

SOUTH AFRICAN HANG GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING ASSOCIATION

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SAHPA INSTRUCTOR SEMINAR Minutes

When **9 June 2022 @ 18:30**

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Apologies: Tony Gibson

Present: As per the register

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| 1. | <p>Welcome</p> <p>P Wallenda thanked the instructors for taking time out of their schedules to attend the seminar and this will be kept as short as possible.</p> |
| 2. | <p>Safety</p> <p>1. Stats</p> <p>Taking all the accident and incident reports from 2018 to date into account the stats are very good. It Shows low accidents for the overall number of flights done. TFI's also not high for the number of flights flown. Western Cape is higher, but it is because of the number of flights that are done there. Bit of a concern with the student accident and fatality stats as they are a lot higher and need to be addressed.</p> <p>2. Fatality person reporting procedures</p> <p>It is important that when there is a fatality the National Safety office is contacted immediately. SAHPA being allowed to investigate their own fatalities are currently being addressed at AIID and SAHPA will hopefully be able to do this soon. This is also applicable for missing persons: Her are the steps to follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Notify the Safety officer immediately■ Inform the Safety officer of all known and available information concerning the missing Pilot■ Do NOT make any statements to the media■ Do NOT divulge any information to any person other than an identified CAA inspector or emergency service official■ Contact the ARCC <p>3. Proposed amendment to the Basic Licence requirements - student to log at least one Incident on the SAHPA system to eliminate the stigma associated with reporting incidents. This is intended to familiarise students with the process, and instructors can "find" something reportable. Suggestion is to add a question in the Basic exams so that this can be taught instead of adding false reports on the website which can affect the true reading of stats.</p> |

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| 3. | <p>Training</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Progression training2. Appropriate Sites <p>These two items work together. Instructors are to take note of each student. Some learn quicker than others and it is important to ensure that the foundation is completed correctly before moving on to the next phase of training. First flights should only be done once the student is comfortable with the ground handling and kiting skills are</p> <p>Majority of the stats show wind/thermal and inexperience as the main cause of accidents in students. Also, the time reflect that these accidents occur during 9:00 and 14: 00 where stronger thermals/wind occur and students do not have enough experience to manage these conditions.</p> <p>Suggestions were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Look at the weather radar to determine the patterns.2. Instructors to train students at the students' pace. Not all students learn the same.3. SAHPA to send out a customer/student satisfaction form every 6 months and share this with the schools. Look at the students compliments and complaints, suggestions and challenges, to improve the schools. <p>SAHPA is currently in the test phase of a new database and will be going live soon. With this more information will be available to the instructors and more accurate data will be recorded.</p> |
| 4. | <p>Enforcement and other matters</p> <p>Clarification on enforcement are as follows: ARO is responsible for ethics, code of conduct and standard operating procedures. Airlaw and regulations infringements is dealt with by CAA. CAA will handle this accordingly and independently and as per the POPPI act. All instructors are automatically safety officers, and it is their duty to report any misconduct, etc to SAHPA.</p> <p>The current matters must follow the process. SAHPA was duty bound to report the infringement.</p> <p>In the previous school audits, SAHPA was not strict and was more a training exercise to assist the schools by making sure they have everything in place in case of the schools having CAA Ad-hoc audits.</p> |

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| 5. | <p>DTO feed back</p> <p>A new notice from CAA regarding DTO's was published on their website dated 1st of June General-Notice-Declared Training-Organisations-PEL-2022-DTO001_Rev2-20220601-signed.pdf</p> <p>In this notice CAA has stated that all DTO applications must now be paid for and so all applicants are to pay the prescribed application fee.</p> <p>SAHPA objected to this as in the beginning it was said that this will be at no charge, but CAA didn't realise 50+ DTO applications were going to come through and its taking Inspectors take about 4 – 6 weeks per application. It is recommended that all the schools apply for their DTO's soonest to avoid delays later in the year and not being able to operate when the ATO expires.</p> <p>CAA will not renew any Part 62 ATO's in future.</p> <p>Last year a notice was also published that flipping is illegal and this included TFI for HG,PG and Powered. TFI's cannot fall under part 96 and our sport does not fit in this part. CAA is busy with Part 115 and once completed and promulgated will be where the TFI's will fall under (I.e. adventure flying). Until then DTO applies.</p> <p>Z Bishop concern was why did SAHPA management choose to not apply for one DTO as the current ATO a special meeting should've been held, and no consultation was done with instructors. He objected that this major decision was not consulted with the instructors. Feels DTO fee should be paid for by SAHPA.</p> <p>The only organisation that can move from an ATO to a DTO is Soaring society as their instructors give free training. SAHPA's instructors have their own companies/businesses and therefore are commercial operators and therefore individual DTO's are to be applied for.</p> <p>K Bowden commented that before RAASA, SAHPA was originally a recreation organisation and once RAASA forced SAHPA to become an ATO the attention has shifted toward the commercial aspect than the recreational side. SAHPA's duties were to take care of the members, organise comps, promoting the sport, etc. It is not a big deal to apply for their own DTO and SAHPA to focus on the above.</p> <p>Now majority of the work is being spent on the commercial side. Recreation pilots are the majority in SAHPA, and Instructors are the minority membership.</p> |
| 6. | <p>Part 106 Status</p> <p>The document is currently open for comment. If members want clauses or points change submit these changes by the 11th. All comments are to be addressed to the secretariat Seko Kosana. 99% of the current part 106 came directly from the current TPM and a lot has been removed and refined.</p> <p>If anyone wants to sit in on the discussion phase, they are more than welcome to be present. After the discussion phase, changes will be made and the will go for promulgation.</p> |

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| 7. | <p>SAHPA committee Elections</p> <p>SAHPA elections are open and the nomination form is available on the SAHPA website. This will be sent to all the SAHPA members in the next few days.</p> <p>The process will be as follows:</p> <p>Nominations and manifestos to reach SAHPA by no later than 15 July 2022 Ballots will go out 1 August 2022 Ballot deadline is 27 September 2022 AGM 28 September 2022 at 18:30 on teams or zoom.</p> |
| 8. | <p>Competitions</p> <p>Alan Livingston is going to step down as meet director and K Bowden has asked the instructors to assist in finding a person. Pilot who might be interested in taking over this role and to shadow Alan during the Western Cape comp. The new meet director will be present at all the competitions. The candidate must be present at the competitions and a suggestion is for either a retired person or someone who works flexible hours can take over this position. Anyone interested to please contact K Bowden</p> |
| 9 | <p>Closing</p> <p>P Wallenda thanked the current SAHPA team for all the hard work and as the committee starts to get ready to step down looks forward to a new committee who can start focusing on the recreation side of SAHPA again. He thanked the instructors for taking the time to attend this seminar.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned</p> |