



BARNSTORMERS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 5th September 2018

(August Meeting)

1. The Meeting was opened by Danie Potgieter at 19.00h and welcomed those attending and thanked Fiona and Richard for their hospitality.

2. Attendees : Danie Potgieter
Paul Randall
Ernst van der Tourn
Fiona Graham
Colin Butler
Richard Castignani
PRO – still to be filled

Gareth does not want to be on the Committee anymore however is still fulfilling the duties of the PRO Officer.

3. Ratification of previous minutes.

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on the 7th August 2018 were proposed by Richard and seconded by Ernst.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.

From page 2, Louis Carosin has indicated he would be willing to fill the PRO position so will start a handover process with Gareth.

With regards to the Compliance Officer, Danie has spoken to a couple of people but as yet the position has not been filled.

On page 3, Paul has agreed to continue his position as Treasurer for as long as Danie is Chairman. Karon will continue to run the accounts on the Pastel system on a paid basis as agreed at a previous meeting. A Committee vote was taken on this matter and 5 members agreed with this decision. Should we have given the bookkeeping job to an outside person the costs involved would be a Pastel package, a laptop and a salary, all in all, a far larger amount than the R1 000.00 per month we are currently paying. The Pastel software licence has also been renewed.

Page 4, bank signatories need to be changed now as the ex Vice Chairman has signing powers and we will need to do a Resolution to add Colin Butler.

The new gate has been fitted and we have asked the member who broke the boom to make a donation towards it.

The Chairman's Challenge was a resounding success and we have had orders for another 23 Gremlins.

5. Finances

Account Balances :	Call Account	163 922.57
	Current Account	154 459.38
	Petty Cash	4 500.00
Income to Date :	Landing Fees	3 500.00
	Airshow/FPV	2 569.00
	Snoobie	110.00
	FPV Day	810.00
	Donations	1 250.00

We have members who are paying off next years subs on a monthly basis.

We need to think about rates for next year but this will be discussed at a meeting later in the year.

The donation of R5 000.00 we received from Rocketmine for the use of our club has been put towards the R6000.00 bill we have for grading the entrance road.

Wiseman needs to take some of the soil on the side and make a small speed bumps on the road where the grader has made V grooves so the water will drain. Ernst has old engine oil which we will use to spray over the humps and road so it compacts and stops the dust. Danie will contact the hire company he uses to see what the cost would be to hire a pump.

The FPV "Amazing Race" on the 27/28th October is being organized by Gary McDonogh. We have very little information on the event other than there is no fixed entrance fee, competitors will be asked to make a donation. Fiona received an e-mail from Gary a couple of weeks ago asking if the competitors could pay directly into Barnstormers bank account, as of today however no funds have been received. Gary has told Ernst that he is holding an open day and will decide on how to proceed with this event once he sees what kind of interest it generates.

6. Maintenance

Richard and Ernst opened up the lid for the septic tank and it is full. Danie will organize the suction people to come in and empty it. We need to build a brick box around the lid of the tank as Wiseman had to dig to find it as it was covered with soil and grass. The tank has never been emptied it since it was installed. We have asked for the mowers to be returned. The barge boards on the clubhouse need to be replaced and repaired where necessary as well as the upstairs clubhouse ceiling. The window frames where we had the break in need to be straightened and the broken panes replaced.

With regards to the runways, a promise was made that they would be done in winter. Danie got a quote which he sent to the Committee members and asked for comments as well as asking for permission to apply to withdraw the funds from the 32-day call account. We are now in September and if we need to call an SGM, we must give members the obligatory 30 days notice. Depending on the outcome of that meeting we might still have to give notice on the call account which will take us to November which is in the height of the rainy season. It was suggested that in light of the above we put the runway issue on hold until the new year, the down side being that next years quote will be a lot more. This matter will become an Agenda item at the club meeting.

We are going to start spraying the weeds on the edge of the runway.

The grass in front of the braai area and between the taxi way and runway will be top dressed.

7. Safety

Ernst had a meeting with Gary on Sunday about the FPV wing area. Some of their safety rules need to be amended and on race days they must have a Black Flag person monitoring that nobody is flying over the entrance road. Their designated flying area is the helicopter section but between the entrance road and the railway line. As we have had no further donations from the FPV area we will not spend any more money until their membership increases and more funds are made available from them. One issue still to be addressed is the safety netting, we previously have had a quote of R8.00m for labour to make the nets.

8. Warbirds Fly-in

We have had several requests for a Warbirds fly-in as it has become an annual event. We will discuss it at the club meeting but the thought is to combine it with the year end function.

9. General

- Wiseman has been allocated a space down by the mulberry tree to grow his own vegetables and he has a small solar panel and inverter that he uses to watch his TV and charge his phone.
- The safety issue and armed response will be discussed at the next meeting. We will install an alarm with 2 panic buttons. Beams can also be installed around Wiseman's room that can be turned on at night. One panic button will be kept with Wiseman and the other will be given to members who are there. The system will be operated on a solar system.
- Rocketmine have asked for generators to operate their equipment. Danie will take them there on the day and they will provide their own petrol.

The meeting was closed by Danie Potgieter at 20h.15.