

Minutes of WBRF AGM Held on 20 February 2020, Onrus

1. Welcome and apologies

Chairperson, Kobus Louw, welcomed all members present (see attached attendance register) and special thanks to Willie who made up the last ember so that we have quorum!

1.1 Apologies

Andre Vermeil, Colin Anderson, Terence Lesser, Nico Swart, Heinz Pail, Riaan Bester, Rob Daniel, Rex Laver, Magnus Karlberg and David Terblanche.

2. Minutes of previous AGM (2019)

The Chairman presented the minutes from the previous AGM. L du Plessis proposed and Canz Kleyn seconded.

3. Chairman's Report (March 2019 to February 2020)

The highlight of the past year was undoubtedly the start of the new flying field properly nicknamed "Botfield" Ground clearance started on 26 March'19 and progress so far includes a levelled and rolled sub-base runway which is flyable but not ideal (way forward to be decided on) a starting area and poles planted for a pits area, shower and toilet. A new access road was also established. Costs will be dealt with under the financial report. Massive thanks to the sub-committee under leadership of Canz whom made this possible. A lot of committee meetings, hard work, sweat, swearing, own time etc. went into this venture. In addition, what other RC club has two flying fields to choose from?

We had a very successful fly in on Sat 27 Apr'19 and made a small profit for the first time in years due to a cut on expenses, club members and Micton Hobbies donating RC stuff for our boot sale on the day and members donating cool drinks, jaffels and wors for the boeries that was sold on the day. Thanks to all the members that contributed to the success of the day and the ones that came to join in the flying as well; this was a huge improvement on last year. We had 13 visiting pilots on the Sat

The club is in a sound financial state with no outstanding debts and a positive bank balance of R17 680.80 (financial report to follow)

Three (3) new members joined i.e. Russel Truter, Conrad Fick and Charles Smitheman (UK), 2 resigned and four were terminated due to non-payment leaving us with 78 current club members

Thanks to Canz for sponsoring weed and other poison, Nico Swart for sponsoring various items during club maintenance sessions and the grounds team of Theo and Stephen for keeping our club in shape

Thanks to Ron for keeping the website up to date, sponsoring data for our weather station and Dave for looking after the weather station

Thanks to all the members assisting with club maintenance all year round and also to all the committee members for your commitment and hard work during the year

Post meeting note: Thanks to Steve and Theo for leading the charge on filed maintenance!

4. Financial Report (Amounts in Rands)

Description	Amount		Notes
INCOME			
Fly In	4 131.00		R1 880 was from visiting pilot's donations
Members	31 715.00		
Donations	12 900.00		
Mower sold	5 000.00		Steve bought the mower
Interest	16.92		
Deposit Returned	400.00		
Sub Total	54 162.92		
Opening Balance	30 535.55		
TOTAL	84 698.92		
EXPENSES			
		Amount	
Bank Charges		763.33	
Fly In		2 221.75	
Year End		4 545.86	
Maintenance		2 034.00	
Consumables		4 131.00	
Sub Total		14 882.22	
Botfield Expenses			
Bulldozer		14 950.00	
Poles for Pits		7 761.99	
Ground works		25 000.00	
Extra wood & hardware		1 423.46	
Rent Jan/Feb 2020		3 000.00	
Sub Total (Botfield)		52 135.45	
TOTAL EXPENSES		67 017.67	
Closing Balance 10/2/2020		17 680.80	
TOTAL		84698.47	

Notes

- 1) Botfield expenses funded by R14 450 donations as per 2019 financial statement plus R12900 donations above totaling R27350 ; R24 785.45 by means of member contributions (standard
- 2) The chairman presented the savings realized by the contributions and efforts of various benefactors as per the table below:

Benefactor	Details	Amount (R)
Botrivier Boeremark	50% sponsor of initial poles and wood order	3 569.51
Botrivier Boeremark	Cost vs retail pricing on rest of order	2 515.48
Thys Roux	Sponsored diesel for bulldozer clearing	4 500.00
Uitkyk Diggers	Hours discounted and free topping	63 800.00
Ampie Albertyn	One free year rental; 50% of required rent (to date)	21 000.00
Canz		11 806.43
TOTAL		107 191.42
	Mancom manhours supervising and fuel costs	PRICELESS!!

There was some discussion regarding the budget for the new field following a question from Roy, which will be discussed as separate point later in the meeting.

5. Club fees 2020

The current club fees as follows:

Junior	R275
Country	R400
60+	R400
Standard	R550

The proposed new fees for 2020 are:

Junior	R300
Country	R500
60+	R500
Standard	R600

Approved: All in favour

6. Club Asset Register

Refer to the attached asset register. Presented to the members for acceptance and approval.

Approved by all.

7. WBRF Fly In 2020

It is proposed that this year's fly in is to be held on Saturday 25 April in a similar format as last year, but in a scaled down manner to be hosted at the Afdaks field. Pilot's donation and possible a jumble sale.

More details to follow regarding the event management and catering.

Approved by all.

8. WBRF Member Proficiency

Rating	2017	2018	2019	2020
Student	45 (56%)	34 (44%)	33 (41%)	29 (37%)
Solo	15	19	22	20
Bronz	1	1	1	1
Silver	12	14	13	16
Gold	2	5	8	8
Instructor	4	5	4	4
Instructor Judge	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	80	78	81	78

There was some discussion as to how WBRF might improve / encourage members to improve their proficiencies; Canz mentioned in particular the Solo members.

9. SAMAA Member Status

19 of our members do not have current SAMAA certificates and is contrary to the club constitution. It was suggested that the new committee consider updating the constitution to make it more relevant and practical. It will however require a 2/3 majority vote of all club members to adopt a new / revised constitution.

10. Club safety/ field maintenance

The chairman noted that we still have members flying over the non-fly zone and it is important to note the negotiations that have got us to where we are now where we can use the runway from Fisherhaven , the time allowed for 'noisy' engines and some days we have it 'open' for the whole day, including fly-ins. We have peg / card board to hang our membership card one when visiting the field and flying – please encourage all to use it.

Thanks to Steve and Theo for their ongoing field maintenance!

11. Botfield discussion

The chairman opened the floor for discussions and the following points were raised as to how we got to the new field. By show of hands there was only one-member present at the meeting that indicated that he would not use the new field. The following comments arose from the floor.

- WBRF are not planning to close the Afdaks field.
- Both fields will be kept as long as practical
- Both fields are open to all members and no one is forced to fly at any particular field
- The intent of the new field was not only to cater for 'noisy' aircraft but also take a long term view that the Afdaks field could be sold at any time for development.
- The monthly rent negotiated with the farmer of R1500/monthly and includes space to store our trailer and mower. This is very reasonable considering what other clubs pay
- It was noted that that the Afdaks field took a long time and effort to reach the stage it is now

After a lengthy discussion with valuable input and comments, it was recommended that the new committee takes ownership as to how to progress the development of Botfield.

Accepted by all.

12. Committee 2020 (Nominations/Ratification)

The new committee is as follows:

Chairman: Norman de Villiers

SAMAA Rep and Safety Officer: Renier Faasen

Secretary: Louis du Plessis

Treasurer: Roy Marriot

13. Closing

Kobus as the outgoing chairman thanked all for the support he was given during his 4-year tenure and wished the new committee well.

Norman as the new incoming chairman thanked the outgoing Mancom for their efforts and was looking forward to the work lying ahead.

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