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SAHPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes

Location: via Zoom

When: 28 September 2022

Meeting Leader: Pete Wallenda

Secretary: Louise Liversedge

SAHPA Committee members Present: Brett Ellis, Steve Burd, Kev Storie, Basjan van Heerden, Lennox Olivier, L Stanford and SAHPA Members as per the attendance register.

1.	Welcome P Wallenda welcomed the members. Votes will be counted during the meeting and announced at the end of the meeting.	P Wallenda
2.	Apologies No apologies received.	L Liversedge
3.	Minutes of previous AGM Meeting No changes – Approved by: John Henderson. Seconded by Basjan Van Heerden	
4.	Chairman Report Upgrading to the new SAHPA database and will substantially reduce the workload in SAHPA. It will be operational hopefully in November but will be soon. For the newcomers L Liversedge is the Ops manager and office hours is Mon to Friday 8-1pm. Steady progress has been made on the SAHPA website and is our communication channel. Instructor seminar was held in 2022 and SAHPA had an internal audit and SAHPA was given a finding. A Corrective Action Plans were done to ensure that processes follow due process. The audit is there to ensure that when SACAA does come to audit, SAHPA is ready. Schools have also submitted their CAPS. The SACAA licence cards have been printed but SACAA had to resolve back to paper licences as they ran out of card. This will be replaced in due course. Turnaround time remains a challenge. Waiting time is 2 and 6 weeks. Aero Club membership: SAHPA no longer collects the Aero Club or FAI membership fees for renewals. New applications - The fee still included which is paid over to Aero Club monthly. Renewals: All renewals are to be done directly, by the pilot, to the Aero Club. All competitive pilots must be current with their Aero Club and FAI Sporting licence.	P Wallenda

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	<p>A new Era will start with SAHPA whereby once all the DTO's are in place, SAHPA will be going back to the way it was originally. SAHPA will remain but will not be burdened in the commercial side.</p> <p>Thanks to the SAHPA Committee and the members for all the support and specifically to the committee for all their hard work and effort put in over these past years. it has been a long 4 years with many changes. P Wallenda will remain on as vice chairman.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Sectional report Paragliding</p> <p>PG rep is a supporting role in SAHPA. Feedback for the following will be covered by K Storie -safety L Liversedge - membership</p> <p>J Henderson thanked the committee for the support and hard work. J Henderson will be stepping down as he will be travelling a lot and wont be able to commit fully on this portfolio.</p> <p>In summary: Part 106 implementation was being dealt with and the process continues.</p> <p>Social: Challenges were identified where there has been a drop in pilots after completing their course. The 2 components in overcoming this problem is the club structure and competitions.</p> <p>Gatskop was moved closer to Cape Town and the organisers worked extremely hard in getting the launch ready intime. This was a huge success. 72 pilots attended and booked again in 2023 to include heritage day in 2023 to make it a 3 day event as pilots said it was too short. Well done to the Glen club and the organisers, there was a slight profit made on the Gatskop.</p> <p>Porterville Pre PWC will be held in December. KBK club and organisers are working hard at finalising the event.</p> <p>M De Klerk and organisers will be holding the Barberton comp in 2023. This is a good competition for newer pilots.</p> <p>Request the members to support these competitions.</p> <p>J Henderson would like to urge the new members to join clubs. This is a good mentorship way for pilots completing their course and moving into an intermediate or more advance phases and getting involved in fly aways, etc to maintain, and improve skills.</p> <p>J Henderson wish the new committee well.</p>	<p>J Henderson</p>
	<p>Sectional report Hang Gliding</p> <p>Covid and a fatality 2 years ago HG took a knock. Currently only 3 active instructors.</p> <p>Training will continue and SAHPA is still supporting HG.</p> <p>Aviators Paradise is in the process of closing down and Thermal Riders in Gauteng is no longer active. The members are still flying however all training will mainly be happening in the Cape area.</p> <p>Hope to see a revival in Hang Gliding and in the training side of the sport. L Olivier remains positive that the sport will grow.</p> <p>L Olivier will remain on in SAHPA as the HG Rep with the assistance of E Van Dijk.</p>	<p>L Olivier</p>

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	<p>Sectional report Powered section</p> <p>Safety – No fatalities and only 1 serious accident in KZN earlier this year.</p> <p>Lots of get togethers/ Fly aways have happened over the year as well as speed runs.</p> <p>The 1st PPG boogie in 12 years was held and was a huge success. The flying wasn't the best as the weather could have been better, but a lot of fun was had regardless. 40 pilots were present.</p> <p>Hopefully in 2023 there will be another boogie and other events.</p> <p>Pilots were also involved in displays at the AAD this year.</p> <p>Good luck to the new team going ahead. Thanked the current committee for all the hard work.</p>	B Van Heerden
6.	<p>Financials</p> <p>In the past 4 years SAHPA is doing well. Have managed to keep the SAHPA fees at the same fee. Only the Aero Club and SACAA fees were increased as per their increments.</p> <p>As per the balance sheet 3,3 million in the current year. Revenue is based membership. A The 1.4 has increased to 1.6 is due to members renewing again after Covid.</p> <p>Interest received has decreased due to reductions of interest rates.</p> <p>Competition – in 2020 was Nil due to Covid and in 2021 is 73K. This went toward competition sponsorships.</p> <p>Consulting /professional fees is quite high in 2021 but this mainly from the Database design and will also be high in 2022.</p> <p>Insurances as this based on a timing issue and therefore explains the fluctuation.</p> <p>SACAA fees was 283K and this 447K – SACAA increased their fees as follows:</p> <p>Initial went from R 550 to R 580, upgrade from R 370 to R390 and renewals went from R430 to R900 to cover the biennial licence structure.</p> <p>Subscriptions also increased due to changing Microsoft packages upgraded from home to business packages as well as licence fees pertaining to the website.</p> <p>Profit for the year decreased from 369K to 135K but have still managed to increase our cash. Liabilities has increased just offsetting the SACAA fees that still need to be paid over.</p> <p>SAHPA is in a good position and have done well over the past 4 years. SAHPA would like to thank the committee for being frugal.</p> <p>Although the money is there SAHPA is open to projects and proposals on initiatives that can be looked at to promote and grow the recreational side.</p>	S Burd
7.	<p>SAHPA Website</p> <p>Incredible amount of work been put in on the processes and the database.</p> <p>Communication- SAHPA has made a lot of effort on the improving the communication side. In the past few months there were 54 announcements.</p> <p>There are still a few areas where we can still improve but working towards more avenues of communication for example, email, WhatsApp and web based. Communication has</p>	L Stanford

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	<p>also problematic because of the new POPI Act as well as other legislation and regulations and we want to make sure that SAHPA remains compliant.</p> <p>L Stanford is the only person who is not a committee member and thanked the members and the committee for all the support.</p>	
8.	<p>SAHPA Membership</p> <p>Currently 707 current members and is broken down as follows:</p> <p>PG = 588, HG= 39, PPG= 190, PHG = 11, PPC = 24, PPT = 26. 65 Instructors and 71 TFI's. 102 Current students</p> <p>Updated Id/passport photos are requested by SACAA- This is so that the photo can be printed on the new licences.</p> <p>SAHPA office is still receiving a lot of incomplete application and renewal packs. This delays the process and becomes problematic. Although it has improved, we do ask that more attention is put in when submitting the paperwork (proof of payments are attached, documents are signed off by an instructor, skill tests are submitted is licence expired longer than 3 months ago or the skill requirements haven't been met, etc).</p> <p>SACAA Rand Airport branch has closed. All the staff have moved to Midrand and collection of bulk licences is only allowed on a Tuesday and Thursday.</p> <p>Pilots who have the credit card licenses can access the SACAA licence portal.</p> <p>SAHPA office will be closed over December. L Liversedge urge all members to get their renewals in early November as December is a chaotic time and licences get delayed and may only be processed in January.</p> <p>Even though a lot of communications go out, P Wallenda urges all pilots to read the emails or go on the website regularly to familiarise themselves with the communications A lot of communications are sent but are not being read by the members.</p>	L Liversedge
9.	<p>Regulations</p> <p>Since this time last year to date there has been 108 incidents and accidents and 2 fatalities. The majority are in the WC and SC.</p> <p>A new site has come up for safety concerns and that is Hermanus. A few more incidents have been happening at this site.</p> <p>In regards to PG there were 98 accidents. TFI's have been reporting their incidents. Based on the amount of hours/ flights there has been an improvement and K Storie commended them on this.</p> <p>K Storie will be stepping down and thank the committee for all the support and assisting.</p>	K Storie
10.	<p>SAHPA Committee 2022 elections</p> <p>The SAHPA results are as follows:</p> <p>353 Votes received.</p> <p>Ronnie Beukes 137 Votes</p> <p>Louis Stanford 158 Votes</p> <p>29 duplicate votes - (voted with a 2nd vote coming in)</p>	

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	<p>29 Spoilt votes – (not current members)</p> <p>Congratulations to Louis Stanford who will become the SAHPA chairman as from 29 September 2022.</p>	
	<p>L Stanford as the new chairman-</p> <p>Thanked the committee and all the people involved in counting the votes.</p> <p>Hope fully can take SAHPA to a new level.</p> <p>P Wallenda as outgoing chairman –</p> <p>Thanked Ronnie for standing and all the members for attending the AGM.</p> <p>SAHPA will be without a Safety officer as of tonight as no one has stepped forward to take this position. SAHPA awaits feedback from SACAA on the process going forward.</p>	
	<p>Meeting adjourned</p>	