively pursue transformation and to build a relationship with the Department of Sport and the SA Sport Commission. This would open up the way for funding from the Government.

Mr K Nicolls was asked to convene a task team to investigate and address the ideal relationship between the SAMAA Management Committee on the one hand and SIG's and Clubs on the other hand. The question of appropriate delegation of powers and reporting should be addressed.

Mr C Goodrum was confirmed as the convenor of the transformation and development task team. This task team should compile a business plan to enable SAMAA to actively pursue transformation and development..

Mr. K Nicolls was asked to draft a basic Safety guideline that would be aligned to the SAMAA insurance policy.

Funding was also available from the Lottery Council, however the necessary documentation have to be compiled. The Chairman was mandated to pursue this issue.

20. THE PHASING OUT OF 60MHz USAGE:

Mr. D Armitage explained that this matter had been ongoing for 5 years and then extended for another 3 years, it was Gazetted and users now have to switch to the 35Mhz frequency as the Correctional Service needed the 60Mhz frequency.

Mr. K Nicolls requested Mr. Armitage to please obtain the facts on paper as there were radios that could not economically be converted.

21. TEAM GRANTS:

Mr. J Ehlers read the letters received from :

1. MGA
2. MAASA
3. MHSA requesting World Championship Team Grants.

Grants of R15000-00 each was approved for immediate payment.

22. NEXT MEETING:

The date of the next meeting would be set by the Chairman.

23. CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 21:00 following a vote of thanks to the Chairman.