

Minutes For SSA Meeting April 2013

Meeting Topic: 1st SSA Committee Meeting 2013/4

Attendance Register			1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Name of Committee Member	Abbreviation	Committee	10 April 2013			
Warren Hitchcock	WH	AE	A			
Julie Teague	JT	AE	P			
Ria Moothilal	RM	AE	A			
Jacqui Bruwer	JB	CP	P			
Robert Kruger	RK	CP	A			
Chris Teague	CT	CP	P			
Peter Lawson	PL	CP	A			
Chris Badenhorst	CB	FS	P			
Claire King	CK	FS	P			
Ian van den Berge	IB	FS	A			
Peter Annandale	PA	CF	P			
Graham Field	GF	CF	A			
Rogan Maclean	RMC	CF	A			
Oliver Nöthen	ON	WS	A			
Jackie Schoeman	JS	WS	A			
Eugene Potgieter	EP	WS	A			
Dirk Venter	DV	Judge	P			

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

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No	Item	Responsible & Deadline
1	Quorum	
	With one less committee this year (Style & Accuracy has no SSA representation) t, it was decided that 3 out of the 5 disciplines will constitute a quorum (for 2013 - 2014 only).	
2	Coaches & Ratings	ALL
2.1	It is not clear who is responsible for signing off which portions of 'PASA Form 19' (attached) for new coaches in each discipline. Each committee is to scrutinize this document and supply the SSA Exec and PASA with a list of authorised signatories per item of this for: this is to include the authorised people's actual names rather than just a current rating or 'the CI'. It was noted that the CI in some cases needs to take their lead from the SSA as they might have absolutely no exposure to that particular discipline.	Due 26 April 2013
2.2	There is a similar issue with coach rating renewals. FS would like to have the FS committee be responsible for approving all renewals, as coaches who haven't done their minimum required coaching jumps as per the MOPS are still having their ratings renewed. PA commented that for CF they would not be able to renew any coach ratings based on the current MOPS because there aren't enough CF students. CK advised that it would be up to the CF committee then to amend the criteria / MOPS, but that whatever is in place must actually be enforced.	FS COMMITTEE PA

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2.3	Who can evaluate coaches on their physical jump requirements for their ratings and renewals also needs to be clarified. Again, each committee should investigate each jump requirement for coach ratings and supply the SSA Exec and PASA with a list of names of people who are able to sign off these evaluation jumps / briefings.	ALL Due 26 April 2013
2.4	CK stated that at SSA hosted skills camps or events, any coaches provided by the disciplines need to be currently rated. Where available coaches are thin on the ground, the sub-committee might utilise a non-rated coach, but then that person MAY NOT sign off any Cat II or Cat III or any progression jumps, as per the MOPS of each discipline. PA mentioned that the MOPS are only a guideline, and read out a section of the Canopy Formation MOPS which refers to this. JT clarified that yes, additional safety and performance measures can be put into place, but that MOPS were the non-negotiable MINIMUM criteria for each discipline.	ALL
2.5	JT commented that coaching mailing list need to be set up per discipline. CK to investigate if this can happen through the PASA domain because then it will always be up to date. FS might be too large a group for this, but they are the only anomaly. Alternatively, a google / yahoo group should be created.	CK 19 April

3	Nationals	
3.1	JT to confirm that JSC will be offering 13,000ft for training jumps too for AE purposes.	JT 18 April 2013
3.2	One of the stands necessary for canopy piloting is broken at a connection point called a 'Head'. CT to get the stands from Wonderboom to Roy Hughes so that they can be checked and fixed. From there on it will be JSC's responsibility to get them to JSC.	CT By 19 April
3.3	PA said he was reconsidering the suggestion that Canopy Formation do a demonstration during the training days of Nationals. Everyone agreed this was a great idea, as they seem to generate a lot of interest and are visually amazing. JT reminded PA to pre-manifest and suggested he hand out flyers advertising the CF talk at Manny's shop next month.	PA
3.4	SSA Nationals Controller was voted on to be JB. JT suggested that we vote this person in at the start of each SSA year along with the committees, as it is such a vital role. Everyone agreed. SSA Exec to revisit the various documents which we use to regulate this kind of issue before the end of October.	SSA Exec End June 2013
3.5	JB to chase the following with JSC regarding Nationals: a) Confirm that the bar will be a non-smoking one b) Ensure that the LAST ROUND at the bar is called by 9:30 each night of training and nationals, so that the bar is closed by 10pm latest. c) Ensure that CF are allowed 1,000ft higher in the next bulletin as per the FAI requirements, as pointed out by DV. d) Confirm that ATMO is not an SSA or FAI event and as such can only take place after all competition rounds are complete. Confirm that it is non-medal placing.	JB asap
4.	SSA Assets	
4.1	An asset registry was sent to all by CK earlier this week. Please ensure that feedback on the whereabouts, condition etc. of each asset must be given to the SSA Exec, in writing, by each committee by 19 April.	ALL 19 April
4.2	JB asked where the 160 Triathlon is which she lent to the CF committee some time back. This was given to Andre le Roux at the time. JB had originally bought it from Neels. PA to check with the rest of the committee and feedback by 17 April.	PA 17 April
5	Trophies	
5.1	It is each committee's responsibility to ensure that the trophies are updated and given to JSC before the Nationals Prize Giving.	ALL 1 May
5.2	JB is going to investigate sponsoring a trophy for Intermediate Canopy Piloting.	All
6.	IPC Delegation	
6.1	JB has been our IPC Delegate for many years. She let it be known that although she has no problem continuing as our Delegate, she does not intend to travel to the next meeting in January 2014. In these instances, the alternate delegate would be asked to make themselves available.	

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6.2	A detailed discussion was held regarding the voting in of a new IPC Alternate Delegate. It was commonly held that anybody representing SSA at this level needs to have many years of involvement in the sport, and be a current skydiver / judge etc., who has their finger on the pulse of skydiving locally and internationally. JB noted that it was previously passed that an SSA committee member should be the alternate. 3 nominations were made and discussed before a vote was taken. JT was voted in as the IPC Alternate Delegate.	
7.	Seminars at Icarus / Manny's shop	
7.1	JT said that Manny was fully on board with giving the SSA use of his shop in Edenvale to restart seminars once a month. He said he would personally open up and lock up and make sure the bar was stocked.	
7.2	It was decided that this could be a platform for anything from packing lessons, to FAI regulations, to camera mountings etc. It will be up to each sub-committee to decide how to utilise their night, and to organise the advertising / promotion for each event. Canopy Formation would be the first committee to host this event on 8 May.	JB
7.3	The following dates have been assigned to the committee's for the rest of this SSA year:- 8 May – CF 12 June – AE 10 July - WS 14 Aug - FS 11 Sept - CP 9 October - CF 12 Nov - AE 12 Feb 14 - WS 12 March 2014 - FS	ALL
8.	SSA Contributions to Nationals 2014	
8.1	Committee contributions are usually worked out in terms of membership. Since 2013 has no SAP members as a result of no SSA committee representation, this would calculate to zero contribution to next year's Nationals, yet they should be have representation again then and be competing. It was voted on and decided that the contributions to Nationals 2014 would in this case be based on 2012 membership (or 'ticks' on the PASA renewal forms)	
8.2	DV suggested that this might be worked out on actual participation at Nationals. JT said this could be the case then for ALL disciplines. This was debated.	
9.	Boogie in Rustenburg	
9.1	GF had approached CK to ask for SSA participation at the boogie he plans to host with a 20- 30 seater in Rustenburg this winter. JT asked what dates and CK said this was unconfirmed and Graham had asked the committees to propose suitable dates to maximise their ability to support it. It was discussed that the last week of July is the World Games and the August long weekend clashes with World Cup. Also there is a public holiday on 16 June which is a Thursday. CK to suggest to GF that he consider hosting it over this holiday to take advantage of a potential long weekend.	CK
9.2	It was discussed that there are very few boogies now days and SSA should make every effort to encourage boogies.	
9.3	CK suggested that we ask GF to hold the boogie along the lines of every jumper committing to doing at least ONE jump in each discipline. This was thought to be a phenomenal idea, given the amount of alcohol the entire meeting had consumed at this point. Clearly, there would be restrictions in terms of jump numbers and available equipment particularly from a Canopy Formation and Wingsuiting point of view, but these are details which could easily be figured out. CK to suggest to GF	
10.	World Games	
10.1	CT has been awarded R72K sponsorship from SASCOC. He is one of a handful of international Canopy Pilots who has been invited to purchase a new 'Peregrine' Canopy from PD which the sponsorship allows him to order. JT mentioned that the current exchange rate is such that one canopy is R50K, and so we wouldn't yet be able to order two. We may order another shortly. CT was formally congratulated on the sponsorship he has secured through his recent performances.	
10.2	JT will be managing Team South Africa from PASA's point of view and will be attending a managers meeting hosted by SASCOC next month.	JT

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10.3	It is unclear if further funds will be made available for travel, accommodation, blazers etc, and this will be something for JT to investigate	JT
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