

Minutes of the Barnstormers Club Meeting

Venue: Club Grounds (Aircraft Assembly Area)

Date: 3rd March 2018

Time: 14h00

Meeting commenced at around 14h30 due to several people notifying the chairman that they were running late due to other commitments.

Apologies:

Roland Suhrmuller, Colin Butler, Gary Jones, Evert Scholtz, Fiona Graham, Richard Castignani, Gareth Randall, Gary McDonogh, Neville Pienaar, Colin Samson, Kelly Cremer, Danie Potgieter (Snr), Hienie Keyser, Willem Johnson, Christopher Johnson

Members in Attendance:

See register

Welcome

The chairman welcomed every-one present and thanked them for making the effort to attend.

Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were accepted and proposed by Anthony Bricker and seconded by Rod Parker.

Matters Arising

Nothing

Finance

Clubs finances very positive, membership fees for 2018 coming in all the time.

Accounts as follows:

Cheque Account - R191639.72

Investment Account - R161944.89

Petty Cash - R3369.50

The members donated R6350.00 to the "Get Better Colin Marshal Fund", we need to find out to whom we should pay this money to.

We are earning +- R788.00 per month on the investment account (Call account)

Credit Cards facilities are available and members can make use of his facility to pay for membership fees.

Clubs books are with the auditors and hopefully we will have them done by the AGM.

Maintenance

Club Mowers are costing us a lot of money, years of poor maintenance and the machines general age are not helping. Small mower needs a new engine as the other has died (Broken). Weed eater also needs attention. Evert is attending to these items.

An option to put up a "Net" for the FPV area made of the same material as pool nets with a 100 x 100 square pattern is being investigated by Danie (Jnr), we would need to secure materials and the labour for this is about R6000.00. About half of the money donated by the FPV section has been used to install the poles for the fence, it remains to see what type of fence is used and if there are sufficient funds to complete this. It appears that only 2 or 3 regular FPV pilots use these facilities so we need to consider improvements carefully.

Runways are high on the agenda, costs to redo properly are +- R240k - R300k. Timing and preparation is important if its to be done properly. Members to decide at the AGM if this is to go ahead and how we will fund this project.

Rod said he had a "contact" and he will get back to us on this. Anthony asked if we were doing all 3 runways, we would only be doing the main and cross runway. Rod suggested Anthony learn to use the "Rudder" on his plane and land in cross wind conditions

Access Road is a massive problem, Willem J (Who had arrived by this time) said that he would assist in getting the road sorted, we will hold Willem to his promise. Many trees and bushes also encroaching on the access road.

Safety, in light of the recent attack on Colin Marshal members are warned not to stop on the access road or to get out of their vehicles. Members are also advised not to fly on their own and to be vigilant at all times. It is noted that some "vagrants" seem to have taken up house at the entrance (in the bushes) and that this proposes a threat to the members. **THINK SAFETY ALL THE TIME.**

Ernie also thank the members for largely following the safety rules and especially those making use of the safety bib, some members suggested that the bib presently a safety issue as its loose and could get caught in a prop, Ernie suggested that if you are going to fly that it could be removed and then put back on again after the flight.

General

The members asked and it was agreed that all future club meeting be held at 15h00 instead of 14h00 and this was agreed. This would allow people who work on Saturdays to be in time for the meeting.

It was mentioned that it would be nice to know who the club instructors are, it was suggested that a list be put up at the club. A list would be difficult to maintain, anyone with a "SILVER" rating is allowed to give training. New pilots and those wanting training should ensure that their instructor has at least a silver rating. Members should note that they can book on the clubs website for training.

The youth program is official, anyone who is of school going age can join the program, a simple form on the website is completed and once processed no fees are payable. Please complete the form so that our records can be updated. If you received an invoice for a person who is legible for this program please submit the form so that we can credit the account. The member (Youth) must still pay SAMAA (directly to SAMAA). A club card which is different to the FULL MEMBER club card will be printed upon receipt of the form.

If you have paid your membership (Before the 28th Feb) then Wiseman has your club card, the next batch of cards will be at the club shortly. Remember we need a picture (Head Shot) for the club card, NO PICTURE = NO CLUB CARD. Pictures can be sent to 0827719452 via WhatsApp - Gareth PRO or to gareth@evac.co.za or barnstormersmfc@gmail.com attention Gareth.

Roy Walker was removed from the WhatsApp group/s and has asked if he can please be added again.

Roy Walker asked if a copy of the minutes of the meetings could be placed on the notice board.

AGM - Date set for the 7th April 2018, same venue as last time SAMAA offices at Denel - 14h00 sharp. Snack and cold drinks will be provided. (Sugar Free for Anthony Bricker)

Nothing further and the Meeting closed at 15h00