



Minutes

SAMAA Annual General Meeting 11 March 2021, 18:00

Board Room, The Hub @ 256 Rondebult Road, Parkdene (MS TEAMS Platform)

Member name	Present / Apologies	Member name	Present / Apologies
Danie Potgieter (SAMAA Chairman)	Present	Johan	Present
Burt Botha (SAMAA Vice-chairman)	Present	John Withers	Present
Johan Botha (SAMAA Development)	Present	Johnny Foonk	Present
Alec Groenewald (SAMAA Compliance)	Present	Kobus	Present
Roland Suhrmuller (SAMAA SIG Chairman)	Present	Leon	Present
Juanita Smith (SAMAA Treasurer)	Present	MariusM	Present
Bob Skinner (SAMAA GM)	Present	Michiel Bonthuys	Present
Linda Dold (SAMAA Secretary/Admin)	Present	Mike Vos	Present
Danny	Present	Paul Smit	Present
Peter Lott	Present	Peter	Present
Adriaan	Present	Peter Eagle	Present
Adriaan Geldenhuys	Present	Peter Rossouw	Present
Allen Fraser	Present	Pierre Joubert	Present
Andre Beukes	Present	Pieter Herbst	Present
Andre Killian	Present	Pieter Koekemoer	Present
Arrie Schoeman	Present	Pieter Malan	Present
Brett Lewis	Present	Roston Dugmore	Present
Bruce Clark	Present	Russell van der Westhuizen	Present
Bryan Currie	Present	Sarel Venter	Present
Carlo Steyn	Present	Shaun Ruth	Present
Darrin	Present	Stefan Jacobs	Present
Dirk	Present	Steve Mouton	Present
Donald Dold	Present	Trevor Wolfaardt	Present
Ernst Miessner	Present	Johan van der Merwe	Present
Gary	Present	Van Zyl Koegelenberg	Present
Geoff	Present	Wian	Present
Hennie Miller	Present	Willem van der Merwe	Present
Barry van der Vyver	Present	Brian Nelson	Apology
James Bennett	Present	Alan Smith	Apology
Jan	Present	Danie Venter	Apology
Jasper van Eden	Present	Marthinus Potgieter	Apology

	Danie Potgieter opened the meeting at 18:14	INFO
1	Welcomed all to the meeting. Rules of engagement. Member to raise hand on the MS Teams platform before speaking.	INFO
2	Attendance and apologies – as per register above. DP confirmed quorum with members present; compliance to requirements of SAMAA constitution. DP declared not received any notice of topics to be discussed as required by the published agenda and notice of the meeting.	INFO
3	Minutes of the 2020 AGM: Page 1 of 4 – No changes. Page 2 of 4 – No changes Page 3 of 4 – No changes. Page 4 of 4 – No changes No corrections. Johnny Foonk proposed acceptance of minutes, seconded by Pieter Herbst.	INFO
4	Matters arising from the 2020 AGM minutes. There were no matters arising.	INFO



5	<p>Chairman's report. As published on the SAMAA website prior to the AGM Chairman's report proposed for acceptance by Bryan Currie and seconded by Johnny Foonk.</p>	INFO
6	<p>Treasurer's report</p> <p>a) 2020 Budget vs Actual b) 2020 Audited Financial Statements AFS proposed for acceptance by Andre Beukes, and seconded by Allen Fraser.</p> <p>c) 2021 Budget – Proposed income for 2021 based on membership as at beginning of January; used as criteria, together with the new rates and other bulk of income, is the interest SAMAA receives on the Investment account. Expenditure: tried to limit the budget. Marketing campaign will use surplus that rolled over from 2020. Provision for office rental in budget. With reserves that SAMAA has maybe the opportune time for us to acquire own property. Expenditure cut back on number of items. Additional item is office computer; budget of R20K for new; current unit is giving problems.</p> <p>Hire of premises can have a significant impact on the budget. Have been looking at office space, roughly expense of R70K to R80K over the period. Currently SAMAA GM and SAMAA Administrator work from home and continuing to look at finding suitable space that meets our needs. Good option for SAMAA to purchase own office.</p> <p>Should the SAMAA pursue to buy own premises? 63% in favour.</p> <p>Resolution: Resolved by membership that SAMAA should buy premises for permanent home. GM and Assistant to continue reaching for viable options. Signatories are Exco members: Danie Potgieter (chairman). Burt Botha (vice-chairman). Alec Groenewald (Compliance and Comm. officer). Bob Skinner (General manager).</p> <p>Do we need offices for SAMAA and do we need to spend (R200 000) to buy offices? SAMAA chairman vision is to have SAMAA museum, library, Hall of Fame, and members could collect cards. Need to consider that SAMAA needs a place of its own, possibly buying. Maybe premises at an airport, or other option. Will get back to members, before any final decisions are taken.</p> <p>Marketing budget – AG prepared various proposals/presentations. Looked at SAMAA events and participation, and at members status of the past couple of years. Presentation on what can be done and how the hobby may be improved. Biggest task of SMC is to build the hobby and SAMAA membership. Will have to spend money, to get all of this going. Focus back on to the clubs. Club visits throughout SA and with specific tasks. Big drive is for the Nationals. Consider what is available from SRSA (Sports and Recreation South Africa). Identify a champion as SAMAA's face, an ambassador that can present what he has done to get to a certain point, and go to Supersport etc who needs material for their shows and for airtime. SAMAA has material to provide and by doing that put the hobby back in the spotlight. Need to focus on getting youngsters back in the hobby. The budget presented has got all of that in mind. Suggest having a SAMAA yearbook. Proficiency is important to get everybody on the same level. Hand-in-hand with these club visits, will go the upgrading of our proficiency system. Biggest expenditure on the yearbook; is the idea to sell this and recover funds? Or a free hand-out? The idea is to sell it at year-end.</p>	INFO



	<p>Had many requests from members for a hard copy of the SAMAA News; will be incorporated into the yearbook. The intention is to get as many sponsors as possible. Intention was not to discuss all the details of the marketing plan; maybe get hold of Alec for information. Great idea to get input from the members.</p> <p>d) Membership fees –No increase in the membership fee for 2022. Question on how quorum is determined. SAMAA constitution states it is members present, and in the current situation, those who attend electronic meetings.</p> <p>Question answered that salaries of staff are rounded off.</p> <p>2021 Budget – voting result: – 34 in favour of acceptance, no dissenting votes.</p>	
7	<p>General Manager’s report. Acceptance – Published on the SAMAA website. General Manager’s report proposed for acceptance by Steve Mouton, seconded by Arrie Schoeman.</p>	INFO
8	<p>Insurance policy and implications – Certain limitations imposed that we cannot get around, it is an industry standard and that is where we are at, currently. The premium was increased. The biggest issue is the airside exclusion which is on full-size airports. Clubs operating from full-size airfields, events being held at full-size airfields where the insurers will not cover the infrastructure, runways, or aircraft present on that airfield.</p> <p>Still in discussion with the insurers, and looking to get other insurance companies involved. Imperative for the SAMAA to inform members at this stage. Could not allow members to continue thinking they enjoy this cover. SAMAA has applications for full size events, knowing that we are still negotiating with the insurers. Not cast in stone, continuously engaging with insurers. Some SAMAA members in the insurance industry have approached the SMC with offers of support. Approached the Aero Club for assistance and nothing suitable.</p> <p>For event at a full-size airfield/airstrip, and a model flies into infrastructure, tower, hangars, or full-size aeroplane parked on the apron or in a hangar, or damages the tarmac or the runway the insurers will not entertain a claim. Accident involving member-member or member to third party: we enjoy cover. Communicate with 22 clubs operating at full-size airfields.</p> <p>Questions from members – Were specialist aircraft insurers approached? They deal with the Aero Club insurance, and there were discussions with these insurers. No interest from this avenue. Aero Club has professional indemnity cover for events only, and there is still the airside exception.</p> <p>Member responsible for accident is liable for excess. Proposed solution: SMC to ask affected clubs for amended LOP to continue operations...from airport manager/owner/operator/stakeholders. If happy to allow an event at their facility, with an indemnity that a SAMAA member and SAMAA will not be held liable if such an accident occurs. Legal opinion obtained by SMC that the SAMAA and members would be covered. Will probably find that most of these facilities might give a letter of authority.</p> <p>SMC to consider self-insuring first R200 000 towards claims would be beneficial for the Associations’ funding; shows that SMC has the members best interest at heart and would encourage people to join the Association.</p> <p>Committee take the point, one claim can wipe out all the reserves. Should there be a claim with excess that the Association will be able to assist the members, depending on the nature. For gross neglect on part of the member, SAMAA might not pay excess. If</p>	



	<p>out of SAMAAs or member's control, then annually put money aside to assist should such a claim arise.</p> <p>Question of whether members enjoy cover fire as a result of a model crashing. Veld fire and damage covered. Should fire spread to airport infrastructure and aircraft...no cover.</p> <p>The committee would like to assure the membership that SMC doing everything possible to find acceptable solution.</p> <p>Question from member that there is continuous reference to events, but what about everyday flying. There are 22 clubs on full-size facilities. There needs to be a full risk assessment. For the moment, there cannot be approval for events at these facilities, in view of the risk. The SMC will work closely with the affected clubs. Organisers may be able to obtain event insurance, if there is approval from the facility manager/owner/stakeholders.</p> <p>The SMC is not just accepting our fate; it is top priority for us, we are working with these insurers, for the time being the status quo is maintained. On an ongoing basis will engage the insurers to resolve queries. Important for organisers to understand the current predicament. The issue is the risk to the SAMAA in its totality. Insurers will go where the money is, so if we sanction events it means we the members and the SMC will be held liable.</p> <p>Current policy is up for renewal at the end of October 2021. Risk assessment timelines: To start soon after AGM.</p>	
9	<p>Constitutional points raised by members of the Association – Nothing received. SAMAA chairman thanked the SMC and The Hub for making the AGM possible. For the first virtual AGM, it was considered successful. Thanked all the members for their attendance.</p>	
10	<p>Meeting was closed at 19:36</p>	



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Management committee: Danie Potgieter, Burt Botha, Alec Groenewald. Johan Blom, Linda Dold, Juanita Smith, Bob Skinner.

