

in the loop

Dear members,

Even though we have reverted back to the rolling system for our licence period, we expect that for a few years we'll have the bulk of renewals happening around mid-year until such a time where membership renewals become more evenly distributed again.

As we head towards these renewals I'd like to take this opportunity to inform you of the current fee structures, which are noted in this newsletter. There is an increase in costs to the pilot - please see below rationale.

In the past members have paid SAHPA a lump sum, which Louise then splits out according to the costs incurred by each member so that they are legally licenced pilots. The amount that remained has gone towards covering administration costs, however this amount after all the expenses are paid falls well short of what we need to run an office. To run the SAHPA office annually, assuming we are working with a membership of 700 pilots, we should be charging an annual SAHPA membership fee of R330.

Members have often made the assumption that the entire cost charged to the pilot is the SAHPA membership fee, when in fact the full amount is made up of various other fees, the combination of which allows you to legally fly in South Africa. This includes Aero Club membership fee, insurance costs and the currency cost of a National Pilot Licence.

Louise processes all the paperwork and invoices from AeCSA (R350 annual membership plus R15 FAI) and RAASA (example R290 currency fee) for your membership and licence applications, and SAHPA then pays this amount over on your behalf, thus providing a one-stop-shop for your applications and renewals. If you prefer you can handle each association / cost yourself, or for convenience sake, leave it with Louise. However, each step of the process, and each organisation must be paid to ensure you are current and legal.

Louise will be mailing out renewal notices imminently. If you are planning on participating in the Barberton Open in June/July this year, please ensure that you complete your renewals in advance so that your currency / ratings do not lapse during the competition. Should you allow your currency / rating to lapse this will affect both SAHPA's third party cover and very possibly your own insurance cover too.

Membership Stats

(Total membership to May 2014)
Full members: 740, Current students: 126



601



124

(PPC 24/PPT 22)



76

(PHG 15)

What does your SAHPA membership fee get you?

There have often been questions raised about what SAHPA membership gets you. Below is a summary of the role the SAHPA office fulfills:

- A point of continuity and contact for all members of the association as well as members of the public.
- Provide advice and information to all members.
- Provide support and continuity for voluntary committees year on year.
- Assist with site registration.
- Provide schools and instructors with relevant documentation and manuals.
- Liaise between SAHPA, Aeroclub and RAASA.
- Drive the renewal process.
- Collect membership fees, update

membership information, issue membership cards.

- Ensure renewal packs are complete before submission to RAASA.
- Pay administrative and running costs, do the banking and invoicing.
- Collect information, publish and distribute newsletters and keep members informed and interested.
- Disseminate relevant information to member database.
- Update website.
- Liaison with Insurers and independent accountant.
- Record keeping including but not restricted to minutes, newsletters, correspondence, club and member registration, safety, membership data and policies and procedures.
- Provide support to the NSTO.
- Represents member i.e. acts on their behalf when dealing with RAASA, Aero Club and insurers.

This year we have also tried to raise value of membership through newsletters and the plan is to continue to purchase the Go Fly for our members and distribute their copies to them.

The rest of the newsletter elaborates a little on what your fees go towards, and also highlights our need for a General Manager. You will be asked to vote on the matter.

I'd like to touch briefly on one of the issues that has been raised a number of years in a row, and that is one of online renewal. Please see below excerpt from the April Aero Files, "Future electronic business system from RAASA", which gives you an update on a project that will hopefully see us being able to complete online applications within the next few years.

Until next time. Keep those flights safe and responsible!

Chrissi

What does the insurance cover?

SAHPA has a third party insurance policy, which extends to paid up members, and a site insurance policy, which covers sites registered with SAHPA (and in turn with RAASA).



From the Fly Porterville "So Long Summer" facebook album



Aero Club at a glance

Aero Club South Africa (AeCSA) is the national coordinating body for sports aviation. It protects recreational and sport aviators' right to fly in South Africa and represents its members at CARCOM and the National Airspace Committee. It also liaises with Department of Sport and Recreation, South African Sports Confederation and Olympics Committee, Air Traffic and Navigational Services, the South African Weather Services, the Commercial Aviation Association, the Air Force, as well as liaising with foreign countries. The Aero Club sets its membership fee annually.

"The Aero Club of South Africa proactively promotes, protects and preserves all forms of sport and recreational aviation in South Africa."

Please visit www.aeroclub.org.za for more information or SAHPA's website where we have uploaded documents that elaborate on AeCSA's principles. AeCSA members also receive an annual magazine from Aero Club as well as a newsletter called the Aero Files on a bi-monthly basis.

National Pilot Licence

(NPL)

All recreational aviators apply to RAASA for their NPL. Initially there is an application fee for first time applicants, and annually thereafter there is a currency fee. This fee is published in the government gazette, and forms part of the Civil Aviation regulations (Part 187 deals with fees).

In addition to the orange licence booklet RAASA can issue SAHPA members with a credit card sized proof of licence, which can be kept in your cockpit or in your glider bag for the eventuality that you have to present it. You will be asked to vote on this in an online questionnaire to be issued early May. The SAHPA membership card does not suffice as proof of being licenced.

For the NPL application process, SAHPA can act on behalf of its members, (as an agent as the association already does), if the individual member agrees to this (a line at the bottom of the membership renewal form, allows the individual member to "appoint SAHPA" as agent). RAASA focuses on domestic recreational aviation and has been designated by the CAA to do so. In addition to the issuing of NPLs its functions include, but are not limited to establishing safety and quality standards (training, aviation practices, operations and airworthiness); establish suitable standards for licencing; issuing authority to fly (AtF), ratings and permits; and keeping the director for civil aviation advised of any matters related to recreational flying.

Please visit www.raasa.co.za for more information. The Service Level Agreement on the RAASA website outlines its functions in more detail. You can also subscribe to RAASA information circulars online for more industry news.

A SAHPA General Manager

We are currently in the fortunate position, thanks to some astute investment and a tight hold on the purse strings by our treasurer, where we have some cash in the bank. These funds will not be used to supplement membership costs associated with flying in South Africa, as that would not represent a sustainable scenario. Instead, the committee has decided that it would like to employ a General Manager, on a fixed term contract with very clear deliverables.

As our volunteer committee changes year on year, we lose continuity, projects start and stop midway as new committees come up with new ideas, or ways they would like to approach things. There are a number of items SAHPA needs to focus on and this needs to be taken through to conclusion, rather than losing momentum every June when committees change.

This individual would need to work on a full-time basis for SAHPA, must be someone who can work at a strategic level, represent all SAHPA members best interests and will be given set deliverables and milestones. Once some of the administrative challenges we have been put to bed, the committees in the future can focus their time on growing the sport within a sound framework.

We envisage initially employing someone for 18 months to fulfill following functions:

- Research and recommend viability of SAHPA pursuing its own Part, and prepare a report for membership review.
- Work with RAASA / Aero Club and CAA to achieve a workable solution for a SAHPA customized ATO that caters to the association-specific characteristics.
- Implementing clear policies and procedures for SAHPA internal remedial process prior to handing over to RAASA. This includes templates and clear timelines.
- Finalise on-line membership database.
- Create service level agreement / definition of roles between SAHPA and RAASA
- Represent SAHPA at meetings including Aero Club board meetings / CAA / RAASA / Industry forum etc. together with, or in place of the chairperson.
- Ensure that procedures are put in place to ensure SAHPA remains compliant with requirements of a Section 21 company.
- Investigate revenue generation streams for SAHPA to ensure continued sustainability.
- Investigate value-adding avenues for members.
- Set up a review panel and check lists for school / training compliance.

Normal employment rules and regulations will apply. The individual may not have any commercial interests with regard to any recreational aviation pursuit.

We will be issuing a link to a questionnaire in early May, where you will be asked to vote on the matter. We would appreciate your participation.

Future electronic business system from RAASA

Source: Aero Files April 2014

We have all become accustomed to the privileges of electronic communication that has made our lives easier. This includes easy banking, paying accounts online and finding just about anything to buy or sell through the internet. To this end, RAASA has investigated offering online applications for ATFs (Authority to Fly). We have done extensive research in this regard and found that the cost of setting something like this up, together with the related security, is possible but very expensive. This is obviously not a quick and easy project.

However, at the Industry Liaison Forum (ILF) held at the CAA offices on 4 March 2014, it was announced that the SA CAA is investing in a sophisticated IT system that is on par with other Civil Aviation Authorities around the globe that will improve customer service, online subscriptions and modern data exchange capabilities. When the plan comes to fruition, RAASA will be able to connect to this system to better manage the flow of information with other parties.

We are excited about the project, as we believe it will streamline the way we serve the industry and as we learn more we will share this information. The process to procure such system is well advanced, and the SA CAA is currently evaluating tenders. This system is part of the SA CAA's strategic plan to render a superior service to the industry and in line with its vision to be one of the top 30 SA CAA's in the world! We are excited by this initiative and will work with the SA CAA to achieve this goal.



Photograph of Joe Engels flying in Barberton taken by Zelda Peenze in Barberton.



2014 SAHPA Fees

STUDENT / CONVERSION / RATING REGISTRATION

STUDENT FEES, INSURANCE AND MANUAL	R 400,00
STUDENT FEES - RENEWAL	R 200,00
CONVERSION / RATING REGISTRATION	R 100,00

A current SAHPA member wishing to commence a conversion to PPG, PHG, or PG, or commencing training for a rating such as a tandem rating must register this with SAHPA prior to commencing. This is to ensure pilots records are kept up to date with regard to their activity and also for insurances purposes.

NEW APPLICATIONS

NEW FULL MEMBERS APPLICATION	
FAI	R 15,00
AERO CLUB	R 350,00
INSURANCE	R 100,00
NPL CURRENCY FEE	R 370,00
SAHPA MEMBERSHIP	R 330,00
	R 1 165,00

NEW INSTRUCTOR/ TFI APPLICATION FEES

FAI	R 15,00
AERO CLUB	R 350,00
INSURANCE	R 100,00
NPL CURRENCY FEE	R 390,00
RADIO LICENCE	R 60,00
SAHPA MEMBERSHIP	R 330,00
	R 1 245,00

LICENCE RENEWAL

FULL MEMBERS RENEWAL	
FAI	R 15,00
AERO CLUB	R 350,00
INSURANCE	R 100,00
NPL CURRENCY FEE	R 290,00
SAHPA MEMBERSHIP	R 330,00
	R 1 085,00

INSTRUCTOR RENEWAL FEES

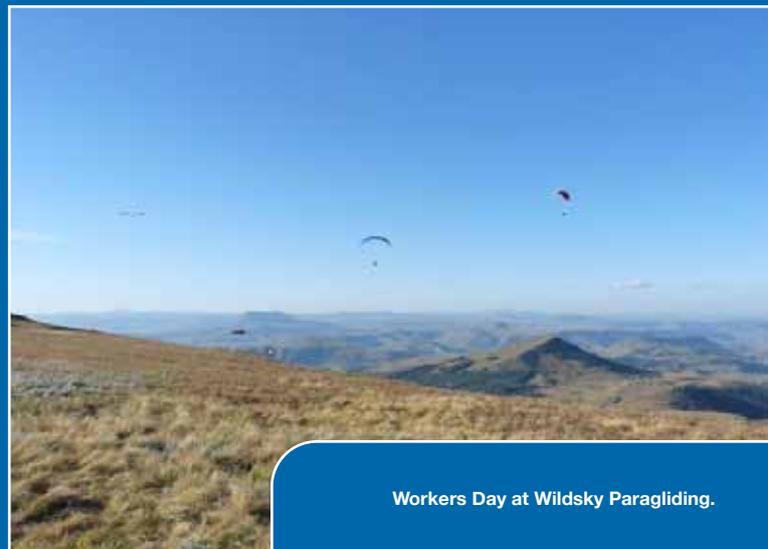
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INSURANCE	R 100,00
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SAHPA MEMBERSHIP	R 330,00
RADIO LICENCE	R 60,00
	R 1 145,00

FOREIGN VISITOR

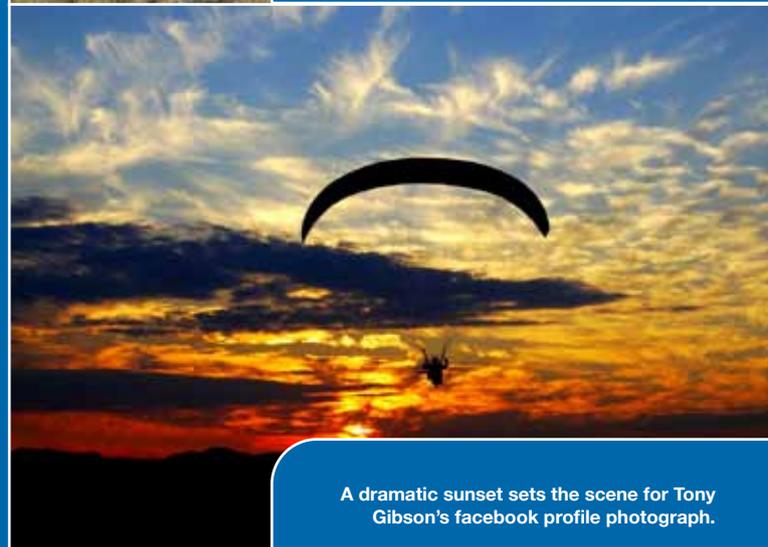
FOREIGN VISITOR'S FEES	
AGENT	R 85,00
INSURANCE	R 100,00
SAHPA MEMBERSHIP	R 15,00
	R 200,00

OTHER

RADIO LICENCE	R 60,00
LOGBOOKS	R 30,00
INSTRUCTOR UPGRADE FEE	R 390,00
STANDARD UPGRADE	R 290,00
SITE GUIDE	R 220,00
IPPI CARDS	R 70,00
TFI 20 PAGE BOOKS	R 300,00
TFI 50 PAGE BOOKS	R 750,00
<i>Agent fee: 10% of TFI book</i>	



Workers Day at Wildsky Paragliding.



A dramatic sunset sets the scene for Tony Gibson's facebook profile photograph.



Hang gliders kicking back after a great day of flying at Bambi.

