



MINUTES OF SAC AGM, HELD ON 2^{0TH} JUNE 2019, IN KLERKSDORP

Present: Nigel Hopkins, Annie Boon, Barrie Eeles, Quintin Hawthorne, John Gaillard, Patrick Davidson, Kayle Wooll, Mark Sampson, Johnie Smith, Tertia Smith, Natalie Stark, Gary Glasson, Andrew Fletcher, Elton Bondi, Jason Beamish, Machiel du Plessis, Tobie Kock, Jonty Esser, Pierre du Plooy, Rob du Plooy, Eugene du Preez, Mike Stark, Glen Warden, Thys Kuhn, Trevor Warner, Johan von Solms, Adam Pucjlowski, Mark Hensman, Roger Deare, Martin Schulze, Cindy Weber, Alex Caige, Chris Joubert, Steve Brown, Dustin Hughes, Andrew Blackwood-Murray, Cliff Lotter.

Having constituted a quorum, the meeting commenced.

Apologies: Leigh Le Gonidec, Helm Ludwig

1. Welcome

The Chairman, Nigel Hopkins, welcomed everyone to the AGM, and thanked the members for attending. He extended a special welcome to Brian Zeederberg and Charlotte who were here from Australia. He mentioned that Brian was a 2 times world champion and a member of honour of the SAC. Brian took the opportunity to thank everyone, and stated that he, Noel Otten and John Gaillard started the SAC from the Baragwaneth Aeroclub, 29 years ago. He also said that Ian Poplewell is not well at this time.

2. Apologies

Annie then read through the list of apologies. Two proxies were handed in.

3. Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were proposed by Annie Boon and seconded by Quintin Hawthorne and Barrie Eeles, no changes were noted.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Quintin Hawthorne, read through the Income Statement for the club. He noted that the income for the past year had been attributed to members' subs, contest entry fees, National champs fees, and interest earned in the amount of R27 000. He said it was clear that our membership was down, and that the ASSA members are no longer on our members list. Total income from 1 July 2018 to 31 May 2019 was R142 000.

Quintin said the SAC had spent money on contest expenses, judges' travel and accommodation (which has gone up), etc. As at the end of May 2019 the SAC has R385 000 available funds. It is hoped that the airshow after Nationals will bring in some decent funds.

5. Chairman's Report

Nigel opened his report with the concern about the demise of RAASA, and CAA now handling documentation, etc. For this reason, it is crucial to plan your timing, as it takes much longer now to process documentation. Pilots need to get their paperwork in long before renewals are required. Nigel also mentioned that the SAC has an ARO audit on Monday, and that the CAA will be at the National champs as from Friday 21st June. He went on to compliment all the pilots on their safety, discipline and professionalism. Nigel said it was great to see training camps happening in Tzaneen, and while our member numbers were down, it was great to have a field of 28 pilots competing at Nationals. He thanked the committee for their hard work and efforts during the past year. He also thanked John for handling all the RAASA, CAA and CIVA meetings. Nigel went on to thank everyone involved behind the scenes at our contests, as a lot of hard work is involved.

6. Election of Committee

In terms of our constitution, office bearers are elected for a three year term to ensure continuity. The 2018/19 SAC Committee members were:

Nigel Hopkins (Chairman)
Barrie Eeles (Vice Chairman)
John Gaillard (Chief Judge)
Quintin Hawthorne (Treasurer)
Annie Boon (Secretary)
Elton Bondi
Mark Hensman
Cliff Lotter
Helm Ludwig (WC Representative)
Gary Glasson

As per paragraph 11 of the SAC Constitution, the following members had to retire from service on the committee (after serving 3 consecutive years), but were automatically available for re-election: John Gaillard (Chief Judge), Quintin Hawthorne (Treasurer), Annie Boon (Secretary), Barrie Eeles, Mark Hensman, Nigel Hopkins (Chairman), Elton Bondi, Cliff Lotter and Helm Ludwig (WC Rep). Gary Glasson has also agreed to stay on the committee for another year, and Nigel Hopkins decided to step down as chairman.

There were 3 new nominations to the committee, Eugene du Preez, Conrad Botha and Mike Stark, who all accepted. There were 3 nomination forms handed in for Chairman, and Vice Chairman. Gary Glasson accepted the nomination to be Chairman, and Eugene du Preez accepted the nomination for Vice Chairman.

The 2018/19 SAC committee are:

Chairman: Gary Glasson
Vice Chairman: Eugene du Preez
Secretary: Annie Boon
Treasurer: Quintin Hawthorne
Chief Judge: John Gaillard
Members: Elton Bondi
Mark Hensman
Barrie Eeles
Nigel Hopkins
W/Cape Rep: Helm Ludwig

NW Rep: Cliff Lotter
FS Rep: Conrad Botha
KZN Rep: Mike Stark

7. CIVA Report

John Gaillard, our CIVA representative, updated us on the situation at CIVA. He said that they could foresee problems with the FAI as they were currently running at a loss. FAI are also holding onto 100 000 Swiss Francs, which belongs to CIVA. John mentioned that there is a project underway from South Africa, for the design of a new aircraft, which might be a way to access these funds. Cliff asked what the impact would be if FAI “folded”, and John replied that he would hate to consider that happening, but also that FAI would have to change the way they operate. They would possibly have to move to Prague, for example, to save money.

8. WAAC 2020

South Africa is planning to bid to host WAAC 2020. The chances of us winning the bid are high, as every 4th championship has to be outside of Europe. There is a possibility that it will be hosted in USA in 2022, but so far there are no other bids for 2020. Malelane has again been identified as a good venue, and it is currently under change of ownership, so we will have to work on that. Mention was also made of trying to add a 4 minute Freestyle to the advanced class for the World Champs.

9. Portfolios

Helm had made a suggestion he wanted raised at the AGM. He said he felt we needed someone on the committee to head up the team selections for World Championships, and also to lead the potential competitors, and to encourage them to compete. Nigel said he agreed, and that we also need other committee members to take on other portfolios, to grow our membership.

10. WAAC Team Selection

Patrick asked when the WAAC team selection would take place. John reminded everyone that there is a selection process outlined in our ARO, which will be followed. SAC will select a squad of potential pilots after Nationals, and a team will be selected from that squad.

11. General

Nigel said that Roger Deare has made a very generous offer for all SAC members. If you provide your SAC membership card at any of his Ecko Unlimited stores, you will receive a 20% discount.

The new Chairman, Gary Glasson, took the opportunity to address the members present. He thanked the previous committee, saying that a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to keep this club on the road, which he didn't fully appreciate this until he was elected to the committee. He thanked them for once again standing for election, and mentioned the inclusion of the new committee members, namely, Eugene du Preez, Conrad Botha and Mike Stark.

Gary said that our objective for the coming year is the very same as the years previous, which is to grow our club. We need to add new members, but the question is how? In the past it was pretty much left up to the committee to produce new members, but the committee is a small group of volunteers with a limited amount of time & resources. He said, as such, all our members must take responsibility to keep a steady flow of new pilots entering the sport. Gary said there are many ways to go about it and he had already identified one method that had

already found success. Gary outlined the method, including a wonderful letter written by one of the new trainees, both of which can be found on our website, under “Chairman’s Chirp”. He asked everyone to try and bring at least one new pilot to the game in the next year.

Gary also mentioned that we will be putting in a bid to host WAAC in South Africa next year. We actually stand a very good chance success. He asked if anyone has ideas on sources for sponsorships to please let us know, as hosting is not going to be cheap.

Lastly Gary wished Cliffy and his team good luck for Saturday’s airshow, saying he was sure it will be a huge success and will hopefully allow us to put a little cash back into the SAC.

John Gaillard announced that we have a new International Judge, Johnie Smith, who will be going to judge at IWAC, and Cindy Weber will be going as well as an assistant to John, and Quintin Hawthorne will be assisting Johnie. John ended off by saying that we have 5 South African judges that are involved in international contests, which is more than any other country.

With no further items for discussion, the meeting was closed.