



# MINUTES OF 2018

## BARNSTORMERS AGM

Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018

SAMAA Offices, Denel Technical Academy, Bonaero Park

### 1. WELCOME

Danie Potgieter opened the meeting at 14.00 and welcomed both new and old members and thanked them for attending. Bob Skinner was also thanked for giving his time up to open up the offices on a Saturday and Marthinus Potgieter for allowing Barnstormers to use their facilities for the meeting. Attendees were reminded to sign the attendance register that was being circulated.

### 2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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Apologies were received from the following members :

Neil Collins

Keith Renecele

Percy Attfield

Heinie Keyser

Glen Roberts

Roston Dugmore Jnr.

Ken Schmidt

Theo Kleynhans

Chris Killian

Roger

Marius Bouwer

Graham Finch

It was confirmed that we have enough members to constitute a quorum as per the Constitution.

### **3. MINUTES OF 2017 AGM**

Minutes were proposed by John Withers and seconded by Anthony Bricker.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES**

Danie asked if there were any matters arising from page 4, page 5 and page 6 but there were none.

### **5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Today I would like to pay tribute to all committees of the past and members who helped shape this club into the success it has become. From humble beginnings in a rough field where Norkem Park is today to a multi-disciplined flying field of world-class standard.

I would like to thank the committee for all the time and effort they have put into running your club this past year. Thanks to Evert who took on two portfolios, one of Vice Chairman the other of Field Maintenance with the assistance of Rolf. It is a mammoth task keeping such a big piece of land manicured but with careful planning and management of our groundsman's workload the field is always ready for members and visitors to enjoy their favourite pastime.

Some say Aero Modelling is not a hobby but a way of life and for one particular family this is very true. From childhood (about my sons age) I can remember the Randall's always being there whenever help is needed at the club, from making hamburgers and Boerewors rolls at air shows to sweeping runways at work parties, to date this has not changed, thank you very much Paul and Karon for stepping up to the plate once again and taking care of the club's finances. As you would've noticed we have implemented pastel as our accounting system which streamlines the keeping of financial records. Another addition is the mobile credit card machine where members can now make payment at the club (Budget or straight).

One of the most important portfolios is handled by another member of the Randall clan. Gareth does a sterling job handling our social media and website needs. Being the P.R.O is a far bigger job than anyone could imagine as he receives very little input from members. He must come up with all the content himself and I must say he is very resourceful. Our Clubcard printer was also one of Gareth's projects this year, it was a costly affair in the past but can now be printed for a fraction of the price.

I want to congratulate Paul and Gareth for the wonderful article they wrote to African Pilot which puts Barnstormers in line to be crowned best club in South Africa. Another one of their additions was the hosting of a ground school, teaching members principles of flight, Aerodynamics and better airmanship which was very well supported by our members. Hours of work went into preparing the lectures and power point presentations all for the sheer love of aviation.

The backbone of any organisation is its administration, this was the flawlessly handled by our secretary Fiona. All the emails, correspondence, minutes and history of the club captured digitally and backed up for future generations and committees to access at a click of a button.

Last but not least I would like to thank Ernst our safety officer for enforcing the rules in his gentle, but effective manner. It is never easy confronting pilots over safety issues but it has to be done. I would like to thank the members for the way they have adopted our new safety measures and for wearing the yellow safety jackets provided when assuming the role of safety officers.

I said last but not least, however, you will by now all have met our trusted "Wiseman", our groundskeeper, collector of landings fees, security guard, cleaner, grass cutter and so on... A man who does the work of 100 work parties and the man largely responsible for the upkeep and maintenance at your field. He is as those of you who are on the WhatsApp group know a professional photographer sending members a picture of the fly or no fly sock every day. He will shortly leave us for a brief period and go on a well-deserved holiday where he will spend time with his family including the son who I am sure he is missing. We wish to thank him for his loyalty and efforts and hope he has a great break, we will miss him for sure.

On a more sombre note, as you all know Colin Marshal was attacked at our field and to be honest would probably have lost his life had it not been for the people who found him and ensured he got to hospital in time. His recovery has been quite remarkable, and he is now at home completing his recovery and we hope he gets better soon and look forward to seeing him at the airfield. The members of the club came together and through their generosity donated a substantial sum which the club transferred to his sister Gail. Once again this shows we really are a family. On this subject I ask that no-one fly's alone and that you do not stop at or near the entrance unless you absolutely must. It simply is no longer safe not only at our club but at any location that is remote.

## **Events**

### ***Warbirds day***

2017 was a very busy year for the Barnstormers. Kicking off the calendar with our annual Heinie's warbirds day. This event started off years ago with Heinie Keiser and a couple of enthusiasts getting together flying their warbirds on a club day and has now evolved into a full Air Show with catering pyrotechnics and thousands of people attending to watch the mini war. I would like to thank Mark, Anton and Leon and all the members who made the "props" that were blown up in the battle of Barnstormers. This put our event in a league of its own.

The Profit made on the day was used to do an electrical installation with lights for those late evenings disassembling aircraft and plug points for charging to be used by all members We also tried implementing a tuckshop with the excess cool drinks, sweets and chips but this initiative was not well supported by members. It was very well supported by the rodents though!

### ***Chairman's challenge***

A great aviator once said designing an aeroplane is nothing building one is something but flying one is everything and this was definitely the case at this year's challenge. Members built beautifully decorated aeroplanes out of cardboard and had great fun flying (and crashing) them. Thanks to Glen for helping us with laser cutting of the cardboard and wooden parts which made assembling these aircraft a breeze. Congratulations again to Christopher Parker for winning this year's challenge

### ***Fun Fly Masters***

Barnstormers was approached on very short notice to host the 2017 fun fly Masters. It makes me proud to report that the committee put together a five-star event in no time. Breakfast and lunch was provided by our catering team and a very delicious spit braai was organised for the Saturday evening in the clubhouse. The top three placings all went to Barnstormers members as well as a first place in the veteran's class. At a glamorous prize-giving in the newly tiled lower clubhouse, trophies and prize money of R30,000 was distributed amongst the winners.

### ***Other Events***

Our club also hosted two Premier control line events namely the Gauteng champs and the SA Masters. Two Regional competitions of FPV SA, Large Scale Aerobatics and the Gauteng Aerobatic Champs for pattern. Barnstormers also played host to a couple of vintage fly In's during the year.

### ***Year End Function***

An awesome evening was had by all who attended the year end function A sit down dinner was offered to all members, their spouses and their kids who registered online and about 50 members attended, we hope to see even more members joining this year

### **Membership**

Our membership has remained steady for the past two years around 150 to 160 members. Although we had a spike in membership to over 200 members after a spring special initiative we ran in September to attract new members and boost our year end income, the amount of fully paid up members has levelled out to +- 150 again after subscriptions became due in February

Barnstormers has a rich history of producing some of the top pilots in the country, 2017 was no different with Roston Dugmore representing South Africa in the F3A world champs in Argentina. Evert Scholtz and Keith Reneclé have also qualified to represent South Africa later this year in France at the control line world Championships..... well done guys!

In conclusion it has been an honour working with such a professional committee where everyone goes about their business without any need for recognition. Spending time on the weekends with all the individuals that make up this club is also a privilege

Thanks for listening and happy landings

## **6. TREASURERS REPORT**

### **Treasurer's Report Barnstormers AGM 19/05/2018**

This report contains information for the period ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Thank you to the members for their confidence in electing me as the treasurer for the 2017/2018 year.

I am pleased to announce that our club is in a great "financial state", total cash available is **R351254.11** which is made up as follows :

**Cheque Account:** - R183739.72

**Call Account:** (As of the 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2018) – R161944.89 (Statements are received quarterly)

**Interest** earned on the Call Account is +- R800.00 depending on the interest rate at the time. At some stage we will have to decide what to do with this money as each year it is becoming worth less and less.

**Petty Cash** – R5569.50

Our membership is at an all-time high with the system showing some 220 members.

For the first time in many years our books have been sent to an accounting firm (FINSEC) who are a reputable accounting and financial services company, copies of the figures are available at this AGM as well as on request. In terms of the constitution the members may elect a member of the club to inspect and report on these figures and this will be put to a vote at this meeting.

This year we achieved several miles stones with regards to our club's financial matters.

1. We can for the first time since the club was started make EFT payments to suppliers and we no longer write out cheques (other than the petty cash cheque) – banking fees have dropped significantly as issuing cheques was costly
2. We are now able to take credit/debit cards for membership fees and other transactions (Airshows etc)
3. We also saved money by buying our own card printing machine and this works well for us as we can print on demand. (Cards cost us around R7.50 to print as opposed to +-R25.00)
4. We are in credit with the council and will continue to pay in advance.

Regarding the 2018 fee structure, despite it being agreed at the 2017 AGM that fees would increase to R1200 for the year some resistance was still forthcoming, members saying they did not know or that they thought the increase was significant. Here's some prospective to consider, in 2012 the fees were R550.00 and we were doing almost no maintenance or improvements at the club. If we were to have increased fees by 10% per annum (year on year), the 2018 fees would have been R975.00, barely keeping up with inflation and we would still not have had any spare cash for improvements, if we had increased the fees by 15% per annum then the 2018 fees would have been R1275.00. You cannot get the facilities we have at Barnstormers anywhere else in the country for that subscription. In addition, members with children of school going age (Grade 12) can now participate in the youth program, so instead of the main member paying fees AND the "junior" paying fees only the member need pay and the junior falls into the youth program. Also, for anyone who wanted to apply for relief (pensioners) a plan was introduced with a few making application and receiving relief accordingly.

### **EXPENSES**

Equipment (Mostly mowers etc) are maintained and serviced regularly, however the equipment is old and we are seeing more breakdowns despite the maintenance and servicing and we would need to consider replacing 1 or more units soon.

Fuel and oil costs for this equipment remain one of our largest expenses, especially during the summer when we cut the grass weekly. Fuel used in the generator to provide lighting is provided by the members using this convenience and the club has not paid for generator fuel other than when we host events or air shows.

The bees were successfully removed from the clubhouse as they had become a huge problem, several members were stung, in some cases several stings on the same day.

This year (2018/2019) we want to redo the runways, several quotes have been obtained and we are in discussions with suppliers as to when the best time to do it. Our Vice Chairman can elaborate on the process and costs involved. Members were invited to come forward with any information or assistance that could help in reducing the costs for this project. In addition, we need to repair the ceiling in the club house, attend to the barge boards on the club house and some work in the toilets.

COLIN MARSHALL

We are all aware of the brutal attack on Colin Marshall earlier in the year, a "fund raising" exercise to assist with medical bills was started and we collected R6350.00 which was transferred to an account nominated by Gail who is Colin's sister.

From this we learnt that it is not completely safe to work or fly alone at the club and that we should be aware of our surroundings always. Do not fly alone, make sure that you are not alone after everyone else has left – it's simply not safe

I would particularly like to recognise the work of the finance team (some who are not members and give of their time), without Karon looking after the club's affairs on Pastel and producing the reports needed to keep accurate records we would be lost. We can all be grateful for the commendable approach of those who must remind members sometimes repeatedly, to pay invoices. Having said this, it has gone considerably easier this year than last year as our records are mostly up to date. Conversely, it is in the interests of all members that if invoices are disputed, then at least the undisputed elements of those invoices should be paid. A call or email to the treasurer will inevitably resolve the query.

I thank you once again for the trust and faith put in me and wish you happy and safe flying.

The 2017/2018 Financial Statements are attached for all members scrutinize.

Paul Randall (TREASURER)

Paul then ran through some of items on the Financials.

**The Report of the Accounting Officer** - This states that there was no audit done. We have two options to conduct this audit :

- a) A member may come and check the financials and sign them off confirming that you are in agreement with what is reflected
- b) A firm of Auditors may be appointed to conduct an audit however we are looking at a cost in the region of R15 000.00

We have had sign off from an accounting firm stating that we are operating under a sound accounting practice.

**Chairman's Report** – All members are responsible for the finances and anyone is entitled to come and view the Club's accounting records at any time.

**Assets Register** – We now have an assets register. Non-current assets of R 226 995.000 consist of Members Subscriptions.

**Balance Sheet** – Current liabilities of R1000.00 is a suppliers invoice that was still outstanding on the 28<sup>th</sup>

February 2018.

**Statement of income and expenditure –**

1. Members Subscriptions received includes the =- R160 000.00 in the call account. In future this will be shown separately.
2. Pledges Received – amounts received from members but excluding the funds received for Colin Marshall.
3. Events – Warbirds Day, Fun Fly etc.
4. Donations – An amount received for the FPV section.
5. Events Costs – toilet hire etc for Warbirds day.
6. Depreciation – on assets
7. SAMAA & Insurance – this was an amount that was paid over to SAMAA for members when we were still collecting the subs.
8. Refreshments – Cooldrinks etc for events

**Notes to the Financial Statements - Loans from Members.** Members money received from subscriptions. Should the club ever close down, creditors would be paid first and the balance would be refunded to members.

We are not operating on a non-profit organization bank account. We have a business account which makes things difficult at times as we are subject to other rules and regulations.

**Cash flow statements –** the R118 391 was the balance in the bank account at the end of the year.

Evert Scholtz advised that he did not want to fall foul of the constitution clause 17.5.1. *“an auditor who may not necessarily be a member, but shall hold adequate experience to discharge his duties, shall be elected and he shall audit the books of account, verify the assets of the Club, audit the annual accounts and balance sheet and report thereon 30 days after the Annual General Meeting. No member of the Committee shall be eligible”*. He asked club members if they were happy with the Financial Report presented by Paul Randall or would they like the financials to be audited by a registered company as stipulated in the provision. A vote was held and the motion was carried that the majority of those present were in favour of accepting the Financial Report as presented by FINSEC.

**7. AGENDA POINTS RAISED BT CLUB MEMBERS**

The following e-mail that was received by Stefan Hough was read by Fiona Graham :

*“Dear Barnstormers Management,*

*W would like to submit an additional discussion point for the next AGM, according to Constitution clause 20.1.2.*

*I have paid my annual membership fee of R1 200.00 on the 19 March 2018 and would like to address the meeting on this specific point.*

**Proposed agenda point: Pensioners Rebate**

*Background: I have paid my annual membership fee to our club last year to the amount of R535.00.*

*This year the fees are R1 200.00, a 224.0% increase from last year and unaffordable to pensioners with a mere 2% increase in their monthly income.*

*We are utilizing the Ekurhuleni Metro's facility and we therefor request the Committee to administer municipal policies, regarding rates to be paid my pensioners.*

*Last year's fees were R535.00. With an acceptable increase of 10% the new fees could be R455.50 and a proposed pensioner's rebate of 10%, leaving the proposed 2018 fees at R535.00.*

*Our pensioners would like to utilize the club on slots where the majority of members are working, that is Wednesdays and Fridays from 09:00 to 12:00, school holidays and public holidays excluded.*

*We would also appreciate a mandate from the committee to visit schools in Tembisa and Birchleigh during their breaks, in order to promote our hobby and our club.*

*Thank you in Advance for your understanding and support.*

*Stefan Hough (Pensioner representative)*

Danie Potgieter asked Paul Randall to respond to this letter. Paul advised that we put an option in place for members to make representation to the Committee should they feel that they were unable to afford the 2018 fees. Some members took up the offer and each case was considered on an individual basis and subsequently some form of relief applied. Barnstormers only allows for two types of membership; Honorary Life Members and Ordinary Members.

Stefan is invited to make an application to the Committee which will be discussed as the next Committee Meeting as in all the other requests and we will advise him accordingly.

Evert Scholtz noted that Stefan had approached the Committee in terms of point 19.1.2 of the Constitution, *It shall be competent for any member to request that an item in a proposal to amend, alter or add to the Constitution, be placed on the Agenda provided that such a request is in the hands of the Secretary not later than fourteen days prior to the date of such meeting".* Evert also refers to clause 22.1, *No alteration, amendment or addition to this Constitution shall be made except at an Annual or Special General Meeting properly convened and then only if all of the club's members with voting rights vote in favour thereof.*

As we do not have all of the members present at this meeting we are unable to make any changes with regards to membership. Stephan's question regarding fees has been answered and the Committee was in agreement that it would be a positive move for Barnstormers to promote out club in the local schools. No flying is allowed at these schools on behalf of Barnstormers without written consent from SAMAA as no flying is allowed with a public audience without their consent. The pilots would also have to be in possession of the necessary Gold rating.

Roy Walker requested that we look back on a point 17.5 concerning Auditors that was raised earlier in the meeting by Evert Scholtz as it does not correspond with the same clause number of the copy of the Constitution that he has.

On further investigation after the AGM it was discovered that the Constitution on website had been mis-numbered with no mention of any clause 20. All text remained the same as the Constitution that was voted in by members at the 2017 AGM. The clause numbering has now been corrected.



In terms of our Constitution Danie Potgieter advised that we have a list of proposed Honorary Life Members for 2018. Honorary Life Members will always be members of the club and will always receive the notifications and will remain on the books of the club even if they don't pay their subscriptions however should they wish to be a flying member this privilege does not preclude them from paying the annual membership fee.

Evert referred the members to clause 11.2.1 of the constitution, "*Honorary Life Members who shall be persons voted in as such in the past and henceforth nominated by majority vote of the Committee and elected by majority vote at the next Annual General Meeting. Persons nominated as Honorary Life Members shall be those considered worthy of special recognition for services to the Club or for outstanding achievement in the sport. An Honorary Member shall be entitled to vote as an Ordinary Member.*"

This years nominations are as follows :

Danie Potgieter SNR	Protea Colours
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Roston Dugmore SNR	Protea Colours
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Christopher Johnson	Protea Colours
Rui Maartens	Protea Colours
Keith Reneclé	Protea Colours
Percy Attfield	Protea Colours
Nick van der Westhuizen	Protea Colours
Henry Kurowski	Service Recognition
John Withers	Service Recognition
Glen Roberts	Protea Colours
Evert Scholtz	Protea Colours

It is the intention of the Committee to put up an honours board in the clubhouse, similar to those seen in sports club, which will list all those members who have received this honour to date and those who will follow in the future. We have lost the list and have asked people from the past to please come forward with the necessary documentation to substantiate their nominations. We have received a couple of names however the list will now be updated with those listed above. Danie asked for a show of hand from those present who was in agreement with the list and it was unanimously accepted.

#### **8. ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE**

Danie Potgieter asked Colin Butler to chair the election of the new Committee. The following Committee members were proposed and accepted their positions. Therefore the 2018/2019 Barnstormers Committee will be as follows :

CHAIRMAN	Danie Potgieter
VICE CHAIRMAN	Evert Scholtz
TREASURER	Paul Randall
SECRETARY	Fiona Graham
SAFETY OFFICER	Ernst van der Toorn

PRO Gareth Randall  
MAINTENANCE OFFICER Evert Scholtz

Anthony Bricker suggested that perhaps we should also appoint a Security Officer and proposed Solly as with his contacts and insight of the area he would be of benefit. Security was not an Agenda item at the AGM however Evert did advise that it had been discussed at Committee level and suggested that perhaps we should get a security company to patrol. It is going to cost us money but the members need to make that decision if they feel it would make them feel safer at the club. If the majority feels this is the case we will obtain some quotes from local security companies which will be presented at the next club meeting. Henry Kurowski suggested some form of panic button or radio transmitter for Wiseman in case of an emergency and Evert confirmed that there is a system available. Solly said that he could possibly come up with a 2-way PTT radio which works the same as Whatsapp but it would only be available to closed members such as the Committee. We would still have to employ the services of a security company to respond to an emergency should it arise. Evert has also asked Wiseman to be proactive in the regard and if there are members flying he should walk around to make sure that there is nobody walking around the veld that would be a threat to the members and to alert members should he see anyone. Wiseman will be on his 2 months leave from the end of May and is due back before our intended Airshow at the end of July.

Louis Van Rensberg suggested that we need to look at the pilots box if there are more than 5 pilots flying. He was advised that there is another portable box that can be used if necessary.

John Withers asked what we are planning to do about the poor entrance road. Evert said that the problem has arisen as the water runs downhill from the clubhouse along the road. He has looked at making a new road from higher up to avoid this problem or re-grading the existing one so that it is concave, hence the water will run off. Both of these options are extremely expensive, in the region of R40 000.00 and asked members present for any input on another solution.

Roy Walker asked who was actually responsible for the road and what was the extent of the area we leased from the Municipality. Evert responded by saying it was the area he has put the fence around. This was done in conjunction with Keith Nichols who had a description of the property and the weigh points and that is where he put the corner post. We lease just over 6 hectares. We pay the same as we have always paid but have never used the full amount of the property. The municipality had never been in to clean the land and Evert negotiated that if he cleared the area where all the tyres used to be in could be incorporated into our leased area. He will also take up the situation of the entrance road with the Municipality in the hopes that we might be able to get their assistance with the use of a grader.

Sean Butler commended the Committee on the changes that have taken place at the club.

The meeting was closed by Danie Potgieter at 15:20