



## BAFSA UPDATE November 2018

### 1. Aviation Recreation Organisation (ARO)

We can confirm that the BAFSA ARO Certification has been successfully renewed. This has been a long outstanding requirement that has now been successfully concluded.

### 2. BAFSA Membership Fees

At the recent Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018, the Committee elected to keep the annual fees at R1 000.00 per annum.

The annual subscription is BAFSA's main form of income. The major expense for BAFSA include:

- South African Hot Air Balloon Championships
- Part Sponsorship of Attendees at World Championships
- Website Hosting and Post Box Rental

### 3. Membership

Our membership total for 2018 was 45 members, slightly down from 2017.

We remind all members that annual membership renewal is due on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Aero Club of South Africa will be distributing renewal notices in the coming weeks.

Remember it is a condition of your licence that all pilots are members of an ARO (BAFSA), therefore technically your licence is invalid if you are not a member of BAFSA, after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

Any **new** members joining after June 2019 will receive a refund of R500.00 per member.

We have added a new class of membership being Social Membership, annual subscription has been set at R100.00. Please encourage any folk you may know who are keen to join and be part of our ballooning fraternity.

### 4. Dedicated Flight Examiners (DFE)

DFE appointments are the responsibility of RAASA/SACAA.

BAFSA's role is to provide recommendation to RAASA/SACAA only.

BAFSA will call for applications annually from interested parties to be recommended as DFE. Prospective DFE will only be recommended if they have attended a DFE training course in the last 3 years.

These courses will be offered by the School of Ballooning on an annual basis. Contact F Steyn.

Interested parties are to contact [chairman@bafsa.co.za](mailto:chairman@bafsa.co.za) for a DFE application form.

It is BAFSA's intention to finalise recommendations for appointment as DFE by end January 2019.

5. **Social End of Year Flight**

This will be held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 in Parys. All pilots and balloonists are welcome to attend. Please contact Martyn, Hanke or Richard should you wish to join in.

6. **South African Hot Air Balloon Championships 2019**

Planning is already underway for next year's event, save the dates, 23-28 June 2019.

7. **Department of Sports & Recreation (DSR)**

At the closing date of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018, the Committee had received applications from 7 candidates. The Committee will evaluate these and shortlist candidates for final selection.

The intention is to select 2 individuals whose pilot training will be funded by the DSR grant.,

Training should commence in the first quarter of 2019.

8. **Aero Club Awards 2018**

The annual awards dinner was held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at the Wanderers Club. Both Danie Minaar and Dave MacGregor received their National Colours for their participation at the recent World Championships.

As this will be the last "BAFSA Update" for 2018, we wish to thank all those who supported BAFSA throughout the year and wish you all a safe and peaceful end to your year.

All the best

**BAFSA COMMITTEE**

