



BARNSTORMERS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 31st January 2018

1. The Meeting was opened by Danie Potgieter at 19.10h. Danie welcomed everyone and thanked them all for their hard work. He also advised that five minutes of this evening's meeting would be devoted to negative comments, the balance of the meeting would concentrate on all the positives.

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 8th November 2017 were proposed by Paul Randall and seconded by Fiona Graham

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.
Matters arising from the previous minutes which required further discussion have been added as agenda items.

5. Finances
Account Balances :

Call Account	161 944.89
Current Account	113 021.09
Petty Cash	5 569.50
Municipal Account	(4 400.00)

Income to Date :

Landing Fees	7 300.00
Snoopy	963.00
Ground School/Xmas	5 710.00
Pledges	2 760.00
Airshow/FPV	52 014.08
Funfly Masters	3 630.00

With reference to the letter received from a member who mentioned that the Call Account is showing a balance of +-R150 000.00 when in the past it had held a balance of 200 000, the Treasurer confirmed that when he assumed his position there was only an amount of the R150 000.00 available. It was agreed that Paul would go to Standard Bank to obtain a statement find out when the balance was reduced. It is thought that possibly the previous Committee that did the alterations to the clubhouse and constructed the boma had withdrawn some of these funds to cover the expenses.

Paul also advised that as this account was still not linked to our profile he did not received statements. After two previous requests for the bank to change the address it seems they are still using an address in Centurion.

Danie has requested the current Committee's annual income figure so far this year so we can show what we have raised additional to members subscriptions.

We have approximately the same amount in the bank account that we had this time last year. It is only the hard work of the committee and individual donations that have made this possible.

6. Maintenance

The small mower is broken so Evert will take it to his workshop and Rolf will see if he can fix it. Ernst has also offered his assistance. If necessary the motor will have to be replaced however in the meantime, Norbit will cut with the other mower.

With regards to the runway, Danie has advised that we will need R2000.00 for 210lt of sealer to make a start on the repair project. Evert has proposed the following :

- At R600.00 per day for labour he can complete the sealing over 3 days
- The slurry which serves as a bonding agent can be done in winter. He will need 8 labourers to complete this process
- Within a matter of weeks of the above the final coat needs to be applied at an approximate cost of R150 000.00.

Danie is trying to get a reduced price from KPMM. At the same time the runway is undergoing repairs, an additional 50m in length will be added to the road side.

7. Safety

Ernst is trying to be safe but unbiased in his approach to members. He has spoken to Neville with regards to the FPV safety netting. Neville advised that they will be appointing a Safety Officer at their next meeting and Ernst has asked if he can attend. Neville is happy with the wire netting that Evert has constructed around the Control Line area however the holes on the FPV section will have to be 20 x 20. The cost of erecting the wire safety net will be approximately R10 240.00

The pilots box will be moved at the weekend to the runway intersection for a trial period.

Safety vests have now been supplied are a great initiative.

We operate as a safety conscious club and SAMAA are fully aware of our attempts to comply. Our safety rules stand us in far better light for legal purposes in the event of an incident.

Electric aircraft are to be armed and unarmed on the runway.

Evert is to read up about SAMAA's policy (PRO1 and PRO3) on reporting incidents.

We will purchase a First Aid Box which will be kept in Wiseman's house.

8. PRO

We will make another attempt to invite other clubs to visit Barnstormers. The previous invitation was received with enthusiasm however on the day the visitors didn't arrive. Gareth will get an article into the Kempton Express with regards to our Youth Development Programme.

We now have 550 people on our Facebook page and +- 3000 people have visited our website

9. Committee Resolution on 2018 Membership Fees

The following Resolution was approved with regards to the above :

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 31ST JANUARY 2018

2018 MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Committee received letters from the senior members regarding the increase in fees inter alia, a long letter from Mr Keith Nicolls. The letters were discussed at length by the Committee. The Treasurer drew attention to his presentation at the AGM as to why an increase in fees was necessary. The Treasurer pointed out that his presentation stated that although not taken up in the minutes written by the erstwhile Club Secretary, Mr John Withers, members present were in favour of the increase. He referred the Committee to the recording of the AGM.

In his letter, Mr Nicolls mentioned that the Relocation Fund only shows a credit of R150 000 and in the past had held a balance of R200 000. The Treasurer stated that the amount of R150 000 was the amount he took over in the books from the previous Treasurer. The Treasurer stated that the Club's book of accounting is open for scrutiny at his office by any club member by appointment. Should a member require bank statements on past transactions the Treasurer will obtain a quotation from the bank for such statements and will require of the member to pay for such statements as per the bankers quote.

The Committee resolved that Mr Nicholls letter has to be answered and that his letter together with the Committee's response be posted on the members section of the website.

The Committee also discussed the special levy previously made to fix the runways. It was resolved to withdraw that decision and replace it with the following resolution :

That immediate steps be taken to refurbish and extend the runways

That the runways have to be sealed, slurried and resurfaced.

That the Maintenance Officer will appoint 4 helpers to seal the runway as soon as possible.

That the slurry and resurfacing be planned for winter when it is dry.

That the relocation fund and surplus fees from the increase in membership fees be used to do this.

10. Committee Resolution on Youth Development Programme

The Youth Development Programme has been unanimously approved by the Committee as per the qualification criteria below which was approved in the minutes of the November 2017 Committee meeting.

“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.”

11. Committee Resolution on Honorary/Life Membership

The following resolution was passed with regards to the above :

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 31ST JANUARY 2018

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Committee has decided that :

All Honorary Life Members elected in terms of the previous club constitution are acknowledged and ratified by the Committee whether the election was null and void due to the validity questions around the previous Constitution. Honorary Life Members will have use of all club facilities except the runway for life. Only paid up members with a valid SAMAA card may fly and vote at the club meetings.

Honorary Life Members are therefore not exempt from paying membership fees as imposed by the Committee from time to time.

Any member not in a financial position to afford membership fees may make application to the Treasurer in writing for a reduction in fees payable giving proof of his financial position. A means test will be applied by the Treasurer and two other Committee members. All information will be kept in the strictest confidence.

12. 2018 Airshow

The 3rd June 2018 is the date we are planning to hold the Barnstormers Airshow this year. Details will be discussed at future meetings.

13. General

The next club meeting will be Saturday, 3rd March 2018 and the AGM will be held on Saturday, 7th April 2018 at a venue still to be confirmed.

The meeting was closed by Danie Potgieter at 22.00h.