



BARNSTORMERS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 10th October 2017

The Meeting was opened by Danie Potgieter at 19.00h

PRESENT :

Danie Potgieter

Ernst van de Touren

Rolf Huellen

Paul Randall

Gareth Randall

Fiona Graham

Apology received from Evert Scholtz

AGENDA

- Finances
- Maintenance
- Safety
- Social Media
- Communication
- African Pilot

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A copy of the minutes of the meeting on the were handed to members. Fiona apologized as it appears the previous minutes were overwritten and saved. Matters arising were based on the minutes of the July meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Paperwork

Fiona is to obtain the balance of the documents from Keith Nicholls.

2. Constitution

The constitution has been uploaded on the Barnstormers website.

3. FPV and Helicopter Section

Gareth is to put up the sign writing on the FPV board this weekend.

4. Maintenance

The notice board in the pound is to be sanded and repainted. Wi will have to buy paint.

Rolf has asked Wiseman to clean the edge of the runways but he says Wiseman is always full of excuses.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Finance

The runway lights have now been put up by Evert.

Account Balances : Call account +- 150 000.00

Cheque Account 90 128.09

Petty Cash 5 341.70

Municipal Account (4 400.00)

Income to Date: Landing Fees 5 000.00

Snoopy 855.00

Ground School 2 150.00

Pledges 2 760.00

Airshow/FPV 45 584.08

The Call Account increased in previous years by depositing the remaining balance in the current account at the end of the financial year.

This year we have received R88 000.00 from subs and there is still a balance in the current account of +- R90 000.00. It was suggested that whatever is left in the account at the end of this financial year be put towards the runways. This will be discussed at the next AGM.

Paul said it was not fair to give a pensioners rate next year and allow them the same benefits a members who pay the full subs. Danie said we are to invoice everyone R1200.00 subs next year.

Members can approach the Committee in their personal capacity should they feel they would like to be considered for a reduced fee. There will be no joining fee.

Paul said he didn't think the new FPV members would pay the membership fee next year.

The Spring Special of R500.00 was offered to new FPV members for the month of September. As other members had paid the full rate the special fee was extended to all disciplines until the end of February 2018. It was agreed not to advertise the special.

We are to check with Evert if you need to be a fully paid up member to be able to participate in the AGM.

2. Maintenance

Ernst has fixed the pilots safety fence and put up the board in the helicopter section.

The grass is being overrun with weeds. Evert says he has done his work as promised and is withdrawing his services from maintenance and Rolf now needs to take charge. It was agreed that Wiseman must be notified of this as he only seems to accept instructions from Evert and Danie. Rolf is to set up a roster with a work schedule for Wiseman.

Wiseman's day off is Monday. Saturday and Sunday are his working days however his role for these days is to clean the braai areas and toilets and to ensure the attendance register is filled in by all pilots. Tuesday to Friday he is to complete the other tasks with regards to maintenance and upkeep of the grounds. Rolf felt his maintenance position had mostly been taken over by Evert however he did point out that he is always available to assist.

3. Safety

A member is still instructing with a Solo proficiency after being asked to get his Silver in order to continue training. We have also been led to believe that he is charging for this service. Danie, with another Committee member will go to the club and approach him again.

If a student is on a buddy box he can fly under his instructors SAMAA otherwise he must have his own SAMAA membership.

We are to get 4 bibs for the safety officer on duty. Wiseman is to hand the bib to the first member at the club on any given day. Should that member leave, he is to hand it over to another member who will assume the responsibility. Someone needs to assume responsibility for following this through or these things never happen.

With regards to FPV safety, the flying wings will be a problem and will have to be flown from the main runway. A safety net will also have to be erected around the area.

4. Social Media

Danie thanked Gareth for his work. The Facebook page has been going for 479 days and has been viewed in 33 countries. 523 people are following and 1500 posts have been reached.

5. Communication

The communication between committee members on the Whatsapp group is extremely poor. Paul asks for info but gets no response.

6. African Pilot

Paul has been working on the article for African Pilot. They have requested 20 high resolution photos. Danie said he would see what he can do with SAMAA.

GENERAL

Fun Fly Masters

Johan Seiling asked Danie if Barnstormers can host the 2017 Funfly Masters. The Funfly seems to have died over the past couple of years and it is the intention of SAMAA to get it up and running again. At present 90% of the qualifying pilots are from Johannesburg. The provision is that we look after the Nelspruit participants. This year it will be run by the SAMAA sig who have made provision for the trophies and there is R30 000.00 available in prize money.

Barnstormers will be responsible for providing breakfast and lunch for the pilots on both Saturday and Sunday. We will provide breakfast rolls in the morning and hamburgers at lunchtime which we will charge for. SAMAA have arranged a spit braai for the Saturday evening.

We need to decide if we are still going to honour our proposed sponsorship for Roston now that we are not having the fundraiser.

We have 22 new PFV members and we don't know who they are or how we will identify them. It must now be decided on the joining procedure for Barnstormers. The Committee has reviewed their applications and they must now attend a club meeting to present themselves. Gareth will publish it on the website that they are new members. An alternative is that the new members appear briefly at the beginning of a Committee meeting.

It is the members responsibility to ensure that they are up to date with their SAMAA. Fiona will also keep a check on those members on the database who are about to expire on a monthly basis and check with SAMAA that they have in fact renewed their membership.

The meeting adjourned at 21.00h.