



BAFSA UPDATE March 2020

1. Aero Club of South Africa Centenary 2020

ZS-HOI, ex Capital Radio 604 envelope, has been repaneled in royal and navy blue and now sports the Aero Club Centenary logo.

The test flight with CAA was conducted on 6th March 2020 and was successfully completed. The envelope will make use of the Pioneer Balloon Club basket, burner and trailer.

The official launch function was arranged for 28th March 2020, this like so much else has had to be postponed to a date still to be determined. New invitations will be distributed to all members.



2. Aero Club Annual General Meeting 2020

This was held on 17th March 2020 at which the following were elected to the Executive Board:

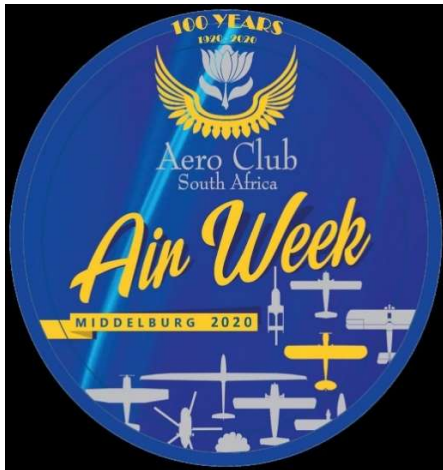
- Chairman : Rob Jonkers
- Vice Chairman : Marthinus Potgieter
- Honorary Treasurer : John Gaillard

Our Hanke Fourie did not make himself available for re-election as Honorary Treasurer, this after serving in this role for the past 12 years. Your dedication and efforts are much appreciated Hanke.

3. BAFSA Annual General Meeting

Our AGM has been scheduled for 9th May 2020. Please keep a lookout for any changes and/or notifications.

4. Aero Club Weekend



This event was due to be held at the end of April 2020 in Middelburg. A new date is still to be arranged by Aero Club.

Please join in this event which will comprise of all sections of Aero Club, including the newest section, "Rise above Aviation", a section dedicated to transformation and development of sport aviation.



5. Membership

We currently have 39 paid up members of BAFSA. As all pilots are no doubt aware, it is a requirement of the Civil Aviation Regulations that all pilots are members of an approved Aviation Recreation Organization (ARO), namely BAFSA.

The committee is aware of a few active pilots who have not renewed their 2020 membership (certain of these being involved in commercial operations). These pilots are requested to urgently renew their membership.

In terms of the BAFSA Approved Manual of Procedures, it is incumbent on the BAFSA Committee to take action in this regard, something we are hesitant to do within such a small community such as ours. Please renew accordingly.

6. CIA Conference 2020

This would have been held in March 2020 but has been postponed. The committee has elected not to attend due to the excessive costs.

7. Afrox South African Hot Air Balloon Championships 2020

Entry forms for this year's event have been distributed to all pilots.

At this point our dates remain as 12/07/20 – 17/07/20.

All interested pilots are requested to submit their entries soonest, to allow for proper planning and arrangements.



8. World Championships 2020



The arrangements as originally envisaged stand as 17/09/20 – 26/09/20.

Round 1 entries are closed

9. BAFSA Website

Our refreshed website is fully operational thanks to Hanke Fourie.

Please visit this at www.bafsa.co.za

We are working on the addition of a “members only” section in future that will require a login password.

Take it easy and stay safe in these uncertain times, no doubt we are all looking forward to being airborne again soon.

BAFSA COMMITTEE 2020

