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Dear Members,

First I would like to thank all the SAMJA members who made the effort to attend the "2010 AGM" held 13 February 2011. I also would like to extend my gratitude to all the members for the spirit in which the AGM was conducted. A special thanks goes to Percy Attfield and Lionel Brink, SAMAA chairman and SIG chairman, who attended the competition and AGM. The "2010 Nats" was held the same weekend and was concluded smoothly on the Sunday morning after the AGM. Please find attached the interim minutes of the AGM that will be tabled for approval at the next AGM.

Also in this communiqué you will find relevant information regarding the happenings of SAMJA. I will try to issue such information quarterly.

These are the results for the SAMJA 2010 Nationals held on 12 & 13 February 2011 at The South African Air Force Museum:

**Sportsman:**

|                 |                 |        |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Dave Armitage   | 640.00 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Kenneth Kok     | 636.88 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Entry withdrawn | 000.00 |

**Aerobatic Class:**

No Entries.

**F4J Class:**

| Pilot           | Round 1 | Round 2 | Round 3 | Average of best two rounds | Bonus | Static  | Total   | Percent | Position |
|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Mark Savage     | 1295.00 | 1253.75 | 1255.00 | 1275.00                    | 84.00 | 1332.75 | 2691.75 | 89.73%  | 1        |
| Johan Ehlers Jr | 1120.00 | 1050.00 | 1160.00 | 1140.00                    | 22.00 | 1266.75 | 2428.75 | 80.96%  | 2        |
| Greg Casson     | 278.75  | 1252.50 | 1228.75 | 1240.63                    | 34.00 | 1044.75 | 2319.38 | 77.31%  | 3        |
| Dylan Roberts   | 1138.75 | 398.75  | 556.25  | 847.50                     | 84.00 | 1353.00 | 2284.50 | 76.15%  | 4        |
| Morné Nortier   | 775.00  | 0.00    | 905.00  | 840.00                     | 70.00 | 1270.50 | 2180.50 | 72.68%  | 5        |

Congratulations to all the participants and once again thank you to Johan Ehlers, who arranged the event, and all judges, officials and the Air Force Museum.

Below are the final scores of all the F4J competitors showing those who qualified for the South African Team that will participate in the World Jet Masters in July 2011 in Dayton, Ohio, USA.

**Qualifying Scores for the 2011 World Jet Masters:**

|         | <b>Name</b>     | <b>2009Nats</b> | <b>2010Mst</b> | <b>2010Nats</b> | <b>Tot Best<br/>2</b> | <b>Ave Best<br/>2</b> | <b>%</b> |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1       | <b>Mark</b>     | 2146.55         | 2768.38        | 2691.75         | 5460.13               | 2730.07               | 91.00    |
| 2       | <b>Glen</b>     | 2687.38         | 2747.00        | 0.00            | 5434.38               | 2717.19               | 90.57    |
| 3       | <b>Johan</b>    | 0.00            | 2480.38        | 2428.75         | 4909.13               | 2454.57               | 81.82    |
| 4       | <b>Francois</b> | 2462.75         | 2439.50        | 0.00            | 4902.25               | 2451.13               | 81.70    |
| 5       | <b>Greg</b>     | 0.00            | 2313.25        | 2319.38         | 4632.63               | 2316.32               | 77.21    |
| 6       | <b>Dylan</b>    | 1987.00         | 2198.00        | 2284.50         | 4482.50               | 2241.25               | 74.71    |
| 1st Res | <b>Andy</b>     | 2304.24         | 2053.13        | 0.00            | 4357.37               | 2178.69               | 72.62    |
|         | <b>Morné</b>    | 1545.35         | 1669.75        | 2180.50         | 3850.25               | 1925.13               | 64.17    |
|         | <b>Malcolm</b>  | 2236.39         | 1572.25        | 0.00            | 3808.64               | 1904.32               | 63.48    |

Unfortunately not all the pilots who qualified are available for the team and the team that will attend the World Jet Masters is:

- 1 Mark Savage
- 2 Francois Diedrechen
- 3 Greg Casson
- 4 Dylan Roberts.

Team Manager: Marthinus Potgieter

## SAMJA Information

### 1) SAMJA Open

At a SAMJA committee meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2011 it was concluded that the previously named "MASTERS" event will be renamed the "SAMJA Open". There will be no qualifying rounds for the SAMJA Open and the first competition will be held at Swartkop Air Force Base on the **28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2011**. Being an open event, there will obviously be an entry fee. This event will be the first of four qualifiers for the 2013 World Jet Masters in Switzerland. Remember that the best two out of four will count towards qualifying for the team.

***At the end of the four qualifying events, within one cycle, the top F4J, Aerobatic and Sport pilots will be invited to a SAMJA Tournament of Champions to be held every second year.***

***The exact qualifying criteria for the TOC and the exact definition for the WJM Team is currently on the drawing board and will be officially published with the entry forms for the SAMJA Open.***

***With the possibility that the IJMC might choose to operate under the umbrella of the FAI, which seems to be highly likely, there will only be three positions in the National team per class, three members in the 20kg class and three members in the 13,5kg class. The choice of what class to fly will more than likely be given to the highest qualifying pilot first and then down the rank to the lowest.***

Unfortunately future dates for competitions could not be finalised with the Museum at this time and will be published as soon as confirmed. I hope that the Nationals and AGM will be held during October 2011.

### 2) Sportsman Class Definition

At the recent Nats it became apparent that there was a discrepancy between the published Sportsman schedule definition and the score sheets. Please find attached the amended schedule that will be active with immediate effect. If you as a contestant, at any time during an event, become aware of a situation, either by mistake or deliberate, that is to your or any other pilot's disadvantage or advantage, please bring it to the attention of the Contest Director immediately. Failing a satisfactory response from the Contest Director an official "Protest" should be lodged.

### 3) Warbirds Meet

The “Warbirds Meet” will take place on the **11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2011** at the Swartkop Air Force Base. Once again Gert De Klerk has requested that SAMJA run the flight line for the two days. The Sunday will be exclusively for Jets and not only warbirds, but any jets. All pilots who entered for the Saturday will be able to fly on the Sunday as well. Pilots not entering for the Saturday will have to pay R120.00 registration on the Sunday.

This is a big fundraiser for the museum so please support this event and let’s see how many jets we can get in the sky that weekend. Gert asked that the pilots register before 30 April 2011 as he usually has special caps printed for the event. His contact details are: Tel: 012 662 2125

Mob: 084 339 6461

Please take note that the cell number for Gert published in the SAMAA news is incorrect.

### 4) Vlamgat Ratings

Please take note that the “Vlamgat” rating or “Solo Jet Proficiency” will be compulsory for certain events. Recently Boet Denysschen and Morné Nortier were sanctioned to issue such ratings, so you are welcome to approach them at any stage to verify your competency. Please verify with the SAMJA committee who else have been sanctioned as examinees for the proficiency test. The cost of the “Vlamgat” rating is R120.00 if you are not a SAMJA member and free for SAMJA members. The committee will also welcome other pilots who would like to be sanctioned to perform such tests.

Please take note that some pilots have qualified for further SAMAA proficiency ratings due to participating in competitions and posting adequate scores. These SAMAA ratings are not automatically granted and if you are interested in obtaining such a rating please e-mail me the details of the rating, the event (including date and venue) and your scores posted. Please find the criteria attached.

### 5) “Casual Competitions”

As there has been a clear indication by some clubs to become more involved in jet flying in South Africa, it seemed appropriate to the SAMJA committee to host two or three “casual” competitions per year. The idea is that these competitions will be hosted at clubs and will only offer Sportsman and Aerobatic classes. There will be very few limitations and the idea is to open it up for as many pilots as possible.

SAMJA invites clubs to approach the committee with possible dates and venues. This will also give pilots the opportunity to see the various club's facilities and create the possibility to host more formal events at your clubs at a later stage. These competitions will also serve as a training ground for new judges.

#### 6) Judges

Recently, it has become very clear from various events and suggestions made at the AGM, that the pool of judges that serves at SAMJA competitions needs to be expanded. I therefore ask all interested parties, whether they have judged before or not, to make contact with me. We intend to use inexperienced judges in tandem with experienced judges at competitions so that sufficient experience can be gained. There is also a strong possibility to host a judges training camp after the 2011 Jet World Masters.

#### 7) SAMJA Subs

The SAMJA subs were due at the beginning of March 2011 but due to all kinds of other activities this issue was not addressed. The committee would appreciate it if all members would make their payments and fax proof thereof to 086 677 7343. Please use logical references if transfers are done so that we can trace it. The subs will remain R120.00 for this year.

#### 8) Air show

I recently had correspondence from Bill Keil regarding the EAA airshow that will be hosted at Tedderfield on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2011. There will be two slots for RC Jets and proceedings will kick off at 10h00 and be concluded at 16h30. Please contact me in this regard if you are willing to support this cause. Bill has also requested some models for static judging. Please keep in mind that it is an official airshow and that the appropriate SAMAA proficiency ratings will be applicable.

Kind Regards,

Marthinus JF Potgieter  
Chairman