

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 25TH MARCH 2023

Welcome

Welcome to the Committee and Members to the 2023 AGM, which is being held as a physical and virtual meeting again.

The year 2022 held several highlights for the membership over and above the ongoing BAFSA Committee function, these include:

- 2 SA pilots participating in the World Hot Air Balloon Championships
- Harold Tjana obtaining his licence
- ZS-HPP (Sasol) once again airworthy

But more on these topics later.

Membership

The federation members for 2022 was 43, this is roughly in line with previous years indicating a rather stagnant growth scenario, which is typical of most aviation sectors in South Africa and which remains a concern to all aviators.

As all pilots should be aware, it is a requirement of the Civil Aviation Regulations that holders of a balloon pilots licence are required to be members of an approved ARO, which BAFSA is.

Aviation Recreation Organisation (ARO)

BAFSA successfully completed its annual audit with the CAA in October 2022, following which the approval certificate was issued:



This certificate is displayed on the BAFSA website.

South African Hot Air Balloon Championships 2022

The 2022 event was cancelled, following the set number of pilot entrants not being achieved.

This is indeed a sad indictment of the level of participation in sport and competitive ballooning.

Our national team is selected on the basis of achievements at the championships, should these events not be held, a team won't be selected and South Africa will no longer be represented on the international stage.

We hope a similar fate does not occur in relation to the 2023 Championships to be held from 21/05/23 – 26/05/23.

World Hot Air Balloon Championships 2022

This event was held over from the initially planned 2020 event which scuttled due to Covid. The event was held in September 2022 in Murska Sobata in Slovania.

Marc Nuthall and Andries Steyn represented South Africa. The standard of flying and level of competitiveness was very high from most of the international teams, despite this, Marc successfully won one task, demonstrating that it can be achieved.

This event highlighted our lack of sport and competitive flying and much was learnt by our participants.

The cost of attending these international events is extremely high for the participants without meaningful sponsorship. BAFSA continues to offer limited financial assistance where possible. Our teams will continue to battle in the international arena without a strategic chance and increases sponsorship.

Well done to both Marc and Andries and their teams, you did us proud.



Training & Development

Following the successful awarding of "wings" to our first black female pilot, Sema Mathebula in 2021, Harold Tjana received his "wings" in late 2022.



The cost of their training was covered by the grant received via the Aero Club of South Africa and the Department of Sport, Art and Culture.

Both Sema and Harold received Aero Club Youth & Development Awards at the Awards Function.

Our last trainee pilot on the scheme, Bongo Makhubele is making slow but steady progress, having completed his radio licence in late 2022.

Funds are limited in terms of grant monies received to date and Aero Club has applied for additional funding for 2023.

BAFSA Balloons

With the renewal of the Authority to Fly of ZS-HPP (Sasol) being achieved in October 2022, BAFSA now has 2 well equipped, licenced, insured balloons, available for members to hire for recreational purposes. This is a first for BAFSA, for the benefit of its members.





Events

BAFSA Members attended events at:

- Aero Club Airweek 2022
- BHOBS Dinosaur Derby Event
- World Rally Flying Championships in Brits
- Aero Club Annual Awards Function 2022



BAFSA Committee 2022

Fantastic input has been received from your committee over the past year, with particular attention to our finances, communication and web site development (BAFSA and Championships website), CAA compliance and audits, training and development.

Thanks are due to:

- Martyn Evers
- Hanke Fourie
- Flip Steyn

Our continued thanks to our members, friends and supporters who continue to give of their time, energy and funding to the betterment of ballooning in South Africa.

Thank you

Richard Bovell Chairman 2023





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Annual Financial Statements

31 December 2022

The attached financial statements are presented by the committee and represent the financial position of BAFSA as at 31 December 2022 and its activities for the twelve months ended on that date

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Treasurer's Report
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On behalf of the Committee

Chairman Treasurer

11 March 2023

INCOME STATEMENT

TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	2022 R	2021 R
INCOME		
Membership fees Bank deposit interest	41,900.00 7,679.16	45,000.00 7,387.85
Development Donation - Aero Club	50,000.00	, -
Hire of HOI Sundry Donation	8,000.00 4,000.00	10,400.00
Total Income	111,579.16	62,787.85
EXPENDITURE		
SA Nationals - 2022	500.00	69,129.33
Bank & Transaction Charges	8.00	4.60
World Championships Pilot Sponsorship	24,000.00	-
Development Training costs	55,394.45	120,007.41
Trailer Licence	-	492.00
Depreciation of HOI 10%	18,003.54	18,003.54
Mushroom Heaters Depreciation	-	1,598.00
Website redesign, domain	763.60	1,186.00
SACAA - ARO Renewal	880.00	1,030.00
PO Box Renewal	395.00	375.00
HOI/HPP Expenses	28,293.64	9,357.50
	128,238.23	221,183.38
(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(16,659.07)	(158,395.53)

BALANCE SHEET

31ST DECEMBER 2022

	2022 R	2021 R
ASSETS	K	K
Bank Balance	9,312.05	1,377.03
Bank Deposit	147,871.99	155,192.83
Centenary Balloon HOI	144,028.27	162,031.81
FAI Balloon Loggers	10,736.82	10,736.82
Trailer - at net book value	-	-
Mushroom Heaters x 2 - at net book value	-	-
Medals Stock & Die	5,245.77	5,245.77
Amounts Receivable	12,500.00	13,338.80
Total Assets	329,694.90	347,923.06
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Retained Surplus	314,194.90	330,853.97
Accounts Payable	15,500.00	17,069.09
Total liabilities & Equity	329,694.90	347,923.06

BALANCE SHEET

31ST DECEMBER 2021

ANALYSIS OF RESERVES - General & Ringfenced

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2016	General Reserve	Training & development	Total		
Opening Balance	121,332.20	-	121,332.20		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	17,228.39		17,228.39		
Receipt		50,000.00	50,000.00		
Expenditure		(36,864.00)	(36,864.00)		
Closing Balance	138,560.59	13,136.00	151,696.59		
2017					
Opening Balance	138,560.59	13,136.00	151,696.59		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	25,465.18		25,465.18		
Receipt		50,000.00	50,000.00		
Expenditure		-	-		
Closing Balance	164,025.77	63,136.00	227,161.77		
2018					
Opening Balance	164,025.77	63,136.00	227,161.77		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	49,371.41		49,371.41		
Transfer	13,136.00	(13,136.00)	-		
Receipt	(50,000.00)	50,000.00	-		
Expenditure	-	-	-		
Closing Balance	176,533.18	100,000.00	276,533.18		
2019					
Opening Balance	176,533.18	100,000.00	276,533.18		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	198,390.33	-	198,390.33		
Receipt	(65,000.00)	65,000.00	-		
Expenditure	9,016.17	(9,016.17)	-		
Closing Balance	318,939.68	155,983.83	474,923.51		
2020					
Opening Balance	318,939.68	155,983.84	474,923.52		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	14,325.98	-	14,325.98		
Receipt	-	-	-		
Expenditure	11,850.00	(11,850.00)	-		
Closing Balance	345,115.66	144,133.84	489,249.50		
2021					
Opening Balance	345,115.66	144,133.84	489,249.50		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(158,395.53)	-	(158,395.53)		
Receipt	-	-	-		
Expenditure	120,007.41	(120,007.41)	-		
Closing Balance	306,727.54	24,126.43	330,853.97		
2022					
Opening Balance	306,727.54	24,126.43	330,853.97		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(16,659.07)	-	(16,659.07)		
Receipt	(50,000.00)	50,000.00	-		
Expenditure	55,394.45	(55,394.45)	-		
Closing Balance	295,462.92	18,731.98	314,194.90		

SKEERPOORT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

12TH - 16TH JUNE 2022

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME	R
Pilot Entry Fees	
Total Income	-
EXPENDITURE	
H Westworth - Patch Design	500.00
Total Expenditure	500.00
2022 Championship Cost	(500.00)

DEBTORS & CREDITORS

31ST DECEMBER 2022

DEBTORS

Aero Club Dinner	7,000.00
Hire of HOI (Sema 2021 R1,500; Harold R4,000 2022)	5,500.00
	12,500.00
CREDITORS	
D Minnaar - 2021 Nationals Entry Fee	3,500.00
C Burger - 2021 Nationals Entry Fee	4,000.00
Aero Club Dinner	8,000.00
	15,500.00



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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on 2nd April 2022 at the offices of Bovell Ross, 3 Eglin Road, Sunninghill, Gauteng and commencing at 12:00

In Attendance

In person

Richard Bovell (RB) (Chair)

Martyn Evers (ME) (Treasurer/Secretary)

Flip Steyn (FS) Hanke Fourie (HF) Chris Burger (CB)

Virtual attendees by MS TEAMS, Zoom, Skype

Danie Minnaar (DM) Alan Turner (AT)

Marc Nuthall (MN) from 12:25

Eugene Schilz (ES)
Felicity Clegg (FC)
Vincent Cooke (VC)

Proxies Received:

There were no proxy forms received.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Covid-19 National Lockdown regulations and 11 members were present in person or by digital link. The chairman noted that there were 42 members registered at the commencement of the meeting therefore the quorum necessary was 20% or 9 members. Accordingly and in terms of the constitution a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by the chairman.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting, as distributed electronically to all members before the meeting and within the required notice period of 14 days, was taken as read by the meeting.

1. Minutes & matters arising

1.1 The minutes of the previous AGM held on 10th April 2021 were taken as read. There were no items for correction.

Matters Arising:

- FC enquired whether the meeting proposed last year between the commercial operators and BAFSA regarding a new category of membership "Corporate Membership" had been held. RB advised it still had to be held.
- The criteria for selection to represent BAFSA at the world championships had been agreed two pilots were selected based on past championship results and they have entered and would receive colours and some sponsorship from BAFSA. It was noted that in the event a selected pilot could not attend then any other BAFSA member who was willing to enter would be able to do so, but would not receive colours or sponsorship.
- Two FAI "loggers" were purchased towards the end of 2020. Each entrant at the world championships must use this type of logger.

- 1.2 The Chairman noted approval and signed the minutes into the record.
- 2. To receive the Treasurer's Financial Report:

The Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31st December 2021 and dated 18th March 2022 was tabled by ME. The report discussed was accompanied by the following documents which had been approved by the chairman and the treasurer:

- Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2021
- Income Statement, ended 31st December 2021
- Analysis of Reserves 31st December 2021

The Treasurer's report was taken as read. There were 45 members of BAFSA for 2021. Membership fees remained at R1,000 per member and total fees collected were R45,000. Other income amounted to R7,388 representing call account interest & R10,400 from the hire of HOI.

The 2021 Nationals took place at BHOBS once more, but without any sponsorship. It cost BAFSA a net R69,129 for the 6 pilot entrants who each paid a R3,500 entry fee. The main costs of the event were propane R41,014, officials accommodation R14,080, breakfast & coffee stations R10,430 & event infrastructure R5,490.

Training costs incurred in 2021 for the three aspirant previously disadvantaged student pilots amounted to R120,007 culminating in the first black female balloon pilot obtaining her wings. Only R24,126 remains available to spend and this amount remains ring-fenced.

The expenses in the year were the website R1,186, PO Box renewal R375, ARO renewal R1,030, maintenance & insurance for HOI R9,358 & trailer licence R492. In addition notional amounts were applied as depreciation for HOI based on usage R18,003 & mushroom/mobile heaters used at the nationals R1,598.

Excluding expenditure on student training there was a deficit for the year of R38,388 compared to a surplus of R26,176 last year. Available funds in the current and investment account at the year-end stood at R156,570 of which R24,126 was ring-fenced for training and development.

The treasurer's report was proposed by Flip Steyn and seconded by Hanke Fourie. The meeting accepted the 2021 AFS as tabled and they were signed by the Chairman & Treasurer.

3. To receive the Chairman's Report:

The Chairman, Richard Bovell, tabled and presented his report. The 2021 year was a vast improvement over 2020 with commercial and sport ballooning recovering from the effects of Covid-19 lockdowns, but the year was impacted by the tragic deaths of both Bill & Mary Harrop to Covid-19, a huge loss to ballooning in the country and acknowledging the massive contribution they had made to ballooning over the years.

2021 saw the National Championships successfully held once more at BHOBS. Six pilots entered and 21 tasks were flown. The winner was Marc Nuthall followed by first time entrant Andries Steyn in second place and Zack Muller third. Another first time entrant was lanthé Honiball. Both Marc and Andries have entered for the upcoming World Championships to be held in Slovenia in September 2022.

RB noted that the hosting of the Nationals is expensive especially without any sponsorship. He noted that the cost exceeds the total membership fees for a year implying all the members contribute to enable six pilots participate which is not a sustainable model. For the 2022 event to be held during June 2022 a minimum of 8 pilot entries has been set failing which the event will not be held. He suggested the time may have come to hold the event every two years. This will be a discussion point for the committee in the coming year.

Membership of BAFSA had remained consistent with prior years and was currently 42. Some pilots had still not renewed their 2022 membership and their licences are invalid. These pilots have been contacted and some have responded. It was imperative they renewed their membership. The BAFSA committee do not want to be policemen, but the commercial operators and balloon pilots need to be aware this could impact their balloon insurances.

BAFSA is recognised as the official ballooning ARO in South Africa and renewed its annual status in November 2021. The SACAA have informed us that a new MOP format is in place and BAFSA will have to amend its MOP to comply. A number of CAA audits to ensure BAFSA is complying with its MOP are anticipated in 2022. The chairman noted that without BAFSA there would be no ballooning in South Africa.

The training and development programme gathered pace in 2021 with the first black female pilot, Sema Mathebula gaining her wings. A great media event to celebrate this milestone was held at BHOBS in December 2021. The two other candidate trainees continue to make progress towards their wings. None of this however is possible without grants from the Department of Sports & Recreation and the involvement of many others especially the instructors, the Balloon Training School and Lorin Bowen Events Management. An additional grant of R50,000 was applied for in December 2021 to assist in the conclusion of the training of the two remaining candidates.

As a fully-fledged section of Aero Club BAFSA attends all their council meetings and although BAFSA is a small section it is prominent at these meetings. BAFSA also attended the virtual meeting of the international balloon commission, the CIA, held only two weeks previously. RB gave thanks to Flip Steyn who sponsored the courier cost of shipping two copies of the Aero Club Centenary Book to the British & French Aero Clubs.

Members of BAFSA attended and participated in two events in 2021 – the Aero Club air weekend at Middelburg and the Great Train & Heritage Day in Heidelberg. RB noted that Alan Turner will attend the Vryheid air show this year.

A project is currently underway to refurbish another balloon ZS-HPP which, like HOI, will be available for private hire. FC noted that the log books had gone missing for HPP & she would have to undertake a process of compiling information to prepare new, replacement documents. She requested pilots to provide any information they had from their log books regarding any flights they may have taken in HPP. FC was hoping to bring HPP back into service in time for the 2022 Nationals.

The chairman thanked the committee for their involvement and contributions over the year to the ongoing development and promotion of ballooning in the country and their input into ensuring compliance with the increasing levels of oversight by SACAA. AT thanked the committee for their efforts in keeping things going for the ballooning community.

The Chairman's Report was proposed for acceptance by Flip Steyn and seconded by Hanke Fourie.

- General Matters from the floor:
 - 4.1 RB informed the meeting that the number of entrants into the worlds was discussed at a plenary session of the recent CIA meeting. The number of entrants would remain in the region of approx. 100, but the number of entrants from member countries with a small number of pilots could reduce. Currently South Africa has 2 places, but in future this could reduce to 1.
 - 4.2 There were no other general matters raised from the floor
- 5. Election of Members to the Committee
 - 5.1 Richard Bovell had completed his 2 year term of office and had indicated his willingness to stand for re-election and was thus automatically nominated. No further nominations had been received.
 - 5.2 The meeting agreed to the nomination received and the committee going forward was therefore: Richard Bovell, Hanke Fourie, Martyn Evers and Flip Steyn.
- Meeting Closure

	There being no f	urther business.	, the meeting was	concluded at 12:51
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CHAIRMAN:	DATE:

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NOMINATION FORM

To be used to nominate a member of BAFSA willing to stand for election as a member of the BAFSA Committee to hold office for a period of 2 (two) years from the Annual General Meeting to be held on 25th March 2023.

l,	, being a current member of BAFSA,
hereby propose	for election to the BAFSA Committee.
Signed	.Date
1,	, also being a current member of BAFSA,
hereby second the above nomination.	
Signed	Data
Signed	Date
I,	hereby accept this nomination to stand
for election onto the BAFSA Committee. I further agree,	if elected, that my term of office will be for
a two-year period.	•
a two year period.	
Signed	Date

N.B. To be valid this nomination form must be lodged with the Secretary before the commencement of the AGM. No late nominations will be accepted. email martyn@evers.co.za











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PROXY FORM

This proxy form is for use at the Annual General Meeting of the Balloon & Airship Federation of South Africa to be held on 25th March 2023.

I,		, hereby grant my proxy
to,		, or failing him
	the Meeting to act as directed by na vote at this meeting.	ne, failing which as he chooses, on
Date	Name	Signature

N.B. This form must be lodged with the Chairman before the start of the AGM.











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TREASURERS REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

For the 2022 calendar/financial year BAFSA had 43 paid up pilot & student pilot members contributing R41,900. Membership fees remained at R1,000 and were payable through the Aero Club on-line membership system.

Other income comprised of interest from the bank deposit amounting to R7,679 and rental fees from the hire of HOI of R8,000 and a R4,000 donation towards the rehabilitation of HPP.

There was no Nationals event held in 2022 as the minimum number of pilot entries was not reached, but an amount of R500 was incurred on the logo design.

During 2022 we were pleased to welcome Harold Tjiana, a previously disadvantaged student pilot, as P1. Well done Harold. Training costs associated with the previously disadvantaged student pilots amounted to R55,394 in the year. An amount of R18,732 remains of the ring-fenced grants received from the Department of Sports & Recreation. The committee has made an application for a further grant of R50,000 to continue with training and awaits the decision of the Department.

A notional amount has been applied as a depreciation cost for HOI based on usage (R18,003).

Two of our members (Marc Nuthall & Andries Steyn) represented South Africa (and Aero Club & BAFSA) at the hot air balloon world championships held in Murska Sobota, Slovakia in September 2022. As has been the tradition BAFSA contributed R12,000 each as sponsorship.

Other costs incurred in the year were website R764, PO Box renewal R395, ARO renewal R880, balloon maintenance & insurance for HOI/HPP R28.294.

For the 2022 year under review BAFSA incurred a deficit of R11,265 compared to a deficit in the previous year of R38,388 (excluding ring-fenced training & development funds).

The cash in the bank and on deposit at the end of the 2022 financial year was R157,184 of which R18,732 was ring-fenced for training & development.

Martyn Evers Treasurer

11th March 2023