

Minutes For SSA Meeting JANUARY 2015

Attendance Register			1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Name of Committee Member	Abbreviation	Committee		18 June 2014		27 Jan 2015
Warren Hitchcock	WH	AE	P	A		A
Julie Teague	JT	AE	P	P		P
Ria Moothlal	RM	AE	A	A		P (skype)
Jacqui Coetzee	JC	CP	P	P		P
Mike Teague	MT	CP	P	P		P
Chris Teague	CT	CP	P	P		P
Liza Hietbrink	LH	FS	P	A		P (skype)
Mohan Chudalayandy	MC	FS	P	A		P
Rainer Coetzee	RC	FS	P	P		P
Peter Annandale	PA	CF	A	A		A
Graham Field	GF	CF	A	A		P
Rogan Maclean	RMC	CF	A	A		A
Oliver Nöthen	ON	WS	P	P		P (skype)
Eugene Potgieter	EP	WS	A	A		A
Hendri Liebenburg	HL	WS	A	P		A
Dirk Venter	DV	Judge	A	P		P
Paul Marcellin	PM	SAP	P	A		P
Erik Vligenthart	EV	SAP	A	A		A
Annelie Hoeksema	AE	SAP	A	A		A

P = Present A = Apologies X = Absent - = Not Required

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Neeve Oosthuizen (PASA Admin)	Per e-mail	
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No	Item	Responsible & Deadline
1	Feedback on SAP Nationals	
1.1	Despite various requests, there has been no written feedback from Simba. He says he is waiting on Joos for the financials.	
1.2	<p>Simba gave verbal feedback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 14 entrants who completed 6 rounds. • The objective of brining the sport to the public was definitely achieved. The beach was made into a temporary drop zone, so that there were often bystanders. Unfortunately being at the coast meant it was often very windy, resulting in the competition eventually being held outside of FAI parameters. • Hosting Nationals during a boogie means that there is often a good crowd, and also an existing infrastructure to leverage which certainly helps from an organisational point of view. It would just be doubtful that Accuracy itself should be hosted coastally in future as it is just way too windy. • Having expanded the FAI rules to make it easier for novice participants, this encouraged participation. However, it did create a discrepancy at results time, as depending on how the scores were taken (FAI vs expanded rules), gold & silver were reversed. • A dispute was lodged and the jury voted to judge on FAI rules. JC reminded all to minute how these decisions are reached as per the Nationals Controller Handbook. FAI rules should always prevail. 	
1.3	Simba promised feedback in a written report by 10 February 2015 latest.	PM
2.	Asset List	
2.1	This needs to be updated by Friday 30 January 2015. There are clear issues / updates necessary with FS Trophies, Wing Suiting and Accuracy in particular.	PM / ON / MC
2.2	JC said that she was aware that there was also broken equipment in Accuracy and that the whereabouts and condition needs to be reported on ASAP. She suggested that the equipment be housed at JT's house as a central point. PM said that this was something that he would like to discuss with the SSA Exec privately.	PM
3.2	DV said that he doesn't have the FS 4 way trophy. MC to check where it is and update register.	MC
3.3	The purchasing of an oxygen supply system was discussed. This comes in at roughly R15,000 for a 4 way breather, and is necessary for any big ways / record attempts, as well as for both AE and FS at Nationals. JC noted that we do have in excess of R160,000 saved and that we should motivate for this purchase. Comparable quotes need to be sourced. JT noted that it would be ideal if this could be purchased before Nationals in Rustenburg this year. GF to source 3 comparable quotes. JT to motivate purchase to the NEDS.	GF/ JT

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4	CP Funding	
4.1	CP plan to use their skills camp budget to bring out a FAI judge in order to train 8 new judges at this year's Nationals.	
4.2	Ideally there need to be two FAI judges, and JT & JC are going to speak to Debbie.	JT & JC
4.3	JC confirmed that the event has been added to the FAI calendar and therefore records can be broken and confirmed. CT to send out personal invitations to the Dubai Team, Ian Drennan etc.	CT
5.	New Incoming Committee	
5.1	JC explained that the current committees would remain in place until the AGM. This will be happening in the month of February. Before then, each existing committee needs to complete a Budget and Activity Plan report to sum up the year. This needs to be presented at the AGM. The incoming committees then need to present their budget & activity plan for 2015/16.	
5.2	The incoming committee also needs to vote in a new SSA executive. Someone on the executive needs to be available to be on the Management Committee of PASA. JC to conduct this vote among the incoming committee.	JC
6.	Final Budgets	
6.2	It was noted that there is still a lot of cash which remains unspent at the financial year-end – R70,000 – R75 000. There are several events being planned for February and before Nationals, and so this figure is not final.	
6.3	It was suggested that it be investigated if unspent cash can be put into a kitty for all disciplines to be able to apply to draw from for unusual events. Anything over R5K would need to be approved by the MC. Cash which has been set aside to save for IPC travel / equipment purchase etc would not be forfeited in this way. JT to investigate with Dennis Cohen in terms of the Constitution.	JT
6.4	JC said that there were questions raised about the impartiality of the SSA executive given that they serve on certain committees. Perhaps we could elect an Executive outside of serving committee members. PM noted that any impartiality issues etc could be taken up with the NEDS and ultimately the MC. JT to investigate with Dennis Cohen in terms of the Constitution.	JT Next meeting
7.	New Medals	
6.6	We currently pay R17 per medal, and new medals come in at between R40 and R70 each. It was noted that this was quite a big expense and perhaps the idea of new medals should be shelved. JT reminded everyone that the new medals would be for FAI events exclusively, including guest teams. This makes the overall costs significantly cheaper. RC to investigate and report back. Glass medals seem popular.	RC 17 February 2015
8.	Sport Skydiving Statistics	
8.1	JC Said that Dennis Cohen will be setting up a copyright notice on all stats given to drop zones. This is to protect proprietary information which belongs to PASA and to ensure it is only used with authorisation from the Management Council.	
8.2	A discussion was held regarding the global trend towards more tandems and fewer fun jumpers. RM is going to analyse this wholly so that we can identify countries where this is perhaps not the norm, and learn from them in terms of how to promote the sport.	
8.3	It was noted that a tandem levy was put into place years ago, and that this was meant to be put towards growing the sport. There is a pilot programme in place which has allocated R15,000 towards a development plan for a Transformation and Development pilot project being driven by Skydive Robertson. SASCOC has indicated in the past that T&D programmes are required from all air sport sections that fall under the Aero Club and the absence of such T&D programmes may result in sections being prevented from international competition. PASA has not had the manpower before now to put together a development plan so this will act as our pilot programme which PASA hopes to roll out to other drop zones.	
8.4	As MT explained the tandem fee is R15 per tandem, which is meant to be the temporary PASA membership for which a fist jump student (static line or AFF) needs to pay R40. When a DZ achieves 1,000 tandems for the year, they no longer pay this fee – so in effect the fee is up to a maximum of R15,000 per drop zone.	
8.5	It was agreed that it would be in the sport's best interest to increase the number of fun jumpers. There were many ideas regarding how this could happen: for instance charging ALL tandems a R40 fee (in line with what we charge sports students) and using this cash to promote the sport, possibly using an external marketing company. Another idea was that the tandem fee could be charged as a ratio of tandem jumps; in other words 100% tandem operations pay R40 per passenger where DZ's where only 50% of the descents are tandems pay R20 per passenger – this would hopefully encourage all DZ's to promote the sport.	

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8.6	A task team was established, headed up by PM and with JT assisting in terms of communication and RM assisting in terms of analysing current and global trends, as it is necessary to approach PASA / ADZO with this. MT needs to be consulted as there is a history here in terms of similar ideas being discussed several years ago which were decided upon by all and voted on at the AGM, but failed to be implemented.	Date to be confirmed PM JT RM MT
9.	Nationals 2015	
9.1	JT and LH are the combined Nationals Controller for Nationals 2015. JC is still in the country and said she would be assisting should there be any questions. JC to send the Controller Document to both JT and LH.	JC
9.2	GF said that Bulletin 1 is ready to be sent out and asked who would send this. JC said it needs to be sent to the Nationals Controllers for Approval but that PASA is responsible for distributing.	
9.3	GF said that there has been an increase in the cost of hiring the planes through the Angel Trust, but that the organisers will be absorbing this cost. That said, if there are any other significant new costs in terms of fuel etc, this will need to be incorporated into the jump ticket price.	
9.4	GF said that there are only 3 serviceable Angels at this stage and this means it's very likely that RSC will be using the Angel currently flying at WSC for Nationals.	
9.5	GF asked about using the PASA logo on Nationals T-Shirts etc. JC said that this could only be done with the approval of the Nationals Controller. JT said to send designs to her for approval. JT to source corporate ID (colours etc) and send in high resolution to GF.	JT
9.5	GF reported that they have already received R50K in donations due to hosting the Nationals, and that this is being used to upgrade ablutions. There may also be a contribution from the local government and if this comes through it will be reflected in a lower registration fee.	
9.6	GF asked who arranges for pool cameramen. This is usually done by WH. GF to liaise directly with WH.	
9.	IPC	
9.1	It was decided that we should be sending a delegate to the 2016 IPC. JC is our current delegate and has her finger on the pulse of the happenings there. She is happy to remain our delegate even though she will be moving to Australia. We need to budget R24,000 in total for this. Some committees would already have accrued this. Those who haven't should.	ALL