

MAASA COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: 24 May 2018

Time: 18h05

Location: Da Vincenzos / WhatsApp call

Attending:

Grant Brook (GB)
Clinton Carten-Brown (CCB)
Chris O'Connell (CO)
Martin Knoetzen (MK) via WhatsApp call
Stuart Nix (SN) via WhatsApp call
Neil Twomey (NT)
Hadri Lombaard (HL)

Apologies:

Andre Stockwell (AS)

1. Welcome & Apologies	Description Grant welcomed all to meeting.	Actions
2. Acceptance Previous Minutes		- Minutes accepted, no further actions required.
3. General working committee	- The need to find areas of responsibility and due date for tasks to be completed.	 Task need to be completed at least before the next committee meeting. Proposed dates for future committee meetings (to be confirmed):
		Tuesday 21st August @ 6pm Venue to be confirmed (Martin and Stuart to Skype in.)

		Preparation for GAA Champs and Masters. Tuesday 20th November @ 6pm Venue to be confirmed. (Martin and Stuart to Skype in.) Year end summary/planning and budget for 2019. Tuesday 19th March 2019 @ 6pm Venue to be confirmed. Martin and Stuart to Skype in. Planning for Nationals and AGM.
	 Opening of account/investment account for MAASA and GAA funds. Neil and Grant to arrange. Neil to finalize the budget for 2018 and provide income statements and balance sheets. 	- Neil had spoken to the banks. Opening an account for MAASA and GAA seems to be a complicated task. Chris suggested to open an "individual account" to make things easier. Neil agreed to do so, as long as the committee was happy that the account/s would be kept in his name. The committee had no objections an agreed. Grant pointed out the tax implications with regards to interest earned and the need to declare to SARS. It will have to take some fiddling to minimizes tax implications. - It was discussed that the majority of the budget should be used for the Masters and Judges training.
5. Judging	- Judges exams, getting it up and running. Martin, possibly identify someone to assist?	 Martin suggested that we utilize the Australian system and link it to the maasa.co.za website. Grant agreed to load onto website and make available to pilots and pilot judges. The results might only be valid for a limited time period and the sporting code need to be consulted. The expiry date for the exam would have to be displayed on the judges register. Martin would need a list of pilot judges contact details so he can draft an email explaining the various requirements and limitations. Hadri will assist in putting something together for him.

		- Martin asked if the exam would be enforced. It was discussed that date could possibly be set, i.e. 1st of next year. It is important to get everyone on board, without chasing guys away. Might be cases were individuals deliberately avoid doing the exams not to do judging duty. A penalty system might be considered.
6. Development	- Developing and growing pattern, getting guys interested, growing sportsman class, increasing membership. General discussionany ideas? - Grant to contact LOMAC members to see what we can do to get them going and possibly hosting a comp that side.	- Western Cape has interest in "classic pattern" and this might increase the numbers. Western Cape looking at hosting a classic pattern comp, possibly in conjunction with a league competition towards June/July. Western Cape also suggested a "Stick only" class, to attract the guys that might feel intimidated competing against "expensive" planes. - Chris suggested we try to attract guys at local club level. NERF was identified as a possible venue for a club aerobatic day. Neil and Chris to drive. Grant agreed to try and host a day, one in Gauteng and one in the Cape to see if it's successful. - Grant to arrange an event at LOMAC, possibly towards November after the local competitions quiets down.
7. Sporting Code	- Grant to look at sporting code updates.	 Grant to make the changes as discussed during the AGM and upload to website. It was noted that sporting code changes does not require an AGM meeting.
8. 2018 Combined Power Nationals	- Feedback from the SIG meeting on Monday. Grant and Clinton attended.	 General feedback from the SIG's was that it was highly successful. MAASA would like to be significantly more involved with regards to the planning and scheduling of the event, possibly bringing it down to 2 days for us.

		 It was agreed that Judges accommodation needs to be improved and that we need to look after officials better next year. MAASA thanks all Judges for their involvement and efforts to make the competition a great success. Thank you guys!!!!
9. Website	Chris and Grant to look at uploading results to the website "live".	-Was agreed that it should be done before the Masters. - Chris mentioned the short comings of the new scoring system, when 3 out of 5 doesn't compete in last round. Will be raised with Peter Uhlig to illustrate the effect. Andre to be kept in the loop. -Cape town suggested that pilots be informed at "pilot briefing" and what effect it will have on scoring. - Chris looking into TBL scoring and Judges consistency graphs. To be used as training tools only. - Grant discussed the importance of consistency during scoring. It was noted that the scoring during the Nationals were indeed very consistent.
10. Proficiency Ratings	- Aerobatic Instructors Rating, appoint someone to drive.	 Clinton to run the project. The idea was pitched to SAMAA. They will discuss during their SMC meeting and are awaiting feedback. It was noted that the rating need to be something "aspirational" and must include maneuvers like spins, snaps and stall turns for example and must be demonstrated on a "line". Should be flown with an aerobatic type airplane.
11. Reports and Feedback to Members	- Nationals 2018 report and feedback to SAMAA news (text,	- To receive a grant from SAMAA for the 2019 world champs, MASAA needs to supply SAMAA with a report

	photos, results) Dead line end of Maywho will do it?	of the 2018 Nationals, before the end of May. - Grant requested Martin to write a report from a judge's perspective. Stuart to assist. Thank you so much Martin for agreeing to do this. Hadri agreed to do the Gauteng reports.
12. General	- General questions and suggestions	 Cape Town mentioned that they received a R10 000 grant from the City Council to host the Masters event this year. Well done CPT!!!!! Over dinner conversation Hadri to update the MAASA calendar and forward a copy to Linda. Using "WhatsApp" calling for the Cape Town guys had its limitations and it was difficult to hear everyone from time to time. Will look into alternative methods and maybe do a "dry run" before next meeting.

Meeting closed at 1915.....

Thanks to everyone for their attendance and constructive inputs.