



BAFSA UPDATE January 2020

Here's wishing all a successful and safe 2020 in all your endeavours and activities.

2020 is the centenary of our Aero Club and we look forward to joining in the various events and activities. Albeit that ballooning is one of the smallest sections within Aero Club, we provide a large level of "aviation appeal" as our balloons make such great photographic subjects.

This will certainly be apparent when we launch our Centenary Balloon in the coming few months.

1. **Membership 2020**

A reminder to all pilots that BAFSA membership renewal were due on 1st January 2020. All pilots are requested to renew their membership via the Aero Club Blue Box facility. Mails to this effect were sent out by Aero Club in December 2019.

The Civil Aviation Regulations require that all pilots as a condition of their licence are members of an approved Aviation Recreation Organisation (ARO). This means 2 things, being:

- Licenced pilots are members of BAFSA
- BAFSA is an **Approved** ARO

So should either of these not be in place, technically our licences are invalid and therefore if you are flying without renewing your membership, you are flying illegally which may invalidate your insurance.....enough said!!

2. **ARO Issues**

The BAFSA ARO was successfully renewed for a further year in November 2019.

Each renewed BAFSA member will be sent an electronic copy of the ARO Manual of Procedures. You are requested to familiarise yourself with the document.

We have been advised that CAA Inspectors will be visiting ballooning operations and events during the year and will be questioning pilots on the Manual of Procedures.

3. **Centenary Balloon & Events**



Our "new" centenary balloon refurbishment project is advancing well and we will be arranging an official launch function in the coming months..... watch this space for details. It will be great if we can have as many balloons as possible participating, as we hope to arrange a contingency of media to cover the event.

This balloon will be flown/tethered at as many Centenary Events as possible and will also be available to be used for pilot training, especially for our 3 candidate pilots under our Department of Sport & Recreation Grant Scheme.

4. Department of Sport and Recreation Grant

Our 3 candidate pilots are well advanced in their theoretical aspects of their training. Flight training now needs to begin in earnest via the School of Ballooning.

5. Afrox South African Hot Air Balloon Championships 2020

Dates : 12/07/20 – 17/07/20
Venue : Bill Harrops Original Balloon Safaris
Event Director : Mathijs de Bruijn

We would like to attract as many participating pilots as possible, including pilots from overseas, so please start your planning soon.

Afrox have most kindly confirmed a generous sponsorship package.

We encourage all balloonists to participate, if not as a competitive pilot as an official, volunteer or crew. We always need and welcome the support.

We are hoping to attract a few overseas entrants as well so lets get maximum participation this year.



6. World Championships 2020



Based on the results of our 2018 and 2019 Championships, the following pilots came out tops:

- Danie Minnaar
 - Marc Nuthall
- with reserve pilots:
- Richard Bovell
 - David McGregor

Danie Minnaar has unfortunately advised of his non availability this year.

Dates for the event are 20/09/20 – 26/09/20 in Slovenia.

7. Upcoming Centenary Events

- Centenary Banquet : 18/04/20
- Aero Club Weekend Middleburg MP : 01/05/20 – 03/05/20

8. Annual Statistics

Could all pilots please complete the attached for collation and onward submission to the CIA/FAI for their annual statistics and records.

Kindly return your form to chairman@bafsa.co.za by **29/01/20**

BAFSA COMMITTEE





NOTICE TO PILOTS
ANNUAL STATISTICS
2019

PILOT: _____

Kindly provide ourselves with the following statistics for the 2019 calendar year:

	Pilot
1. Number of Flights	<input type="text"/>
2. Number of Hours	<input type="text"/>
3. Number of Incidents	<input type="text"/>
4. Number of Accidents	<input type="text"/>
Total Hours	<input type="text"/>

Kindly revert soonest.

BAFSA Committee

