



BAFSA UPDATE March/April 2022

BAFSA AGM

The annual AGM was held on Saturday 02/04/22.

The elected committee remains the same as 2021 being (with no new nominations received):

- Flip Steyn
- Martyn Evers
- Richard Bovell
- Hanke Fourie

The incoming committee will allocate portfolios at the first committee meeting.

South African Hot Air Balloon Championships 2022

Entries for this years event have been distributed to all BAFSA members.

Event dates are 12 – 16 June 2022 at Bill Harrops Original Balloon Safaris.

Entry closing date is 20th May 2022 and we will be requiring a minimum number of 8 pilots participating, failing which the event will unfortunately be cancelled.

Please submit your entries to enter@hotairballoons2022.co.za.

Support sport ballooning in South Africa.

Visiting French Balloon

The Moët & Chandon “cork” balloon was recently on a short promotional tour at selected venues:



Unfortunately the balloon and pilot have returned to France!

Aero Club of South Africa Air Week 2022

This event was held in Middleburg Mpumalanga over the weekend of 22 – 24 April 2022.

4 balloons attended with Mario and Teresa Febbraio driving all the way from Mossel Bay.

2 free flights took place amongst all other disciplines. Unfortunately the weather was unfavourable for a nightglow tether prior to the Saturday evening function.

A great time was had by all those who attended and aviation friendship renewed.



Pilot Training

The remaining 2 BAFSA candidate pilots continue to make good progress, a few ground school exams and radio licences to complete prior to the last few training flights and then check outs!

There are a few other pilots under training at present, including:

- Michael Maja
- Dale de Klerk

Wishing you well and looking forward to welcoming you to the ballooning sky!

Bill Harrops Original Balloon Safaris have recently been certified as an Aviation Training Organisation (ATO) for balloon pilot training.

Contact Dale de Klerk or Tracey Robb for details.

Our first successful candidate pilot, Sema Mathebula, continues to receive extensive media coverage, which is great exposure for the sport and her achievements! Go Sema.

Watch this space for details of upcoming international TV exposure from CNN.



Membership

Our membership as of 1st April 2022 stood at 42, with only a couple of previous members still to re-join.

FAI Observer Status

Chris Burger has kindly put together a presentation package and video outlining the requirements for individuals to achieve official FAI Observer Status.

Official observers are required to verify events for the awarding of “FAI Achievement” badges.

FAI badges are awarded for all aviation disciplines represented by FAI.

If any members are interested in becoming an official observer, please contact Chris Burger or the BAFSA Committee.

Events

1. Vryheid Fly In : 07/05/22 – Alan Turner will be there undertaking local free flights and tethers.
2. Parys Air Show : 28/05/22 – BAFSA intends being present, with a stall and undertaking free flights.

BAFSA COMMITTEE 2022

