



BAFSA UPDATE May 2019

1. South African Hot Air Balloon Championships 2019

Arrangements for the event are well underway, to date 9 entries have been confirmed. It would be great to attract a few more participants to join in the competition and fun.

- Afrox are once again out title sponsors with other major sponsors, being:
 - Legacy Life Style
 - CDK
- The format of the event will be similar to last year, commencing with a welcoming function to be held at Bill Harrop's Original Balloon Safaris at 13:30 on Sunday 23 June 2019, followed by the first competition task (weather dependent).
- All non-participating BAFSA members, please join in the occasion.
- We are still looking for volunteers to undertake various roles during the competition. Please contact Richard Bovell on 082 465 9514 to discuss.



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2. Membership

Our current membership stands at 40 pilots, which is similar to last year. Unfortunately growth in our numbers is stagnant!

3. Sport & Recreation Grant

The BAFSA Committee has interviewed the proposed candidates to receive the pilot licence training grant and are happy to announce the 3 recipients as:

- Bongo Makubele
- Harold Tjjana
- Sema Mathebula

Their initial requirements are to obtain a medical and join BAFSA.

We wish the 3 all the success and motivation to obtain their licences.

Additional funding is required to cover costs of their training as the grant received is lower than the training cost budget. Various options are under consideration in this regard.

4. **Balloon Clubs**

The initiative to reinvigorate the 2 Johannesburg based clubs, Pioneer Balloon Club and Drifters is still to gain traction, any willing volunteers out there?

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