



BARNSTORMERS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 8th November 2017

1. The Meeting was opened by Danie Potgieter at 19.05h. He thanked Fiona for organizing the Eastlands board room and the dinner.

2. Attendees : Danie Potgieter
Evert Scholtz
Paul Randall
Rolf Huellen
Ernst de Touren
Gareth Randall
Fiona Graham

3. Ratification of previous minutes.

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on the 10th October 2017 were proposed by Danie Potgieter and seconded by Fiona Graham

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.

The layout of the meeting has been changed. Minutes will be e-mailed prior to the meetings. Matters arising from previous minutes will now become Agenda items for the next meeting.

5. Finances

Account Balances :	Call Account	150 000.00
	Current Account	91 011.55
	Petty Cash	5 859.80
	Municipal Account	(4 400.00)

Income to Date :	Landing Fees	5 700.00
	Snoopy	855.00
	Ground School	2 150.00
	Pledges	2 760.00
	Airshow/FPV	45 584.08
	Funfly Masters	3 630.00

Current account balance includes the R10 000.00 FPV donation. There is not expected to be much additional income before the financial year end.

Evert has asked Wiseman to take pictures of all those people that are not members and claim to have been given permission by someone to use the clubs facilities. The process to be followed for new members is; fill in application form, print it, generate the invoice and forward to new member, receive payment and ID photo, print the card. If all these steps can be completed there should be no reason why new members cannot have their cards within a day. Wiseman has the new cards and the list that is to be signed when a member collects his card. As we have had no landing fees for the past few weeks it is the assumption that non-members are taking a chance and flying for free. If Wiseman and Evert need verification on anyone's membership status they can contact Gareth as the information is available immediately.

Paul stopped Wiseman taking pictures of the windsock that he was posting on the group as he was not aware that Evert was giving him R200.00 for data. In future the windsock picture will only be posted on Saturdays and Sundays. Evert is trying to get him to use his cellphone and will add him to the Committee Group so he can advise what he requires.

The Committee has resolved to fix the runways in the new year. We will use the funds that are available in the current account at the end of the financial year end and the balance will be used from the call account. The R150 000.00 that is in the call account loses value every year that is left sitting there. If the club members decide that they want to replenish the call account then we will raise a special levy to accommodate this request. We will fix the cracks with the sealer and then pour diesel over the runway and set it alight to seal the cracks. Machines will then be brought in to cover it with 25mm tar. The idea in the new year would be to extend the main runway and tar the alternate runway at the same time as the major expense is bringing in the equipment.

6. Maintenance

Evert has put a lot of time and his own money getting the club grounds into the condition they are in now and has sent Danie a list of duties that Wiseman should fulfill. When it comes to the stage that we are no longer on the Committee the club maintenance needs to continue. Evert has agreed to take over the Maintenance Officer portfolio with Rolf as his assistant. Over the next couple of months Evert will set up a work schedule incorporating the "Wiseman Work Instructions" distributed to the Committee earlier this week. Wiseman will be given a timed daily schedule.

7. Safety

Ernst raised his concern with regards to SAMAA insurance. Evert assured Ernst that he had not raised the issue as he doubted members cover but he wants to protect the club. Take the scenario of a death at the club owing to an accident, both the 'wrong doer' and the club would be sued and just the legal fees in a case like this would bankrupt the club. Insurance companies will always look for a reason not to pay out. Everts wishes to avoid this possibility by asking every member to sign an indemnity which indemnifies the club of paying the shortfall. We have protection against injury to the general public as the sign board on entry states they enter our premises at their own risk. If we are deemed to be grossly negligent as in something was done intentionally then the club will have to pay.

Hollard has been sent this scenario asking what would happen should this event take place. They are not willing to respond without an official request from SAMAA and we agreed to pursue this and insist on a response so that the +- 4 000 SAMAA members know where they stand.

Ernst reported that there seem to be a lot of family and general onlookers in the pit area and flight line at the moment.

SAMAA national safety rules apply at all times.

Evert has distributed "Barnstormers Club Rules" to all Committee members and has asked that anyone who has any comment or anything to add, please do so by Monday. These rules, once agreed upon, will be printed as large as possible and mounted on the glass fronted board by the kitchen area. This should be done as soon as possible as it has everything to do with our insurance policy. Each member will be e-mailed the safety rules and with it also being published at the club we should eliminate our insurance issues.

You can re-fuel and start your aircraft in the pit area however tuning should be done in the aircraft block at the beginning of each taxiway. There is also a maximum time allowed for tuning as it is unpleasant for other pilots/spectators and also limits pilots on the flight line hearing any instructions from fellow pilots.

In the new year all members should complete a new application form for the purpose of updating our database and acknowledging the safety rules and club indemnity.

8. PRO

Gareth said there is not much to report and to date there has been very little feedback from other clubs with regards to the open day with the exception of RMAC which will be attending. He has contacted all the other clubs and it is advertised on our website.

The Natal LSA participants will be there as they will be practicing for their Year End function the following day.

Barnstormers members have a bad reputation of not supporting events that are held at the club.

9. Members SAMAA Compliance

We have new members and some existing members without current SAMAA and Fiona is endeavouring to contact them all. A new list is to be put up on the notice board in the pound highlighting those pilots who are not SAMAA compliant.

10. Vice Chairman

This was raised as an Agenda item but we had nothing to discuss.

11. Committee Meeting Frequency and Correspondence

According to the Constitution the Committee is to meet on a monthly basis. Under the new format our future meetings should be a lot quicker. All correspondence in future would be directed to the Barnstormers MFC e-mail address and distributed from there in order to try and reduce the amount of mail distributed to Committee members.

12. Embroidery

Paul has purchased the four safety jackets : FPV, Control Line, Helicopters and Fixed Wing. The member wearing the jacket can slip his Barnstormers card into the plastic pouch. The back will be embroidered with BARNSTORMERS and the front will be embroidered with the Barnstormers Logo, Safety Officer and the name of each flying discipline.

These jackets are to be worn by the first person who arrives each day for each discipline and on their departure, handed to another member. If there are pilots flying these jackets should be visible.

13. Meetings Format

Danie has requested a new format the monthly meetings. Previous minutes will be sent out prior to the upcoming meeting. These are to be read and checked. Once this is done every Committee member is to respond so they the minutes can be uploaded on the website.

It was also agreed that the turnaround time on e-mail responses is 48 hours.

14. Junior/Family Membership

Under our current Constitution we allow for Ordinary Members and Honorary Members. We as a Committee can make different categories under Ordinary Members. Of all those that claimed to be Honorary Members at the beginning of the year, only two have not paid full fees. Over the next couple of days Evert will draw something we can discuss and make a decision on as a Committee.

We are trying to encourage youngsters to fly but we are not making it easy on their parents due to financial constraints so it was decided to start a Youth Development Programme (YDP)

Evert proposed that for 2018 we allow full time enrolled bona fide students into the club for free. They will have limited voting rights and will be subject the clubs terms and conditions. It was suggested and agreed that the prospective YDP participant (YDPP) should complete an application form and that it would be approved/declined at the next meeting. A membership card indicating that the member was a YDPP would be printed by the PRO and would look different to the normal club membership cards so to easily identify this person from a normal member.

It was agreed that the nominated YDPP members could make use of the clubs 2 trainers for training purposes if the YDPP did not have his/her own aircraft. The member training would need to have the minimum requirements in terms of proficiency and be approved by the committee . Ideally all training would make use of the buddy cord system however it would not be limited to this method.

Evert would draw up the correct wording for the introduction of this programme and it would be introduced at the next club meeting.

The following was Evert's initial proposal for the suggested junior/family membership :

We will call it "regulation to attract young pilots"

“Every person of school going age (scholar) may join the club as a member free of charge as long as he remains a scholar subject to the provision that, so long as this member does not pay membership fees he shall not be entitled to vote at club meetings of any nature.

Such member shall be subject to all club rules and be a valid member of SAMAA.”

(This will apply to students who currently fly at Barnstormers. They will have the option of paying full membership with a vote or become a free scholar member with no voting rights)

15. Honorary Membership

At the next AGM people can make representations for Honorary Members. Evert suggested Honorary Members should be awarded to people like Roston Dugmore Jnr who is representing the country at the World Championships and Danie who is the national Victor Ladorum. We should be encouraging people to compete. Percy should also be considered for his contribution to SAMAA.

Several people have told Evert that they were present when Danie Potgieter Snr was made an honorary life member. There are several claiming to also have this privilege however we have no proof and they have done a lot of disservice to the club

The recent Barnstormers Members Handbook 2017 that was published appears to have been altered prior to publication. After proof reading by two current members it appears to have been printed with unapproved alterations.

We can take it back to the printer and perhaps use the cover although Paul has suggested that the date be removed.

Evert wants to re-do the book with one page of history, Members Rules and the SAMAA Safety rules and the Constitution. Paul pointed out that it will be null and void if SAMAA for example change a rule but Evert, for legal purposes, wants all members to have a copy to minimize risks for the club.

Evert says he wants the recently printed book destroyed specifically due to the fraud that was connected with it.

Paul said he has no record of payment for the books and the Committee unanimously agreed not to give permission for this payment owing to the legitimacy of its contents.

16. Unlawful Training

Paul reported that it has come up in several meetings that one of our members is continuing with unlawful training and it now needs to be addressed. Paul produced two letters, one referring to SAMAA stating that we may not be covered in the case of an accident and it must be sent to him as this is unacceptable. Danie requested that the letter quoting the SAMAA clause referring to the minimum proficiency allowed for training purposes is a Silver be sent to this member. Evert would check and make any necessary alterations to the letter.

All students are to be SAMAA members. SAMAA does have a clause that you can ‘fly before you buy’ but this rule stands for one flight only per student.

17. On Time Response to Queries

Has already been addressed.

18. Members Book

This has already been dealt with.

19. Open Day 18th November 2017

Gareth's initiative. He will get back to all the clubs and remind them. The LSA guys will be there. They have asked Danie if they can arrange someone to cook their breakfasts and have been given approval. They will also sort out their own braai packs.

20. Year End Function

Fiona proposed to use the same people who did the Spit Braai for Funfly.

The cost per person will be R140.00 and it was agreed by the Committee that Barnstormers will sponsor 50% of the cost per member. The date agreed upon for the function is Saturday, 9th December 2017. In order to make it a viable proposition we need a minimum of 50 people and members must pre-pay the R70.00 upon booking. The event will also be open to non-members however they will need to book and pre-pay the full amount of R140.00. Gareth will put it up on the webpage so that we can start the booking process.

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF 8TH NOVEMBER 2017

FPV PARK REPRESENTED BY NEVILLE PIENAAR

Danie advised that he has arranged for Neville Pienaar as the FPV representative, to attend the meeting at 19h00 for 10 minutes. He has invoices and some requests and as they have paid some money into the club account we need further information to assist in moving forward with this project. After his presentation we as a Committee can decide on how we will proceed.

Neville opened by stating that it would be beneficial to Barnstormers and we could get more members and exposure. There is a lot of interest from a younger crowd and they are also trying to encourage the park FPV flyers to join a club.

Neville has elected a sub-committee to assist with setting up their area. One of their members has donated R10 000.00 to be used towards any building work that needs to be done and they are waiting for a further R20 000.00 from Outsurance on behalf of another member. They have shifted their flags a further 18m away from the toilets for safety reasons. Neville is currently busy in negotiations with MTN for a further R30 000.00 which they are wanting to use for the safety nets. They have had two quotes for the concrete slab they wish to put down and a 6x6 roof. In the future they would like to tile the slab the same as the patio/kitchen area of the main club house. They are looking for sponsors for tables under their roofed area. Another proposal they have is to dig a channel from Wiseman's house so they can connect to the power for lighting etc.

Neville suggested the main runway be used for the wings as the wind direction is usually down the main runway. Flying wings are expected to be the 'new thing' as people are getting bored with quads. Paul expressed his concern for safety reasons however Danie stated that each pilot is to have a spotter and they are to be flown in line of sight as per SAMAA rules. The pilot must also get permission from the safety officer on duty.

Gary and other pilots from the FPV section have asked if it is not possible to re-establish a "snoopy".

Fly FPV SA filmed the programme for Kyknet from the Barnstormers field which is great exposure.

We are still working of the final quotation figures for the 100m² cement slab and the roof extension.

Danie stated that he had sent a letter accepting their proposal in principal as long as the following requests were followed

1. All money is to be paid to Barnstormers
2. Quotes to be submitted
3. A quote is submitted for the safety net.

He also queried the origin of the course hoops and Neville said he and several other pilots had donated R1000.00 each to cover the costs of building them.

Evert requested a scale drawing of the area showing their proposed developments as we need to get Town Planning approval before any developments can begin. The plan is also needed for course maintenance. Paul suggested they download the Google Earth image and draw on the necessary information.

A list of names of people who sit on the FPV sub-committed is to be submitted.

Bob Skinner on a recent visit to Barnstormers for Line Control noticed the FPV pilots and commented on their safety. We operate in accordance with SAMAA rules and the SAMAA Manual of RC Fields and it is therefore imperative that we operate within their rules and regulations. From both Barnstormers and SAMAA sides the first issue to be addressed is the safety fence which is to be erected along the area where the pilots sit, towards the toilets and then down toward the rubbish dump.

The Outsurance donation was made specifically for the roof and the concrete slab therefore the R10 000.00 already received will be used to finance the safety fence. Evert can buy 10 x 6m poles and concrete them in then it's the question of netting. Neville is trying to get a quote on the cricket net which is cheaper than some others. The high speed four cell blades will damage certain nettings so he is researching the possible options.

With no further questions from either side, Neville thanked the Committee for their opportunity this evening and left the evening.