

MAASA AGM Minutes



Date: 30th April 2025

Time: 17:30

Location: Henley Model Airfield & Family Entertainment

Item	Description
1. Welcome	<p>RM welcomed all to the meeting</p> <p>Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• André Stockwell• Joshua Twomey• Cadin Kieck• Abré Smit• Robin Martins• Rui Martins• Neil Twomey• Elaine Martins• Jacques Botha• Kas Hamman• Martin Knoetzen• Mauro Franceschini• Bob Skinner• Burt Botha• Daniel Levy• Ray Grobbelaar• Dean Grobbelaar <p>Proxies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rodney Potter (Kas Hamman)• Pieter Kapp (Kas Hamman)• Jonathan Starke (Martin Knoetzen)• Stuart Nix (Martin Knoetzen)• Mark Hubbard (Rui Martins)• Walter Lin (Neil Twomey)• Grant Brooke (Andre Stockwell)• Doug Kay (Joshua Twomey)• Neville Kahn (Rui Martins)• Rory Netterville (Martin Knoetzen)• Charlie Blakemore (Kas Hamman)• Andre Vogel (Martin Knoetzen)• Ernie Smith (Kas Hamman) <p>16 members are present, with 13 proxies, which gives a quorum for the AGM</p>
2. Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
3. Acceptance Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposed by Kas Hamman, Seconded by Andre Stockwell - Accepted

4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
5. Chairman's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See report attached (Appendix 1)
6. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of Finances presented by Neil • Figures presented for 2024 /2025 to date. The finances are looking healthy. • There was a surplus in 2024, of R1,304. • Budget presented for 2025. This is a thumb-suck from last year and working on a current loss of R4,000. • Details attached to the Minutes. (Appendix 2) • Masters event still needs to be organized that will affect the R7,713 profit indicated on the current Income summary.
7. Fees for 2025:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 will stay the same. • In 2026, we are only rounding the fees up to the nearest R50. This was proposed by the Committee. Accepted by Dean, 2nd by Abre and Approved unanimously. • Sportsman – R29 increase to R150 • Intermediate R8 increase to R250 • Advanced – R8 increase to R250 • Masters – R37 increase to R400 • F3A – R37 increase to R400 • Classic – R37 increase to R400
8. Honorary Life Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaine nominated Bob Skinner, as he has contributed a lot for Aerobatics. This was voted on and approved unanimously.
9. Changes in F3A and Masters, including the Sporting Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes were made to F3A. We reverted back to how it used to be flown and how it is flown Internationally. It will be flown 4 Preliminary rounds and 2 Final rounds for the minimum top 5. • There is a bottleneck in Masters. We need to make it that the guys need to upgrade to F3A, try it and get better. Currently, we have no reserves, when it comes to Team Selection, and we must have reserves in place. • Changes were made to the Sporting Code, so we can include Junior reserves into the Senior team, if there are not sufficient Senior pilots able to go and represent South Africa at the World Championships. • A change in the Master's Class schedule may be tabled by January 2026, when the new Team Selection cycle will start.
10. 2025 Masters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters will be held 26 October 2025. Barnstormers have been secured as the field for the event, for now. • WC need to confirm if they will be joining us, we can move the event to Bloemfontein.
11. Election of Office Bearers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman – Rui Martins • Vice Chairman – Kas Hamman • Treasurer – Neil Twomey • Secretary – Elaine Martins • Chief Judge – Abre Smit • Contest Director – Vacant • National Register upkeep – Robin Martins • CIAM Rep – Joshua Twomey • CIAM Rep Assistant – Cadin Kieck • Junior CIAM Rep – Robin Martins • National Regional Rep – Stuart Nix

	<p>The Chief Judge position was contested and a nomination was given to return the position to Martin Knoetzen. Voting ensued. Martin received 12 votes to Abre received 14 votes.</p>
11. General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Everybody's responsibility to grow the MAASA SIG</i> If someone shows interest, please nurture it and help grow the SIG. • <i>F3A Team Selection Criteria</i> The pilots representing South Africa, need more time to raise funds and prepare for the World Championships. By only knowing the team in April / May the same year, gives them only 3 months to prepare. Pilots should know by November of the previous year. As per SASCOC you only need 2 team selection events to qualify. This will be tabled by next year January as well. • <i>Website</i> A new website is being designed and want to roll it out soon. We need member input, to make the website more user-friendly. Any members that have the knowledge and time to assist us to finalise the setup of the website. • <i>Other - None</i>
12. Close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM thanked everyone for their support over the last year and hopes the next year will be productive and that Pattern will grow. • Meeting adjourned at 18:56

Chairman's Report

I firstly would take the opportunity to thank the members for their support and participation in the competitions organised throughout the year, as well as the organisers and helpers arranging all these successful events.

MAASA has had many challenges, the biggest being the growth of the SIG. It is not just in our hobby, but also in the work environment, where we can notice the economic / financial constraints. We still continue to battle for numbers. As mentioned in my previous Chairman's report and again here, it is all the members' responsibility to grow the SIG. If each person brings one new pilot, we can double our numbers. We, as the Committee, have made a few impactful changes, to ensure long-term growth and to better MAASA. Changes so far included changing the F3A Team Selection to be in line with the International way of flying. Also, by amending the Sporting Code, that if there are insufficient qualified F3A pilots to fill the World Team, the Junior Masters reserve/s will be recruited to fill the team. We also included the Intermediate class, to bridge the gap between Sportsmen and Advanced, which was quite big. This also allows the pilots to fly their planes longer, and this assists not dishing out funds for more expensive equipment.

Around November, last year, the Aeroclub Awards were held at the Birchwood Hotel, in Boksburg. To our delight, three of our prestigious pilots received awards:

Joshua and Neil Twomey – SAMAA Seniors of the year
Ray Grobbelaar – SAMAA Junior of the Year

Well done gents!

This year's World Championships will be held in Muncie, Indiana, in America, during 9 – 16 August 2025.

In my opinion, Pattern flying has a stigma attached to it. I see it as a two-part:

1. We always get the short end of the stick. We are considered grumpy, unfriendly and elitists.
2. There is a perception that the planes we fly are expensive. You only "spend" for the top-end equipment, when you fly to compete at the World Champs. The other classes are definitely more affordable.
3. We are supposed to grow the SIG, but there is always people, with other intentions. They are always conniving, backstabbing, bringing the SIG into disrepute and always causing discord. That causes a lot of damage to the SIG and a lot of people walk away, because of that. It's an ongoing thing, which we need to root out, if we are going to have any concerted growth and cohesion.

We have many barriers to knock down, to gain members.

I am pleased to announce that North West is slowly coming back on line. We are having our first Provincial competition in Potchefstroom, on 29 June. They were always a very strong province, and we need to nurture that. The guys are very keen. Please support your neighbouring provinces that are close. We are striving to get more provinces back in the coming years.

I hereby, take the opportunity to show my appreciation to the Committee and their time and effort they gave during 2024. I hope that we can go from strength to strength, in 2025.

2024 / 2025 MAASA Financials

Model Aerobatic Association of SA Income Summary From 01 January 2024 - 25 April 2025

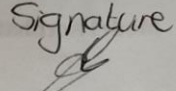
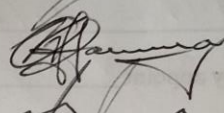
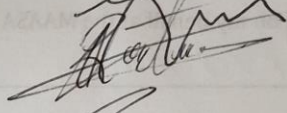
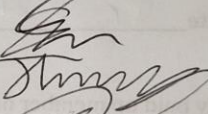
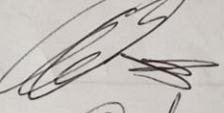
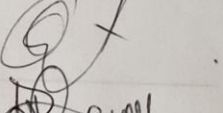
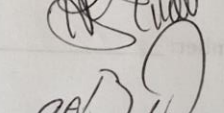
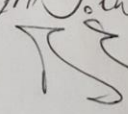
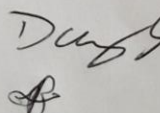
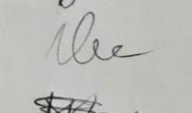
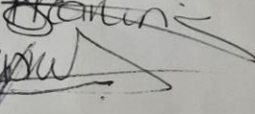






<u>2024</u>		<u>2025</u>	
Bank opening balance (1 Jan 2024)	86,873	Bank opening balance (1 Jan 2025)	88,177
Income	19,054	Income	14,683
Membership Fees (2024)	8,200	Membership Fees (2025)	7,360
SAAMA NATS Grant	3,380	SAAMA NATS Grant	6,000
Masters Entry Fees	4,000	Interest Earned (Bank and Invest)	1,323
Interest Earned (Bank and Invest)	3,474		
Expenses	17,750	Expenses	6,970
NATS Officials Travel	2,000	NATS Judge Flight	2,846
NATS Officials Food	1,600	NATS Officials Accom	4,000
NATS Medals	170	Bank Charges	124
NATS Braai	1,054		
3rd Judge (From LSA)	562		
Masters Judge Flight	5,315		
Masters Judges Accom	2,033		
Masters Trophies	3,077		
Masters Judge Parking (CT)	1,348		
MAASA Website	100		
Bank Charges	491		
Closing bank balance (31 December 2024)	88,177	Closing bank balance (25 April 2025)	95,890
Profit/(Loss) to date	1,304	Profit/(Loss) to date	7,713

Model Aerobatic Association of SA Budget 2025

Income	21,500
Membership Fees (2025)	8,000
SAMAA Contribution	6,000
Masters Entries	4,000
Interest (Bank and Invest)	3,500
Expenses	25,500
Nats Officials Accom	4,000
Nats Officials Travel including Car Rental	6,500
Nats Judge Parking	1,500
Masters Judges Flights	6,000
Masters Judges Accom	2,500
Masters Trophies	3,000
Masters Judge Parking	1,500
Bank Charges	500
Profit/(Loss) for 2025	-4,000

Banking Details:
Nedbank
Northgate Branch
Code: 198765
Account Number: 1165225980

MAASA Attendance Register

MAASA AGM 30 APRIL 2025			16 + 12 proxies
ATTENDANCE REGISTER			
Name + Surname	MAASA NO	Signature	
ANDRE STUCKWILL	28		
Kas HAMMAN			
Martin Knoetzen	154		
ROBIN MARTINS	366		
Codin Kieck	361		
Josh Twomey	341		
Mauro Franceschini			
Abrie Smut	admin		
BOB SKINNER	GUEST		
Jacques Botha	346		
Bert SAL	14		
DAN LEVY	#905		
Ray Gubbelaar	#88 SAMMA		
Dean Gubbelaar	#8 SAMAN		
Elaine martins			
Rui Martins	98		
NEIL Twomey	#350		

MAASA Proxies

<u>Proxy Name</u>	<u>MAASA No</u>	<u>Proxy given to</u>
Rodney Potter	54	Kas Hamman
Pieter Kapp	353	Kas Hamman
Jonathan Starke	374	Martin Knoetzen
Stuart Nix	110	Martin Knoetzen
Mark Hubbard	13	Rui Martins
Walter Lin	208	Neil Twomey

Grant Brooke 142 Andre Stockwell.

Doug Kay 357 Josh Twomey.

~~*Dean Grubbelaar Neil Twomey.~~

Neville Kahn 173 Rui Martins

Ray Netterville 223 Martin Knoetzen.

Charlie Blakemore 356 Kas Hamman.

Andre Vogel 327 Martin Knoetzen

Ernie Smith 226 Kas Hamman.

Kas 4

Martin 4

Neil 11

Rui 2

Josh 1

Andre S 1