



# MINUTES OF 2019

## BARNSTORMERS AGM

Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019

SAMAA Offices, Denel Technical Academy, Bonaero Park

### 1. WELCOME

Danie Potgieter welcomed everyone and asked them to help themselves to the drinks and snacks provided. He also invited everyone to join us at the club afterwards to have a social gathering. As we do not have a compliance officer Danie asked John Withers to confirm that we are within the legal requirements for holding the AGM. We will be sticking strictly to the Agenda in the AGM pack as there have been no requests received for additional items. Danie thanked Fiona for the information pack provided.

### 2. NOTICE OF CONVENING MEETING

Notices of the meeting were uploaded on the RC Pilot and Barnstormers CCG group and it was displayed on the Club Notice Board.

### 3. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendees were reminded to sign the attendance register that was being circulated.

Apologies were received from the following members :

Colin Butler

Sean Butler

Roland Suhrmuller

Bert Botha

L J Van Vuuren

Marius Bouwer

Gary McDonough

Rui Martins

Leandro Leite

Chris Parker

Donald Dold

Percy Attfield

We have a total of 23 paid up members who are present and have signed the attendance register which constitutes a quorum. John Withers confirmed we are able to proceed with the AGM as per the conditions set out in our Constitution.

#### **4. MINUTES OF 2018 AGM**

Minutes were proposed by John Withers and seconded by Anthony Bricker.

#### **5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES**

Page 5, item 14. Danie confirmed that after the 2018 AGM the error on the numbering of clause 20 was corrected. Roy Walker advised that he believes part of our Constitution is still illegal and that he believes it will be impossible to change it owing to the fact that in order to do so we need every single member to attend a meeting. He could not remember the clause in dispute however Anthony Bricker and Louis van Rensburg have suggested he address the issue in writing.

Page 6, item 17, Club security. The Committee has fulfilled this request. An alarm has been installed and at present the property is being monitored by CMS security. The alarm system is installed in Wiseman's room and covers a radius of 150m, which covers the area at both ends of the runways. There are also 5 panic buttons which are with Wiseman on site. They are available from him on request whilst flying and for convenience, are attached to lanyards. Wiseman is also under instruction to be around the flying area when members are there so he can keep a lookout for anything unusual.

Page 6, item 18, Club entrance road. The Committee has also fulfilled this request. The road has been graded and humps have been put on the road to assist with drainage during the wet season.

#### **6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

*2019 is an exceptionally special year.*

*My Dad and I became part of the Barnstormers family way back in 1979 – I was 6 years old at the time, and here we are.....40 years later. Even more amazing is the fact that I sit here with two Committee members; 2 Friends that have been there all along namely Collin Butler and Paul Randall!!*

*On that note I would like to start by thanking Paul, Karon and Gareth for the effort they have put in the past year doing Club finances and looking after our Website and social media. Also a huge thank-you to Fiona, our secretary who has the mammoth task of doing the day to day admin, records, agendas, minutes and correspondence.*

*Barnstormers had its fair share of controversy over the years and 2018 was no different with the resignation of our Vice-Chairman and Maintenance officer. I would like to thank Evert for his time and effort on the Committee. In true Barnstormers spirit there will always be someone that rises to the occasion, thanks Colin and Richard for stepping in and taking the reins in these 2 positions.*

*Last but not least, I would like to thank our Gentle Giant Ernie for his dedication over the last 3 years as our Safety officer.*

*From 14-19 July 2018 Keith Renacle and Evert Scholtz participated in the F2B Control Line World Championships in France. Evert achieved 60<sup>th</sup> Position with Keith in 61<sup>st</sup> position. As a team they placed 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 31 nations.*

*The 2018 Fun Fly series was run under the leadership of Greame Finch. Three of our pilots were invited to compete in the Fun Fly Masters in Nelspruit. Roston Dougmore was again crowned National Masters Champion with Daniel Finch in 4<sup>th</sup> Place and Louis Carousin came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Sportsman Class.*

*FPV SA held 3 of their Regional championships at Barnstormers with great success. Thanks to Jaco Henn, for all the hard work, promoting this Discipline.*

*The Chairmans challenge 2018 was by far the highlight event of the year with 28 members joining in and building the Combat Gremlin. Great fun was had by all. Special thanks to Willem who made the delicious potjiekos and to Rob Field for cutting the wings.*

*Barnstormers hosted a glider day to help raise funds for the F3J Glider team and some of our members joined in the activities and tried their hands at some gliding.*

*The Past year we also hosted 2 Glamour events namely the Rocket Mine Drone Day and The SAMAA/CAA Interaction event earlier this year. Thanks to Martinus Potgieter (SAMAA Chairman) for showcasing our facility and our sport to the highest Aviation Authority in the Country. I know we made a lasting impression in the SACAA.*

*Club maintenance and improvements was also high on the Committee's agenda in the past year. We started off by upgrading the Entrance road. The implementation of V-grooves to direct water away from the road, caused some discomfort to some "Rally'-drivers but I think we all got used to the bumps in the road by now.*

*All 3 Runways were finally re-surfaced with 30mm smooth Asphalt in October 2018. Thanks to all involved specially to Rod Parker for all his help and input.*

*The Facia boards and leaking clubhouse roof was addressed, and our lawnmowers are still a constant irritation which I think we need to address this year.*

*We are grateful to have a grounds man like Wiseman who has very quickly learned how to ask for SAMAA and Club membership as well as collecting landing fees. Thanks for the upkeep of the toilet facilities, grass cutting, cleaning of the braai area and general upkeep of the club.*

*We still have a challenge with illegal dumping at the entrance to the club. All members are requested to take down any information like vehicle number plate numbers and report it to the Committee in order to take further steps against the perpetrators.*

*It is with concern that we note that more than 60 of our members have not renewed their Subs or SAMAA membership up to date. If you forgotten please contact the relevant person/s as soon as possible, and rectify this.*

*Club Safety was of great concern to members after the Colin Marshall incident. I am glad to report that we have installed an alarm system with remote panic buttons. Please make use of these when you are alone at the Club.*

*In conclusion I would like to thank all our members for their friendship and camaraderie in 2018 and may we take Barnstormers to new heights in 2019.*

## **7. TREASURERS REPORT**

*This report contains information for the period ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019*

*Total cash available is R150069.46 which is made up as follows;*

*Cheque Account – R136641.88*

*Call Account - R8534.98 (28<sup>th</sup> February)*

*Petty Cash – R4892.60*

*Interest Rate is 4.5% PA (Call Account)*

*(After looking at our proposed budget this year we must look at putting any excess funds into a better interest bearing account.*

*The books were sent to the accounting firm (FINSEC) who are a reputable accounting and financial services company, copies of the figures are available at this AGM as well as on request. In terms of the constitution the members may elect a member of the club to inspect and report on these figures and this will be put to a vote at this meeting.*

INCOME

*Fee structure for 2019/2020 was set at R1350.00 with an “Early Bird” price of R1200, so if you paid before the 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 you qualified for the discount and this meant no membership increase for these members. Notice of this special was placed on all social media sites, website and at the club by way of notice.*

*The “Student” program allows for any junior (<18 years of age) to fly and make use of our facilities at no charge. We have a few youngsters taking advantage of this scheme. Most are these members have an adult who is a full member with a few who do not. This program was launched to get “new blood” into the club. Club cards are only printed once for these members and are not re-printed each year. The same rules apply to these members as for the full member including the requirement to have SAMAA.*

*Several members also took advantage of making payments UPFRONT for the year and by doing so also took advantage of the early bird promotion. Members are reminded of the credit/debit cards facilities at the club for membership and other fees.*

*Landing fees collected amounted to R6100.00*

*No air show was held during 2018. The 2017 air show added significant money to the clubs account last year. The budget is based on at least 1 air show for this year.*

EXPENSES

*Our municipal account is in credit (R2225.59) – monthly fees of R604.38 for the clubs account*

*Mowers, weed eaters and bush whacker are maintained and serviced regularly (via Agents for the equipment or reputable outlets), however this year we saw even more breakdowns and some expensive repairs. The equipment is old and we are seeing more breakdowns despite the maintenance and servicing and we would need to consider replacing 1 or more units soon as reported last year. (sell off unsuitable equipment first)*

*Fuel and oil costs for this equipment remain one of our largest expenses, especially during the summer when we cut the grass weekly. Fuel expenses are in line with last year despite fuel price increases.*

*This year we redid the runways (as agreed at the last AGM), This almost depleted the call account (Balance as mentioned in the pre-amble is R8534.98)*

*We also attended to the following;*

- 1. Club House Ceiling*
- 2. Septic Tank Drained*
- 3. Contractor Hired to Cut perimeter grass (our lawnmowers are not suited to this rough terrain)*
- 4. Alarm System with armed response*

A CCTV system was also donated to the club (By Commercial Audio) and only needs to be installed.

Finally

*It is my suggestion that we do not increase the membership fees for next year and that we peg (2019/2020/2021) the fees at R1200.00 as this amount will ensure that we are able to run the club whilst maintaining a healthy balance for unforeseen equipment breakages and or repairs. This would assume that membership remains at the current number and that new members are signed up at the same rate as last year. In addition this would mean that we have at least one air show during 2019 and that non club events (i.e. use of the airfield for events) are charged at R100.00 per competing pilot if the event is a regional type event or a fixed amount if a business/organisation requires use of the field. Several events were held on the clubs premises with no financial gain for the club and at the same time preventing members from flying on those days.*

Paul has suggested that we need to look at all the event applications for events and take the opportunity to make additional income with catering.

Attached to the info pack is a copy of the 32 day call account together with the Ekurhuleni statement and the 2019/20 Budget. Income is derived from Membership fees, donations, landing fees, airshows and events. A forecast amount has been allocated to August for the proposed 2019 Warbirds/Airshow. If we keep our expenses as per the budget and with the proposed event income we are expecting a surplus at the end of the year in the region of R45 000.00.

Expenses for the year are made up of the monthly municipal lease fee, wages, oil and fuel, maintenance, cleaning, alarm monitoring and the once off at the beginning of the year for membership cards.

The financials for the year ending 28 February 2019 produced by Finsec Services are also attached.

On the Income/Expenditure Statement the annual website fee of R2180.00 has been allocated to Telephones. The increase in maintenance is due mainly to equipment maintenance.

Everyone was asked if there were happy with the figures by the Auditors and were asked if anyone would like to audit them. Nobody has asked for this option therefore we take it that the produced accounts are acceptable.

#### **8. AGENDA POINTS RAISED BY CLUB MEMBERS**

None

#### **9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

There was no objection to using Finsec Services again for the year 2019/2020

## **10. HONOURARY MEMBERS**

Those members were nominated for Honourary Membership in 2018 are once again nominated in 2019. Danie proposed that Gareth Randall who does our website and social media and is no longer a member of the club be nominated for honorary membership. Both of these proposals were voted on and received a unanimous decision in agreement.

## **11. ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE**

Danie Potgieter asked John Withers to chair the election of the new Committee. The following Committee members were proposed and accepted their positions. Therefore the 2019/2020 Barnstormers Committee will be as follows :

CHAIRMAN	Danie Potgieter
VICE CHAIRMAN	Roland Suhrmuller
TREASURER	Paul Randall
SECRETARY	Fiona Graham
SAFETY OFFICER	Ernst van der Toorn
PRO	Stefan Jacobs
MAINTENANCE OFFICER	Richard Castignani

Danie informed members that we are looking for someone to fill the newly created position of Compliance Officer. His job would include being responsible for any constitutional queries and to attend our meetings to ensure that we are working within the regulations of our Constitution. John Withers was proposed and accepted the position.

The meeting was closed by Danie Potgieter at 15:05