



Minutes of the Sport Skydivers Association Meeting Wednesday 17 May 2017, 19h00

Location: The Station, 63 Peter Place, Bryanston

Chairperson: Mike Teague

Present:

Mike Teague (MT)
Graham Field (GF)
Gert-Louis Gloei Cilliers (GC)
Paul Simba Marcellin (PM)
Michael Walker (MW)

Apologies

Amy Shaw (AS)
Maryke Prinsloo (MP)
Angie Pierry-Sharman (AMP)
Matteo Pagani (MP)
Carmen van Vuuren (CvV)
Greg Waspe (GW)
Dylan Hemer (DH)
Oliver Nöthen (ON)
Dirk Venter (DV)
Warren Hitchcock (WH)

Proceedings

1. Attendance register
2. Meeting quorum of $\frac{2}{3}$ of disciplines represented. No one from AE attending meeting.

Matters from previous meeting

1. MT apology last minutes not sent out. Changes needed to be made to minutes regarding Aero Club fees.
2. Aero Club
GF there is a huge drive from Aero Club to understand and figure out how to add more value to its members. Aero Club are also undergoing a lot of changes.
GC spoke to Louise (SAHPA) confirmed 3rd party cover is not via Aero Club, GC getting details of underwriter.
GF to ask for 3rd party insurance from Aero Club, feedback to SSA as conversation develops.
3. PM presentation on new jumpers getting into the sport was not ready at the time of the meeting, still on his to do tasks.
4. 3 or Less Competitors in a Nationals Event
Each discipline was meant to discuss and come back with solutions from the first SSA meeting, no solutions were brought to the table.

GC Wing-suiting are still figuring out the options.

AE Event Nationals intermediate competitors got medals and open (FAI) didn't, intermediate should not have gotten medals.

MT - feedback / suggestion that medal is awarded based on performance, suggest judges at event evaluate based on other competitions, also team must be registered before closing date of entries.

All disciplines to come back with suggestion for next meeting.

5. Last year's budget figures

MT figures were wrong, spoke to Neeve and figures have now been corrected.

MW - FS to sort out DVD (Cat2 stuff) by next meeting & deVilliers price sorted out.

6. Committee Structure

MT if no continuing member there must be formal meeting with minutes as handover to new committee.

7. Documents

PM has sent updated docs to Neeve for Style and Accuracy.

GC wing-suiting has updated paragraph GC to follow up if it's been submitted.

Other committees nothing done, other committees to check and make changes asap.

8. Asset register

SAP and wing-suiting have replied. MW to compile and sent to Neeve.

9. New Jumpers

Disciplines to come back with suggestions on how to attract new jumpers to the sport.

GF from MC meeting T&D (transformation and development) money available from Aero Club for this, suggestion get someone with A licence to develop further and possibly canopy for show jumps.

GF not only ADZO members are involved in making decision on how T&D money to be spent GF wants SSA input into how money is spent and used. Disciplines to think about it and come up with suggestions.

MT SASCOC requires some PDI (prev. disadvantaged person) into sport.

MT to put out question to Aero Club to find out what are the requirements for hosting world champs or representing at a world champs. MT will go via Neeve to find out.

10. Voting rights on MC

MC meeting - SSA to engage with members with strong views and bring feedback back to MC.

MT SSA to engage members and bring feedback to SSA who then take it to MC.

MT will discuss with 2 who have expressed grievances.

SSA must decide if working group is a good idea.

GF MC getting structured better, minutes and regular meetings.

New Matters

1. Nationals Report

MT well done to GF and Rustenburg for a great meet.

MT nationals reports good and true reflection of meet.

MT all committee agree Rustenburg to get next nationals for next year.

GF feedback, time of year good but possibly not on weekend of Afrikburn, suggestion from GF to make nationals on Easter weekend for 2018.

MT for GF to decide when nationals date is for final and come back to SSA with final dates.

MT have to notify SASCO 6 months before event.

MT noted smaller DZ's might not be able to commit to a 2 year bid and are therefore excluded from running nationals for 2 years.

PM this is possibly not an issues and small clubs could be putting in bids for 2019 so should bids for 2019 be called for now?

MT risk is that in the 2nd year costs could soar.

MT running year to year possibly had better control over nationals.

Discussion between MT, GF and PM robust discussion around merits of giving bids far in advance.

MT DZ's not happy with what's happening, JSC not happy, MT overheard from discussions.

GC can we get formal grievances, concerns from clubs and then evaluate that against the scoring card.

GC propose action get more details of concerns from DZ's and then SSA can evaluate.

MT hearsay that one DZ couldn't put in bid for 2 years, other issue with closing date.

SSA to re-evaluate the 2 years bid but let the current 2 year bid continue run out, can possibly change it back to 1 year once the concerns are heard and the pros and cons unpacked further.

2. MT for Nationals we need to understand and get answers why competitor numbers were so low.

GC Nationals is expensive.

GF skydiving has changed from competitive to people more just having fun, money also tight for people.

All agree skydiving has changed, money is tighter and leave is often an issue.

MT goes back to excitement in coaching.

MT certain people are drivers of skydiving.

PM virtual competition was great and competition spawns competition. Something valuable in virtual competition to further investigate.

PM various committees to look into virtual comps.

MT how do we make nationals our premier prestige event of the year?

Other Items

1. PM money donated to special fund possible event Style & Accuracy want to host.

MT any committee can put proposal to SSA then apply for funding from special funds SSA discuss and approve etc.

2. PM maybe investigate oxygen system for all skydiving.

GF Mike Rumble has details of system but it's expensive.

Next meeting: Set for Wed 23 August 2017 7pm to 10pm