



## BARNSTORMERS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018

1. The Meeting was opened by Danie Potgieter at 19.00h. He thanked Fiona for the use of her home for the meeting and welcomed everyone back on the Committee.
  
2. Attendees : Danie Potgieter  
                   Paul Randall  
                   Gareth Randall  
                   Ernst van der Tourn  
                   Fiona Graham  
   Apologies : Evert Scholtz
  
3. Ratification of previous minutes.  
 The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were proposed by Fiona Graham and seconded by Ernst van der Tourn.
  
4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.
  - Gareth will get a quote on the name plates for the Honourary Life Member plaques to go up in the clubhouse. It was suggested that we get a board made as seen in sports clubs where these names could be updated on an annual basis. Gareth has a 5' wooden prop at home that perhaps we could mount on the top of the board in keeping with the aviation scheme.
  - Wiseman has gone on leave.
  
5. Finances  
 We have received a set of financial that has been produced by Paul's accounting firm.
 

Account Balances :	Call Account	167 377.20
	Current Account	189 087.26
	Petty Cash	0.00
Income to Date :	Landing Fees	1 200.00
	Airshow/FPV	2 569.00

Wiseman was given R2 500.00 as a loan when he went on leave which will be repaid by way of a monthly deduction on his return.

Paul advised that he wishes to change the system by which suppliers invoices are paid. As we are now in a position to make payments by EFT, it was agreed that in future, payments that are too large to be made in cash will be made directly to suppliers by means of EFT.

## 6. Maintenance

The new field worker, Andrew started at the club last Friday and has spend a few days doing a handover with Wiseman.

After the airshow our main concentration with be runways.

Paul has made contact with someone through his business who has a plant hire company and has suggested he use the club entrance road to test his graders. We hope he takes us up on our offer.

## 7. Safety

Ernst asked for clarification on the use of flying wings on the main runway. Danie said that the safety issue of these wings was raised at the SAMAA SMC meeting as they can reach speeds in excess of 200km/hr flying through goggles. In order for them to be allowed to fly these wings they first have to do a 'line of sight' solo rating test. The solo has to be done on a fixed wing aircraft as the wing cannot do take-offs and landings. Jaco Henn, who is the Chairman of Fly FPV SA, has joined Barnstormers and says he will do his Silver and Gold proficiencies so that he can start training pilots and will invest in some training aircraft for this purpose. Another safety concern is that due to the speed of some of the aircraft using the FPV area they are not staying within the confines of their designated area and have been seen encroaching on the main runway and parking area.

We have received a letter from a member this week raising the following issues:

1. *"Can I get a list of pilots that are proficient to do fixed wing training. There are a group of guys introduced by Jaco who need training, but 1 person cannot handle the demand. I seem to remember various pilots offering their services and planes in the past but I don't have the names.*
2. *Previously I agreed with your requirement that all fixed wing be flown on the main runway. It seems that all the new comers may not know this. Or has it now changed? I arrived at the club last week to find a handful of pilots flying fixed wing at the drone area?*

*Who is responsible for inducting new people so that they feel comfortable and are familiar with the rules?"*

The Committee's response was as follows :

*"We are pleased to respond to your queries as follows :*

1. *Any person who is holding a Silver proficiency or above is allowed to train pilots for a Solo proficiency, so there are a multitude of members who can be asked to assist in this regard. We understand that Jaco is intending to purchase at least one aircraft that he will use for training some of these pilots. If necessary we can arrange for an additional aircraft.*
2. *After a lengthy discussion, wings being flown 'in line of sight' may use the main runway however, with immediate effect, no FPV wings are allowed to be flown anywhere on Barnstormers property due to safety reasons. We will look at the possibility of designating a specific area to this discipline in the future. All FPV drones are to be flown strictly within the demarcated area so as not to encroach on the main runways or parking area.*

*Those members who either train or introduce new members to the club are responsible for familiarizing them with the facilities and the rules.*

*As a long standing member we rely on persons such as yourself to make yourself available for this service and to ensure that pilots conform to 'safe flying' at all times. If the Safety Officer is not at the club, unsafe flying practices can be reported to him, however in his absence, we expect all members to assume this responsibility to ensure that both the Club and SAMAA safety rules and regulations are being complied with."*

We are experiencing safety issues with certain members who do not wish to comply after several verbal warnings. Should there be any further transgressions, these members will be given written warnings and disciplinary hearings.

Danie advised that neither he or Marthinus are signing the LOP with regards to height restrictions with ATNS as once it is signed in black we will not be able to change it with CAA and will be limited to a 400' height restriction. Danie is wanting 400' above ORT runway elevation which will give us about 1500'. The glider event that is coming up at the club is just an F3K hand launch exhibition and an opportunity for them to sell raffle tickets for the upcoming world championships.

## 8. PRO

We have one person signed up for the proficiency weekend however the page has been seen by 1000 people. The airshow flier has been sent to Aviation Central and African Pilot magazine have shared it on their Facebook page. There have now been 588 people liking our Facebook page.

Danie has old photos and newspaper clippings which we can be made available for all members.

## 9. Committee Communication

Paul feels that we are not communicating on the Whatsapp group and finds it disrespectful to not acknowledge any comment or request that is put up by other Committee members. Members agreed to be more active.

#### 10. Acceptance of New Members

The following new members have been accepted into the club :

M Bester

Kobus De Preez

Jaco Henn

Brandon Petrie

Norval Feuth

Theo Kleynhans

Club card are only printed on receipt of funds and photographs.

In future all club cards will be available for collection from the club secretary at the weekend.

#### 11. Airshow

There are several things that need to be done for SAMAA with regards to the Airshow as a matter of urgency. The SAMAA forms must be completed and in particular take note of items such as how many people are to attend, pilots must have a minimum of a gold licence. There is a flyer available from SAMAA that gives all the details what needs to be done for approval for an airshow. Fiona will get the information from Linda Dold. Danie will work on inviting pilots. Barnstormers pilots will be able to fly at the Airshow this year and need a silver proficiency to be able to take part. Gareth will be the elected Event Director on the SAMAA forms.

We need to find a way to get some huge media coverage for the Airshow in order to draw the people. Last year we had less aircraft and need a lot more participants to give this years airshow the 'wow' factor. We are lucky enough now to have new members who have some really great aircraft. We also need to include pylon racing, streamer chasing and control line which the audience find exhilarating.

Paul will be in charge of tickets, money etc.

If anyone wants to bring in full size aircraft for a static display they can do so before the show however they need to remain grounded until the show is finished.

Instead of relying on members to volunteer, this year members will be phoned and asked to assist in certain positions.

Ernst will ask Salavtor to take charge of the food again and we will once again ask some of the members wives to assist in the kitchen. We will provide boerewors rolls and hamburgers and Fiona will pre-cook the curry and rice.

Cooldrinks will be arranged on the same basis as previous years however this year we will also arrange for coffee which is a money spinner in winter.

Pilots who wish to fly at the Airshow need to register on the Barnstormers website.

## 12. Dates for Committee/Club Meetings

Committee meeting will in future always be the first Wednesday of every month. Next Club meeting will be 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

## 13. General

The next round of Funfly will be flown at Barnstormers on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018

We need to get finalisation with regards to the correction on the Constitution numbering.

The water at the club is now back on.

The meeting was closed by Danie Potgieter at 21h.00