

MINUTES OF THE S A MODEL JET ASSOCIATION (SAMJA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT RMAC ON 15 NOVEMBER AT 09:00

1. Members Present (as per circulated membership listing):

Zane Mannell (Chairman), Martinus Potgieter (Vice Chairman), Johan Groenewald (Treasurer), Johan Ehlers (Secretary), Greg Donaldson (Events Coordinator), James Allison, Dean Grobbelaar, Rodney Donaldson, Sanjay Kana, Boet Denysschen, Chris van Rensburg, Dieter Lettau, Terry Hamilton, Gregory Allsopp, Chris Allsopp, Chris Allison, Jon Hancock, Neville Wright, Dean Jakins.

2. Apologies:

Davon Lampbrecht, Neil Collins, Andy Keil, Anton van Wyk, Craig Robinson, Peter Frost, Leon Cilliers.

3. Validity of the Meeting:

The meeting was declared valid with the minimum requirement of attendance being met.

4. Minutes of the Previous AGM:

The minutes of the meeting, having been available on the website and circulated in good time, were taken as read and approved unanimously.

5. Matters Arising:

The Chairman reported that the ID Card Printer had been bought and that it is in operation. The Vice-chairman reiterated that the regulatory problem regarding registration of a vehicle under SAMJA's name was the reason that the acquisition of a trailer has been put on hold as reported in the minutes. The significant reduction in the number of competitions has also reduced the need for a trailer.

6. Chairman's Report:

The report was read out by the Chairman and it was well received. A copy of the report is available on the SAMJA website. The report was accepted unanimously. The most serious aspect was the breakdown of the monthly open flying days at Swartkop AFB after only five days had been enjoyed. This was the result of rationalisation and the retrenchment of all the reserve officers at the Museum as was detailed in the e-mailed newsletter of 1 November 2015. The situation was discussed in more detail under the Financial Report.

7. Financial Report:

The Treasurer presented a brief report. The association was in a secure financial state with R188 091.63 in its accounts. Interest from investments was R7 700.00. The assets of the association are all in place. The report was accepted unanimously.

Marthinus Potgieter reported that a financial system was now running together with the membership system on the website and that members would soon be able to see an up to date reconciled monthly statement on the website.

The loss of Swartkop AFB for the monthly open flying days was discussed in depth. The question whether to request the Museum to refund the payment made for the year after only 5/12 of the year could be utilised was discussed and it was unanimously decided to inform the Museum that the remaining 'credit' should be seen as a donation to the museum. This would hopefully ensure goodwill from their side should circumstances there improve for a possible renewal of SAMJA's agreement with them. Furthermore members were encouraged to utilise the invitation of the Defence Force R C Flying Club to join them on Sundays as set out in the 1 November Newsletter and to foster a good relationship with them.

The possibility of arranging jet events at various suitable clubs to compensate for the loss of Swartkop opportunities was also discussed with positive response from the chairmen of RMAC and NERF who were present. Other possibilities include Barnstormers and CorsAir. The committee would investigate the possibilities.

8. IJMC Report:

The successful JWM in Germany, without any RSA participation, was already covered by the Chairman in his report. Johan Ehlers noted that any rule changes would only be published after the IJMC AGM in January 2016. The final acceptance of the Italian bid to host the 2017 JWM would also be confirmed at this meeting. Marthinus Potgieter noted that the first qualifier for team selection for the event would be at the 2016 Combined Nationals at Klerksdorp in April.

9. Constitutional Changes

Marthinus Potgieter proposed that the Jet Flying Proficiency system be incorporated in the SAMJA Constitution in order that it will be readily available on the website and also fulfil the SAMAA requirements for its availability. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

10. SAMJA Open Flying Days

These having been discussed in depth under the Financial Report, were considered finalised.

11. Election of New Committee:

The Chairman reported that the incumbent committee had indicated their availability for re-election except for Greg Donaldson who was unavailable due to work commitments.

Dean Jakins was proposed in his place and the Committee was unanimously re-elected.

12. General:

Dean Grobbelaar sketched the situation at the past Nationals where classes with less than three entries did not receive awards and only certificates. He asked if a minimum performance level, rather than the number of entries could be used as a criterion. Marthinus Potgieter explained that this ruling was based on the FAI rules. Other disciplines at the Nats had also raised the point and the committee would seriously look into the matter in order to find a more equitable solution.

13. Closure

After thanking the committee for their efforts through the past year, and RMAC for the use of their facilities for the meeting, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11:08.

Chairman:

Secretary: