



RMAC AGM Minutes

6 February 2022 10h00

Chairman's Welcome

The chairman welcomed Members present. The attendees of the meeting are listed in the attached attendance register. At 22 members present the AGM does not need a quorum for the AGM activity

Attendance

The member present are duly recorded in the attendance register

Apologies

Ezhard Verseput, Anthony Brown, Bruce Lotriet, Russel Vd westhuizen, Claude Williams

Matters Arising

Previous AGM minutes were circulated and can be found on the website

The minutes were accepted as accurate and true-proposed by Jacques Alberts and seconded by Harty Borchers

The chairman asked if there were any matters arising from the previous meeting. No Issues were raised from the floor

Correspondence

No Correspondence received

Financial report

The report was circulated to members for information before the meeting.

A copy of the of the Statement of Income and Expense is attached

The club ended financial 2021 with a LOSS of R12,985 against a budgeted profit of R950 (ie +/- breakeven).

The major variances for the year on the income side were joining fees which were under budget by R6,000 due to suspension thereof in an effort to attract new members. The continuation of the Coronavirus Pandemic probably resulted in the club attracting fewer members than hoped for. Once again big thank you must go to Francois and his employers UAV Industries who contributed R42,800 by way of rent for portion of our clubhouse. The other major contributor to sundry income was interest received. It must be pointed out that were it not for the rent received and sundry income, the club would have ended the year with a far greater loss than the one actually sustained, so in

effect, subscriptions continue to be subsidized by our sundry income! It is therefore in EVERY MEMBER's interest encourage new members to join the club and to ensure that all visitors write their names in the visitor's book and pay the landing fee either to a committee member or to Mango who will pass it on to me. If it is your friend visiting, please ensure he signs in and pays!

On the expense side the major over expenditures was on security most of which was for passive infra red alarm sensors and repairs to the alarm caused by petty thieves. Maintenance was over budget by R3,000, but for clarity a summary of maintenance expenditures is as follows:

Runways	R 3,023
Solar batteries	4,211
Thatch	10,950
Covid 19 supplies	763
Tractor, mowers sundry maintenance, & weed killer	9,674
Move fence	<u>4,678</u>
Total Maintenance for year	R33,299

The Balance Sheet reflects that at 31 December 2021 we had R248,005 in the bank of which R75,298 was for subs paid in advance for 2022 leaving total Club Funds at R172,707.

On the budget side we budgeted for a zero% increase in subscriptions for normal members and a 33% increase for pensioners as this category has to be phased out. The reason that the pensioners' category of subs has to be phased out is that we are not attracting enough new members who are normal adult members and the existing members are all becoming pensioners at a rapid rate! The weighting of pensioner members (at a discounted subscription) vs normal adult members is unsustainable! The committee is acutely aware that everyone is suffering from increased cost pressures and have had to keep the subs for normal members the same as our subscriptions are amongst the highest in the country.

Our rent is escalating at 8% pa on the current lease which expires on 31 January 2024. It is this escalation which has led to the club's expenses increasing at an unsustainable rate. A delegation of the Committee met with representatives of the Johannesburg City Council and a local councillor to see whether we could secure an early renewal of the lease on more favourable terms or at least a reduction in the rate of escalation on the lease. We were advised to wait until after the local elections held in November last year and are now in the process of arranging another meeting, but it is a long winded process dealing with bureaucracy!

Our budget shows income of R270,486 less expenses totalling R276,70 leaving a LOSS of R5,684. et. We could very quickly end up with a far greater loss if we do not replace the number of members who may or have either resigned or taken sabbaticals to consider their futures in the hobby. All members are urged to participate in club fundraising events and to encourage and make potential new members feel welcome. (it is also critical for members to show support at club events as who wants to join a club where the existing members themselves are not interested)

The treasurer also then elaborated on the decision to increase only the Pensioners annual subs from R800-00 to R2000-00. The sustainability at a ratio of 27 pensioners to 34 younger than pensionable age, of the adult members, at previous subs, meant that the club would not be able to sustain itself. Further the decision to have scholars not pay for subs was in an attempt to attract young pilots to the club. Also to be considered was the fact that the lease of the property escalated at 8 % plus an additional 1% additional Vat meant that the rental would double every 8 years.

Chris Allsopp asked how to handle persons who were non-members and did not pay landing fees. In response, the meeting felt that everyone at the club needed to make a concerted effort to ensure that landing fees were paid

The Chairman asked the meeting if there were any questions for the treasurer. No further questions were raised

Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked the committee for their efforts over the last year;

Special thanks to Harty Borchers for providing exceptional Financials and admin services

To Johan Ferreira for his work in maintaining the Lawnmowers and Tractor

The Chairman also re-iterated the special incentive created to attract new members to the club: Any club member who introduces and ensures that a new member becomes a paid up member will receive a 50% rebate on their subs for the next year.

The chairman also stated that every attempt would be made to meet with the council to reduce the rental amount and escalation percentage

An incentive would also be introduced to promote advertising on the newly established fence at R1000-00 per panel per year- Lionel Whitecross to be contacted for assistance in this regard

A solution needs to be found for the camera system for people who want access to the visuals at the club

The chairman reported as follows

As you are aware by now, 2021 was not a very good year in terms of growth for the hobby, with all the lockdown regulations and the pandemic at hand everything was placed in a frozen state. I can however say that the current Committee was not sitting down and waiting for this to blow over.

To kick start the Hobby after the lockdown and to get people out into the open air, we hosted a couple of events which was well attended and an overall success. This in turn boosted the image of the club and we saw some new members joining as a result.

Although we have had some members who did not renew their memberships, we have implemented some initiatives that we think will grow the club over the coming years. One of these initiatives is that if you introduce a new member that joins the club, your following year's subs will be 50% discounted. We also made a change that under 18's does not have to pay club fees, to boost the hobby, as we all know that there are very few young pilots around.

We had the opportunity to meet with the council in 2021, and now that the elections are over, we are actively engaging with the newly elected members of council to see if we can renew the lease on better terms to secure the clubs future for the long term.

Overall, I must thank the committee and the members for supporting us through the year, there are loads of exciting projects that happened during 2021 and more to come this year.

I would like to thank each and every one who donated material, time, and effort in helping the club look as good as it looks now! Special thanks to Edzard, and Johan for always helping where needed.

I would also like to thank Mangalisa, and his Wife for ensuring that the club is always clean and tidy, they are for sure the best thing to happen to the club in recent years.

I wish you all the very best for 2022 and let's stand together to grow this club to even higher heights!

I urge you all to participate in the events we have planned this year, as this will peak the interests of the public and grow the club and Hobby, we all love.

Vice Chairman's report

The position was vacated and thus no report

Large Scale report

Large scale activities are at their peak on Thursdays

Judging clinics are held at least 5 times a year. The Aresti schedules are taught and feeder classes encouraged. A basic class has a very competitive group of at least 10 pilots.

The Extravaganza will be held at RMAC this year after some 30 pilots attended the Barnstormers event in Feb Last year

Due to the efforts of the LSA committee, 3 of which are RMAC members, the nationals saw 40 Large scale entries in April .The feeder classes were the ones that have grown the most.

RMAC well represented .In all classes RMAC pilots featured in at least the 1st and 2nd positions in all classes

Multi Rotor

Nothing to report on helicopters.

UAV school still active but numbers are down from last year. Every attempt is being made to get the school pilots to become members at RMAC

Old Timers

Nothing to report

PRO report

The New website is up and running but will still need some work for the foreseeable future as we get to grips with the needs of the club and its members. Membership is now going digital. Cards can be printed if the member so wishes

Lionel Whitecross will be sending out a procedure on how to download to one's phone and to print. A list is to be published of all paid up members to put onto the peg board (Lionel to check legal issues with the list)

Special Events

The position was vacated after an unfortunate event took place at the club

Groundsman

Machinery ,Tractor and lawnmowers are in an operational condition .Clubhouse thatch was repaired and functional. Runways are constantly being filled up and in a fair state. The eastern part of main runway was cut short, rolled and a layer of soil will be applied. A gas heater geyser was donated by Harty for the showers and will be installed in Feb 2022. The public area was made bigger by moving the fence. Thank you to Matthys, Lionel, Stan's efforts. Thank you again to Johan's work on the machines

The solar panel Batteries would need to be replaced this year

A request was made by Chris Allsopp to install a plug at the braai for lighting purposes

The Gas heater donated by Harty Borchers needs to be installed before 1st week March2022 ahead of the Large Scale Extravaganza

The Meeting expressed its gratitude for the condition of the club and its facilities (Neville wright)

Safety Officer report

Glad to say that there were no noteworthy incidents to report.

The safety barriers for spectators are erected. The safety barriers for pilots are still to be erected.

We would like to thank Edzard Verseput for donating the materials needed to build the safety barriers, as well as everyone who was involved in the process of building the barriers.

General

1. Swearing at a committee member by a club member over events being held at the club- The chairman stated that if the committee member felt aggrieved, that the matter could be taken to a disciplinary hearing. The committee member said that this was not necessary and he wanted the issue raised to ensure that it did not happen again
2. A request was brought to the table to ask for the constitution to be changed in order to have members of ARO organisations other than SAMAA fly at the club- a vote was taken and unanimously accepted the request for change- The Secretary stated that the change would be subject to the new ARO organisations are registered with the CAA, have the correct insurance in place and that the pilots are able to show membership to such organisations
3. Members need to help contribute by assisting to get new members especially getting younger-Item Noted

Election of new committee Members

	RMAC COMMITTEE 2021			
	POSITION	MEMBER	PROPOSED	SECONDED
1	CHAIRMAN	Matthys Botha	Stan Fincham	Jacques Alberts
2	VICE-CHAIRMAN	Stuart Kirby	Matthys Botha	By order of the vote
3	SECRETARY	Stan Fincham	Harty Borchers	Francios V Loggernberg
4	TREASURER	Harty Borchers	Matthys Botha	Jacques Alberts
5	LARGE SCALE REP	Jacques Alberts	Matthys Botha	Harty Borchers
6	MULTI ROTOR REP	Francois V Loggernberg	Jacques Alberts	Conradt Spies
7	OLD TIMERS REP			
8	P.R.O.REP	Lionell Whitecross	Tony Aimer	Johan Ferreira
9	GROUNDSMAN	Conradt Spies	Stan Fincham	Johan Ferreira
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11	SAFETY OFFICER	Renier Venter	Harty Borchers	Stuart Kirby
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13	Special Events	No volunteers		

RAND MODEL AERONAUTIC CLUB**STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD TO END DECEMBER 2021**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>		
<u>INCOME</u>				
Subscriptions	191,751	191,471.92	4,400.00	Landing fees
Entrance fees + new mem	7,000	1,200.00	7,841.36	Int rec
Rent recd UAV Ind	41,600	42,800.00	<u>3,020.00</u>	Donations & Stick
Other Sdy Income	14,400	15,261.36	> <u>15,261.36</u>	
	<u>254,751</u>	<u>250,733.28</u>		

EXPENDITURE

Bank Charges	2,880	1,943.00
Gas	3,360	4,091.98
Gifts flowers etc	0	0.00
Insurance	24,000	22,517.19
Maintenance Runways	4,800	3,023.00
Maintenance Other	27,300	30,275.89
Petrol	8,000	7,290.06
Rent	116,800	116,825.52
Security	3,120	15,180.50
Sundry Expenses Advertising, flowers, stationery	2,280	459.80
Wages	53,400	54,400.00
Water	5,880	7,111.78
Weather Station	1,980	600.00
	<u>253,800</u>	<u>263,718.72</u>

PROFIT / -(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD 951 -12,985.44

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**ACCUMULATED FUNDS**

Opening Balance at 1 January 2021	185,692.66
Less: Excess of Expenditure over income for period to date (LOSS)	-12,985.44
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Less: Transfer to Runway Maintenance Reserve	<u>170,000.00</u>
	<u>2,707.22</u>

RESERVES

Runway Maintenance Reserve	<u>170,000.00</u>
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TOTAL FUNDS

	<u><u>172,707.22</u></u>
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ASSETS**CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Bank Current Account	14,665.25
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30 Day Notice Deposit	2.45
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Money Market A/c	<u>233,337.85</u>
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CREDITORS

Members Loans	0.00
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Members Subs, Shirts etc	0.00
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Members 2022 subs prepaid	<u>75,298.33</u>
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NET ASSETS

	<u><u>172,707.22</u></u>
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There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed

Signature Chairman _____

Name _____

Date _____