



MINUTES OF SAC AGM, HELD ON 26 JUNE 2024, VIA ZOOM

Present: Quintin Hawthorne, Annie Boon, Cliff Lotter, Warren Eva, Ingmar Bezuidenhout, Natalie Stark, Mike Stark, Trevor Warner, Laszlo Liskay, Mark Hensman, Barrie Eeles, De Villiers Visser, Elton Bondi, Gary Glasson, Helmut Ludwig, Ian Beeton, Jason Beamish, Machiel du Plessis, Mitch Hill, Nigel Hopkins, Roger Deare, Tristan Eeles.

Having constituted a quorum, the meeting commenced.

1. Welcome

The Chairman, Warren Eva, welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked the members for attending.

2. Apologies

Andrew Blackwood-Murray, Conrad Botha, Patrick Davidson, Kayle Wooll, Eugene du Preez, Leigh Le Gonidec, Derek Bird, Charles Urban.

Six proxies were handed in.

3. Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were proposed by Laszlo Liskay and seconded by Mitch Hill.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Quintin Hawthorne, presented the Finance Report.

(See attached 31 May 2024)

- Membership Subscription income down by 28%
- Contest Entry income and expenses increased because of more contests, despite low entries at each.
- Judges Travel and Accommodation increased by 37%.
- SAC had also contributed R15k towards kit for the team that competed at WAAC.
- The total income up until the end of June was R90k
- While the expenses were R213k, leaving a net effect of negative R122k.
- The SAC balance at the end of May is R234k.
- Decision made to increase entry fees to R1000 per day.
- Subs will also increase for 2025. The subs increase was supported by Elton and seconded by Laszlo. Barrie asked if we could have less judges at contests, because if we only have 5 entries, we will run at a loss.
- Sponsorships and Fundraisers will need to be considered going forward as well.
- The idea of an SAC airshow was discussed, and at the end of the day the SAC could reasonably only expect to make approx. R50k, lots of work, little return.

- Annie mentioned the cost of subs & entry fees for other sports, and that SAC has a very low subs and entry fees by comparison.
- Annie suggested a golf day fundraiser, which had been a big success in the past, when everyone chipped in to help.
- Barrie and Nigel supported the Golf Day idea, with Nigel saying if we could get 18 holes sponsored at R5k per hole, we are already making good money.
- Nigel said that AirShow SA has subs of R1k, and we could possibly have a 2-tier membership for SAC. One for active members, and one for non-active members. If we compare it to Avgas, where we are paying R1k for 30L.
- Helm raised that the overriding thought is that we are the feeder system for airshows.
- Helm offered to speak to Chris Leat and others, to discuss possible sponsorships.
- The Treasurer's report was proposed by Annie Boon and seconded by Laszlo and Barrie.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Warren Eva, gave his report, thanking everyone who had made the effort to attend. He noted that there had been lots of positive input over the past year, and that it had also been an interesting year, with an average of 10 to 12 pilots per contest. Three of our pilots and two of our judges attended WAAC.

He noted that Helm, Bugs and Elton were stepping down from the committee, and he thanked them for all their years of support and guidance on the committee.

The SAC also has a new fun development called The Bald Eagles, which is being headed up by Mark Hensman.

Warren's Yak52 (ZS-AMC) is now being syndicated, whereby members can buy a share and get into aerobatics. He has already sold 5 shares, and is confident that this will now help solve the barrier to entry for aerobatics.

He said that while the contests had been relatively quiet, there is still great enthusiasm for the sport. It's not just a sport, it's our passion.

We had 2 audits by the CAA, and both were great.

We have 5 new graduates.

Warren thanked his committee, and in particular Quintin, Annie and Ingmar, for their constant commitment and support.

He ended by saying he is looking forward to a great year of aerobatics.

6. Chief Judges Report

Quintin Hawthorne gave us the Chief Judges report.

Since the 2023 Nationals, there have been six convened contests around the country to date compared to just two in 2022/2023. We've been fortunate to have had a regular core of judges in attendance at most of these, viz. Johnie and Tersia Smith, Laszlo Liskay, Nadine Brooker, Maritza Boswell, TK Nicholson and Mike Stark. It was also great to see Helm Ludwig back in action following his medical challenges. We have been fortunate too to have a Ricky Fouche as the regular videographer on site too. A huge thank you to these people for volunteering their time to our contests.

The scores have been *mostly* consistent, and in the odd cases where anomalies were observed, these have *mostly* been corrected by the CIVA scoring software. It must be noted that the scoring programme will only be able to normalise the scores if there are at least 3 pilots and 3 judges in a category, otherwise scores are calculated on raw averages.

Three SA judges officiated at international championships in the past year;

- European Unlimited: Q Hawthorne and Laszlo Liskay
- World Advanced: Laszlo Liskay and Johnie Smith
- Sky Grand Prix: Q Hawthorne, Johnie Smith, Laszlo Liskay and Mike Stark.

A Judging School is planned to be convened prior to the 2024 Nationals.

7. CIVA Report

The Civa Report was done by Quintin Hawthorne

- WAC 2024 will go ahead in Zamosc, Poland from 14 – 26 August this year, despite reservations of risks posed due to its close proximity to the Ukraine border. The current provisional entry list indicates that an acceptable number of pilots will participate.
- The same entry scenario applies to the 2024 European Advanced and Intermediate Championships to be held in Romania in September.
- Combined category championships appear to be gaining popularity, due its cost saving formula. The glider aerobatic community have been hosting combined category events for many years now.
- A new competition category between Advanced and Unlimited has been mooted and a test event will be held in tandem with WAC in Poland this year. It essentially replicates the 'Excellence' format from France.
- There was a negative response to the 2023 Advanced Championship organisation in Las Vegas, with a formal CIVA rebuke.
- There was a significant lower number of pilot entries at the 2023 championships. Russia and Belarus continue to be excluded from international FAI competitions.
- Q Hawthorne will be Chief Judge at WAC 2024, assisted by Laszlo Liskay.
- Q Hawthorne elected Vice President of CIVA and member of the Judging Committee.

Helm had a question about, PZs and Quintin stated that they are no longer part of the judging repertoire.

8. Election of Committee

The current SAC Committee members are:

Warren Eva (Chairman & Northern Gauteng Rep)

Ingmar Bezuidenhout (Vice Chairman & Limpopo – Phalaborwa Rep)

Annie Boon (Secretary)

Quintin Hawthorne (Chief Judge & Treasurer & CIVA Rep)

Natalie Stark (Registrar)

Cliff Lotter (NW Rep)

Mitch Hill (EC Rep)

Machiel du Plessis (Free State Rep) Roger Deare (KZN Rep)

Kayle Woolle (Limpopo – Bela-bela Rep)

Helm Ludwig (WC Rep)

Mike Stark

Elton Bondi

Mark Hensman

Patrick Davidson

Jason Beamish

As per paragraph 11 of the SAC Constitution, the following members have to retire from service on the committee (after serving 3 consecutive years), but are automatically available for re-election:

Quintin Hawthorne, Annie Boon, Mark Hensman, Elton Bondi, Cliff Lotter, Mike Stark, Helm Ludwig, and Natalie Stark.

Then, Warren Eva, Mitch Hill, Machiel du Plessis, Roger Deare, Ingmar Bezuidenhout, Kayle Woolle, Patrick Davidson and Jason Beamish have also agreed to stay on the committee for another year.

The following committee members will be stepping down: Mark Hensman, Helm Ludwig and Elton Bondi.

Barrie Eeles offered to come back onto the committee for a specific role, that being to grow the sport through a mentorship program, which he is willing to head up.

The New 2024/25 SAC committee:

Warren Eva (Chairman & Northern Gauteng Rep)
Ingmar Bezuidenhout (Vice Chairman & Limpopo – Phalaborwa Rep)
Annie Boon (Secretary)
Quintin Hawthorne (Chief Judge & Treasurer & CIVA Rep)
Natalie Stark (Registrar)
Cliff Lotter (NW Rep)
Mitch Hill (EC Rep)
Machiel du Plessis (Free State Rep)
Roger Deare (KZN Rep)
Kayle Woolle (Limpopo – Bela-bela Rep)
Mike Stark
Patrick Davidson
Jason Beamish
Barrie Eeles (mentor program)

9. General

Roger – He has been keeping an eye on what IAC (USA) have been doing to boost cashflow. We can create an occasion at a venue with a high population. We then use SAC hardware, online awareness like social media to cover costs. We don't need to pay our pilots or for aircraft. Our major cost is fuel. Roger is happy to run with this idea.

Annie & Warren seconded it.

Quintin – The SAC is turning 50 years this year, and this is an ideal opportunity to raise both awareness and funds for the club. We can get everyone involved, from past to present, and sponsors, media, etc. He mentioned that the actual date of the anniversary is 19 October 2024 and that Scully Levin was the first Chairman.

Ian – mentioned that the Vans are celebrating 51 years.

Warren – Nationals is being planned to take place in Oudtshoorn.

Warren once again thanked everyone for attending, and Trevor for handling the zoom meeting for us.

Sport Aerobatic Club of South Africa
**Income Statement for the period 1 July 2023 to
31 May 2024**

INCOME	BANK	CALL FUND	TOTAL	PRIOR
Entry Fees - Nationals 2023	0.00		0.00	37 300.00
Entry Fees - Contests	30 500.00		30 500.00	7 600.00
Membership Fees	47 250.00		47 250.00	65 405.00
Sponsorship	0.00		0.00	0.00
Interest received	0.00	12 588.22	12 588.22	15 938.49
	77 750.00	12 588.22	90 338.22	126 243.49
EXPENSES				
Bank charges	3 171.10		3 171.10	1 914.00
CIVA Delegate expenses	14 598.10	15 000.00	29 598.10	27 628.76
Contest expenses	40 245.47		40 245.47	8 553.85
Judges travel and accommodation	116 608.68		116 608.68	85 031.76
Judges School	0.00		0.00	0.00
Trailer expenses	1 700.00		1 700.00	0.00
Nationals 2023	0.00		0.00	20 743.37
Aero Club awards	2 551.72		2 551.72	3 063.00
ARO renewal fee	0.00		0.00	1 825.00
Printer	0.00		0.00	999.00
Flowers JLG	0.00		0.00	5 530.16
SkyGP Sanction Fee	0.00		0.00	0.00
WAAC Team expenses	15 822.15		15 822.15	0.00
Website hosting	3 441.00		3 441.00	3 208.00
	198 138.22	15 000.00	213 138.22	158 496.90
Net income / (expenditure)	-120 388.22	-2 411.78	-122 800.00	-32 253.41
SUMMARY OF FUNDS ON HAND				
<u>Current Account</u>				
Balance per bank statement - 1 July 2023	4 987.62	398 800.72	403 788.34	436 041.75
Less: Total expenditure above	-120 388.22	-2 411.78	-122 800.00	-32 253.41
	-115 400.60	396 388.94	280 988.34	403 788.34
Add: Outstanding cheques	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Funds transfer	139 000.00	-139 000.00	0.00	0.00
Balance per bank statement - 31 May 2024	23 599.40	257 388.94	280 988.34	403 788.34
Funds on Hand - 31 May 2024	23 599.40	257 388.94	280 988.34	403 788.34
Funds available			280 988.34	403 788.34
<u>Still to pay:</u>				
IWAC Entry Fee Fund			16 800.00	16 800.00
Training Fund in lieu of sponsorship			30 000.00	30 000.00
Funds available			234 188.34	356 988.34