

WBRF - 2015 AGM Minutes

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND FORMALITIES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGM.

Chairman Ron Holloway opens the 2015 AGM by welcoming all members present.

Members present: Colin Anderson, Barry Cilliers, Canzius Kleyn, Charl de Wit, Charles Hitge, Colin Dempsey, David Terblanche, Deon Geldenhuys, Edwin Bell, Emile Grobler, Heinz Peil, Herman Swanepoel, John Groenewegen, Kobus Louw, Nico Swart, Paul Venter, Paul Winterbach, Ron Holloway, Roy Marriott, Rudi de Voldere, Tommy Thacker, Werner Bachrodt, Wimpie Woensdregt, Charl Coetzee, Charles Stevens.

Apologies: Darren Thacker, David Winterbach, Erik Renzenbrink, George Scott, Martin Bachrodt, Nico Swart (jnr), Renier Faasen, Ronny Page, Terry Demmer, Theo Hermanson, Wayne Wrigley, Francois Naude.

The 2014 minutes were accepted. Proposed - Canz Kleyn, seconded - Heinz Peil.

Matters from previous minutes – None.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. (Ron Holloway)

The chairman welcomes 11 new members that joined the club this past year. 2 Members resigned and 2 passed away. At present the club has 73 members. This year more marketing will be done to promote the club. Some people enquired the possibility to become social members. The committee will look into this matter for the future. New runways were built and completed on 17th April 2014. Special thanks to people like Eddie, Terry and Paul etc. Members paid two years subs upfront which generated about R40 000 + donations of R43 000. Ron further thanked everyone for their input and Martin (Cape Asphalt) in his absence for the job done as well as the maintenance. Canz mentioned that Martin said we will have to do yearly maintenance on the runway surfaces. We had a successful Fly-in on 26 April 2014. Runways were extended to 120m x 5m. 41 Pilots were registered of which 24 were visiting. There was a good outcome of spectators as well. Thanks to Ron for sponsoring the mobile toilets. A special general meeting was held on 24th Sept 2014 to revise and update the constitution. Special thanks to Riaan for his effort on this matter. On 24th Sept 2014 we had a successful Hobbyland sponsored club competition. Ron Holloway won 1st price and Erik 2nd price. Two club officials were appointed. Thanks to Renier and Louis for performing proficiency tests. In November we had our 1st Year-end function with great success. Our 1st "Oscar" went to Canz for not sticking to the theme on WhatsApp. 2nd Heinz for covering planes. 3rd Geoff for posting the most windsock fotos. 4th Louis for extraordinary flying skills. Pitts upgrades. Thanks to all involved with the concrete, Kobus for the nets, Terry for the Pitts tables, CCS Plant Hire for the material and tools. On 8th Feb 2015 we hosted a Pilot jet

introduction/fly-in from the official importers of the product. Our own 2015 Fly-in will be on 1st - 3rd of May 2015. Ron again thanks the committee and the members for a successful year.

3.FINANCIAL REPORT. (Canzius Kleyn)_

Canz_thanked the committee and the members with the proud announcement that we completed all projects successfully. Also to Ron for the system-setup for the club's finance admin and book keeping. He then further invited the members that has paid the two years subs in advance (2014/2015) to cover the cost of the projects in 2014 to pay again for the 2015 subs if they want to, to boost the clubs finance. The financial figures were then accepted. Proposed by Kobus Louw and seconded by Riaan Pieters. All in favour! The figures are as follow:

Highlights

- Membership Fees R 45 935 (incl some 2015)
- Donations R 43 745
- Facility Upgrades R 97 638
- Membership Renewals 2015 R 11 000 (R26 000 normally)
- Maintenance R 4 800

OPENING BALANCES

- ABSA R 12 690
- Petty Cash R 2 283

Capital beginning of year R 14 973

CLOSING BALANCES

- ABSA BANK R 1 169
- Petty Cash R 82

Current Assets 2015 R 1 251

MOVEMENT

- Decrease in Capital R-13 722
- Debtors R 3 630

Total R-10 092

INCOME

- Membership Fees R 45 935
- Donations R 43 745
- Fly-in R 4 260
- Interest Earned R 260

Total **R 94 200**

EXPENSES

- Bank Fees R 2 767
- Pits Upgrades R 22 638
- Runway Upgrades R 75 000
- Maintenance R 3 887

Total **R 104 292**

BALANCE (Income - Expenses) **R -10 092**

From the Committee:

The committee decided to raise the yearly subs as follow:

- Full Member R 450 > R 495
- Country Member R 350 > R 385
- Junior Member R 250 > R 275
- Pensioner (over 60) R 350 > R 385

Generally accepted!

4. SAFETY REPORT. (Nico Swart)

An email was received from Kobus Louw raising the following issues and concerns:

- Control over visiting pilots.
- Friends of member pilots flying at WBRF facilities. How do we establish that they are proficient, members of SAMAA and safe to fly?
- Control over WBRF pilots. There are so many new faces and pilots flying. How do we establish their proficiency, members of SAMAA and safe to fly? It seems it's a free for all and an accident waiting to happen!

Nico stated to the meeting that the committee got together to address these issues. There is not always a committee member available at the field to see who is flying or not abiding by the rules. Please use the facility correctly. Be safe. Be responsible. Assist each other. You are responsible for your own safety. SAMAA memberships will be followed up by the committee and proficiency tests will be done as we progress. The committee decided to adopt a **no proficiency, no SAMAA = no fly** policy to safeguard the club and to abide by SAMAA rules to avoid being grounded. It came under our attention that SAMAA is doing inspections country wide and that we will definitely fail at present. The club will help and assist all members to become proficient pilots as we progress. A "NO SAMAA NO FLY!" signboard will be erected soon. Unfortunately these things are a

necessity for our existence otherwise face the possibility of being grounded or closed down as they already grounded all drones. The club's SAMAA representative, Renier Faasen, is available to members to help them acquire their SAMAA membership. Ways of displaying membership/numbers is still being debated i.e. pegboards and or SAMAA no's on the transmitters etc. The correct practise information will be obtained from SAMAA, also clarity on the rule as to when someone without proficiency can fly etc. and communicated to the members. Deon Geldenhuys requested that we include this into the club rules for all new members to clearly understand and abide to it.

5. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLUB RULES. (Ron Holloway)

WBRF CLUB RULES

1. All radio controlled aircraft pilots must be paid up **members of SAMAA** and SAMAA registration

numbers must be indicated on transmitters.

2. Only paid up members of WBRF and their guests are permitted to use the club facilities

3. **Absolutely no fires allowed.** In the event of a fire the highest level of urgency is to be given to

extinguishing the fire. (PLEASE TRY TO RECOVER BATTERIES WHEN CRASH ASAP)

4. 35Mhz frequency management is the responsibility of the members using 35Mhz equipment.

Check for fellow 35Mhz users before switching on equipment.

5. No engines to be started in the car park or spectator area **or the runway.**

6. Start engines in safe environments only and make needle adjustments from behind the engine

and engines are to have effective silencers.

7. Please avoid dust and oil been blown onto other members equipment.

8. No taxing in the pits area.

9. Take-offs and landings are only permitted from the recognized runways.

10. Pilots must not stand on the runway. (Only for take-off if they need to)

11. Pilots should be grouped together, within hearing distance of each other and must announce

their intentions including take-offs or landings.

12. Take-offs and landings may not be made in the direction of the **NO FLY ZONE**.
13. Absolutely no flying over the **NO FLY ZONE**.
14. Maiden flights to be done with no other aircraft flying, being started or tuned at the time.
15. Helicopter pilots sharing airspace with aeroplanes to be accompanied by a spotter at all times.
16. Emergency landings take priority at all times.
17. Please consider your fellow club members. Do not hog airspace for more than 20 minutes if
other members are waiting to fly.
18. Any injuries or safety related incidents must be reported to the committee.
19. All vehicles must be parked in the designated car park.
20. Please keep our flying site clean. **NO LITTERING!**
21. Complaints must be made in writing to the club committee (info@wbrf.co.za)
22. By using the club facilities you accept the rules and agree to abide by them.

NOTICE OF INDEMNITY

Although all reasonable precautions and safety measures are taken at this site, model flying can be potentially dangerous. You enter these premises at your own risk. The club management, members, and landowners cannot be held responsible for damage to or loss of property, or injury to persons whatsoever.

6. RATIFICATION OF NEW COMMITTEE.

Only two members, Theo Hermanson and Norman de Villiers, nominated and suggested the committee to stay the same.

The Committee then decided to shuffle a bit with the following outcome:

Chairman: Riaan Pieters

Vice Chairman: Ron Holloway

Secretary: Wimpie Woensdregt

Treasury: Ron Holloway and Canzius Kleyn

SAMAA Representative: Renier Faasen

Safety Representative: Nico Swart

Event Organisers: Louis Genade and Canzius Kleyn

Proposed by Eddie Bell, seconded by Rudi de Voldere. All in favour!

7. Closing

The new Chairman, Riaan Pieters, thanked Ron for an excellent job done. Thanked the members and committee and inspired them to keep up the good work. Meeting adjourned.

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