

**Minutes of a meeting of the SAMAA Management Committee
19 November 2003 in the Aero Club Boardroom**

Present: Mnr. JL Ehlers
Mr. JR Godwin
Mr. RW Skinner (in the chair)

Apologies: Mr. D Armitage
Mnr. A Beukes
Mnr. J Coetzer

In attendance: Mev. M Skinner (treasurer)

The chairman welcomed the members present and read the notice convening the meeting

Adoption of minutes

On a proposal by Mnr. Ehlers, seconded by Mr. Godwin, the committee adopted the minutes of the meeting of 8 October 2003.

Matters arising from the minutes

1. The committee noted that Mnr. Ehlers had stepped-down as chairman of the NASA Special Interest Group. The position is now filled by Mr. le Grice with Mr. Roberts as vice chairman.
2. The Chairman reported that Mr. Mortimer, in conjunction with others, had sent a letter to the Aero Club expressing concerns over the SAMAA Constitution. The committee awaits comment from the Aero Club.

Finances

The treasurer tabled the financial statements.

1. The Committee agreed to make a donation of R500.00 to RMAC in support of its Charity Fly-in.
2. The treasurer agreed to include the Bank Statement to support the financial figures, in future.
3. The committee agreed that any member might request a full set of financial

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figures at the cost of duplication and postage. An abridged set of figures is available on the SAMAA web page.

4. The Committee agreed that the SAMAA Secretariat would continue to administer FAI licence and Aero Club membership fees on behalf of SAMAA members. Such fees would be for the individual member's account.

Status of Special Interest Groups

The chairman reported that he had received a Founding Statement from the CLASA Group, (control line). He awaited the minutes of the Founding Meeting.

The committee noted that no response had been received from MAASA.

The committee noted that it had received no further documentation from the Large Scale fraternity.

The committee resolved that the chairman should send a letter to all SIGs asking that:

RWS

1. Copies of minutes of SIG meetings be sent to the committee.
2. Copies of SIG financial reports be sent to the committee. A simple "cash book" type report, showing income and expenditure, will be sufficient.
3. A statement of the process for selecting International Teams be sent to the committee. The committee noted that neither the SAMAA nor the Aero Club would recognize International Team selection in the absence of this information.

The committee agreed that the requirement for a SIG to hold a cheque account might be unduly onerous and costly. A savings account will be sufficient.

The chairman agreed to send Mr. Godwin a list of all approved SIGs and their chairman for publication in SAMAA News.

RWS

The committee approved the budget template for SIGS

Administration

The chairman reported that he had pursued the matter of a new system for member admin. He undertook to follow-up this initiative.

RWS

The chairman reported an incident at an East London club with a low-flying helicopter. He resolved the issue, but in so doing uncovered a lack of clarity at the DCA on height restrictions over club fields. He will continue to liaise with the DCA to ensure that it updates its documentation.

RWS

The chairman reported that he was in contact with ICASA on the possibility of the

SAMAA being allocated more spots in the 35MHz band as well as access to the 34 and 36 MHz bands. RWS

The committee noted that SIGs were contemplating bids for the 2006 F3J and 2008 F4 World Championships.

Update of Safety Code

JRG

Mr. Godwin undertook to follow-up with Johan van Reenen.

Strategic Think Tank

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The chairman asked that committee members submit to him items for consideration at the Think Tank.

The chairman undertook to investigate possible locations, dates and costs for the meeting. RWS

Any other business

The chairman undertook to suggest a possible Christmas Function for committee members. RWS

The chairman tabled the Notice from the Aero Club regarding its mediation in the F3A affair. Mr. Godwin undertook to publish the notice in the Jan.2004 issue of SAMAA News. (Copy of notice attached to these minutes). JRG

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 1900 on Wed. 21 Jan 2003 in the Aero Club boardroom. (Please note starting time).

Thereafter, there will be a meeting at 1900 on Wed. 3 March 2004.

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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*

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