



Rand Model Aeronautic Club Bi-Monthly Meeting Minute **31 March 2022 18H00 @The club house**

1. Apologies :Non
2. Attendance: M Botha, H Borchers, R Venter, C Spies, J Alberts, S Kirby, S Fincham, F Van Loggernberg
3. The Chairman welcomed all present and thanked them for their attendance. The Chairman stated that he did not have a copy of the previous meetings minutes. The Secretary sent all members copies of the minutes by e-mail. The Secretary stated that the members obviously felt that the minutes that were of no value since none of the members ever brought these along for reference. The Treasurer stated that minutes had to be kept. The Chairman requested that the minutes be made available to the club members. Procedurally these have to be signed by the Chairman for his acceptance before posting
4. Financial Report

The treasurer tabled the Income statement for the month ending February 2022 and these are included for reference. The treasurer raised concern over the lower than budgeted income from subscriptions due to the lower than budgeted Club member numbers. He mentioned that some income is still outstanding since some members were paying their subs over agreed to periods. He stated that a concerted effort must be made to recruit more members. The treasurer also reported that the advertising boards had not yielded the hoped for response. The Vice Chair stated that the five boards he had hoped to have posted had not materialised since he had been really busy

Variances in expenses with regard to Fuel costs and maintenance on equipment were tabled. The Vice Chairman mentioned that he had been working on getting 5 new members.

As a note and as in the case of the Minutes of the meeting not one of the of the committee members had bothered to download the Financials as reference for discussion
5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman had placed a Club calendar on the notice board. The Calendar was also placed on the RMAC Group on whatsapp. The Chairman has also paid for an account with "Survey Monkey" to send out to all members, requesting member feedback on club issues and events members would like to be involved in.

The Chairman also requested that all new members have photographs taken and a write up published in the newsletter.

The Chairman reported positive feedback from the recent interclub Pylon event held at Barnstormers. There were 15 Sportsman and 15 Standard Quickie entries on the day. This bears testament to the growth in Pylon racing. The Electrics will be revised into two classes and the standards will be formulated. He reported that RMAC had won the Standard Quickie class with only 3 entries.

A discussion ensued over the possible installation of cable from the Motocross track vs the availing of a generator.

6. Vice Chairman's Report

The Vice chair stated that he had very little to report but that he was to get the aeroplanes donated to the field so that he could get some training done with the prospective newcomers. He stated that he had asked the Secretary to assist with training of the 1 mode one pilot. He was also looking to get a prospective helicopter pilot through a competency test to ensure that the prospective pilot would be proficient and ready to fly.

7. Large scale

The Large Scale representative stated that there was very little to report other than the fact that the Large Scale Extravaganza was cancelled and was very poorly organised by the Large Scale Association.

8. Safety Officer

The Safety Officer commented that Full Size aircraft flying over the RMAC airspace at low levels.

The Safety Officer and Chairman stated that pegboards have to be put in place

9. Groundsman

The clubhouse thatch roof needs to be repaired in places

The chairman asked for a quote for thatch repair and for placing Bird wire over affected areas

The treasurer mentioned that the water account was excessive at R2000 when the norm was R600. A leak was found by Samango and the meter at the Paintball point reflects that the consumption was attributable to the Paintball park.

The Groundsman will repair the piping on the newly installed geyser.

The Groundsman mentioned that the chainsaw clutch was faulty. The Chairman asked the groundsman to get a quote to repair the chainsaw.

10. Multirotor representative

The treasurer mentioned that the rental for the drone school had not increased as per the agreement. The Multi rotor representative asked the treasurer to forward the increase request to him to pass on to his management team

11. General

a. Newsletter

The chairman requested that as many of the committee members contribute to the newsletter which is due in April (quarterly as agreed at the last meeting of 2021). All articles to be sent to him as soon as possible

b. Change to constitution and granting RCASA permission to fly at RMAC

The secretary sent to all committee members the proposed changes to the RMAC constitution, to allow RCASA members to fly at RMAC. At The 2022 AGM the members present voted unanimously to make changes to the constitution to allow the above process to happen. Initially the reason for this not happening was that the committee felt that they did not understand the differences in insurance cover of the two ARO's. Having distributed the two policies for perusal to all committee members, it was assumed that this was no longer an issue. At the meeting the Chairman stated that he would not allow RCASA members to fly without also belonging to SAMAA. This was done without putting the decision to a vote or taking the decision to a Special General Meeting. The Secretary then asked the committee members if they had taken the time and trouble to read and study the two insurance policies. The response from the floor was no. The Secretary then asked if the committee member had taken the time to read the Manuals of procedure of both organisations to comprehend the so called differences in standards the Chairman was eluding to. This difference in standards was stated as being the reason for not allowing RCASA members to fly at RMAC. None of the committee had done so. The Secretary then stated that the decision not to allow RCASA members to fly was based on hearsay and not on fact. This process was a gross error in judgement and would have serious consequence to membership. The Chairman then stated that until the differences between the organisations had been sorted out that the club would remain a SAMAA club only.

Accusations made that the Secretary and Large Scale Representative had an agenda to push RCASA. The Secretary and Large scale representative took exception to this statement. The Secretary stated that he merely wished to ensure that a reasonable debate could be had in the above regard that this would have taken place in preparation for that eventuality.

c. LSA Extravaganza

The Chairman stated his displeasure in the lack of support for this event from the LSA members at RMAC. He mentioned that he had egg on his face after meeting with the LSA representatives

Both the Large Scale representative and the Secretary stated the following in trying to correct what appears to be a complete misrepresentation of fact by the Chairman

The Meeting is a public forum and this issue should never have been brought to this forum

The Chairman stated that he could have been informed by the two RMAC committee members that the event was not going to take place. The RMAC Secretary found this statement surprising. He, the Chairman had phoned Stan Fincham to find out why Stan Fincham had told the LSA representative that RMAC no longer wished to host the event. Stan Fincham explained after the Chairman had phoned him and without fact raised his voice on the phone and accused Stan Fincham of something which was not true, that he Stan Fincham had warned the LSA organisation that there would be little or no support from RMAC. The reason for the lack of commitment was based on experiences at the 2021 Nationals and the 2021 Extravaganza

Stan Fincham had a meeting with SAMAA SIG Chairman in December 2021 raising concern that the LSA Chairman had resigned and that he Stan Fincham would be prepared to assist with the affairs of LSA until new Portfolio members could be appointed. The SIG Chairman said that he and the LSA Vice Chairman had everything under control

Stan Fincham also arranged a meeting with The LSA Chairman to explain why he Stan Fincham no longer wished to be part of any LSA organisation.

At both meetings he Stan Fincham had highlighted the need to get the arrangements for Extravaganza started

He, Stan Fincham had a discussion with The LSA Secretary Charl Jooste at RMAC in January 2022 to discuss what help would be needed from the RMAC committee side in order for the event to take place. He Stan Fincham gave Charl Jooste details of caterers and contact numbers of all the previous attendees to the previous Extravaganza. He Stan Fincham also had numerous calls with Charl Jooste to discuss LSA needs

In contrast to the 2021 extravaganza the notification and advertising of the event went out two weeks before the event took place. 2021 and 202 the invites and personal telephone calls as well as advertising went out in the January before the event with reminders every 2 weeks

The RMAC Large Scale representative stated that it was not his event to organise. Further that the LSA Chairman the SAMAA SIG chairman and SAMAA chairman had already made other arrangements and were not going to support the event. If fingers needed pointing it need to be elsewhere The RMAC Large scale representative also stated that The Chairman had decided to have a meeting with the LSA Chairman and Secretary without considering it important to mention and or involve the RMAC Large scale representative in the meeting

The RMAC Secretary informed the meeting of his resignation and left