



## **BAFSA UPDATE February 2020**

### **1. Membership & Manual of Procedures**

As of 21 February 2020, our membership stood at 34 members.

All current members have been sent a copy of the BAFSA approved Manual of Procedures. You are required to familiarise yourself with its contents. We have been advised that CAA will be undertaking ad hoc inspections and will be questioning pilots on the understanding of the ARO and MOP, no doubt commercial operations and our championship event will be likely first candidates for such inspections.

### **2. Aero Club of South Africa Centenary 2020**

This year sees the Aero Club of South Africa Centenary Year, all sections will be involved in their own particular way, with a few major events being:

- Centenary Banquet on 18/04/20
- Aero Club Air Week 30/04/20 – 03/05/20 in Middleburg
- World Rally Flying Championship in Stellenbosch

Refer to the monthly events calendars on the Aero Club website: [www.aeroclub.org.za](http://www.aeroclub.org.za)



### **3. BAFSA Centenary Balloon**

The repanelled ZS-HOI envelope, sporting the Aero Club Centenary logo will be officially launched on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020. All current BAFSA members and a selection of guests will be invited to the launch function.

The current kit, consisting of envelope, 3 cylinders and fan is now the property of BAFSA. The basket and burner arrangement belonging to the Pioneer Balloon Club will be listed on the equipment list. The intention is to add further suitable “bottom ends” on to the equipment list to facilitate wider use of the envelope and minimising transport of the bottom ends as required.

Pioneer Balloon Club trailer will be modified to provide for a cover to store the rig properly.

All paid up BAFSA members are invited to attend the launch function, details to follow.

“Launch Edition” branded clobber will be on sale.

4. **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

Event entry forms will be distributed in the near future.



5. **British National Championships 2020 (in France)**

An invitation to attend this even has been extended to ourselves, with the organisers hoping to attract 15 non British entrants:

- Event Dates : 25/08/20 – 30/08/20
- Venue : Chouppes, near Poitiers France
- Entry Fee : €360
- Closing Date : 26/04/20

Details available at:

<http://ukcompetitionballooning.com/index.php/british-national-hot-air-balloon-championships/>

6. **Annual General Meeting**

- Meeting Date : 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020
- Venue : BRPM Offices

7. **Website**

Our “new look” website will be launched in the next few weeks, please take a look.

**BAFSA COMMITTEE**

