

2012 HMFC AGM

Held on Sunday 27th May at 10h30

At the HMFC flying field in Howick

1. The meeting was opened at 10h32
2. Members present – Angus McInnes, Clive McInnes, Stewart Allen, Boet Naude, Les Mustard, Gavin Scholtz, Craig Campbell, Glen Bell, Jason Bell, Victor Terblanche.
3. Apologies. Brian Jeffrey, Jeremy Dixon, Trevor Dickinson.
4. Minutes for the 2011 AGM were handed out and were Approved by all members present.
5. Chairmans report – see annexe A attached.
6. Financials for the year 13 July 2011 – 12 April 2012 were presented by Boet the treasurer and were approved by all present.
7. Election of new committee – Boet Naude requested to stand down as club Treasurer, Clive as club Secretary and Angus as Chairmain also requested to stand down. the various positions were discussed and the following committee was voted in by all members present.

Chairman	Angus McInnes
Treasurer	Gavin Scholtz
Secretary	Clive McInnes
Committe member 1	Victor Terblanche (heli representative)
Committee member 2	Brian Jeffrey

8. Fees for the forthcoming year. As per usual we discussed options relating to the running costs of the club. We do not foresee any major expenses this year, but do realise that costs for everything have escalated and it was agreed we should reduce our fees to R300 per year in order to keep existing and attract new members.
Although annual fees were reduced, it was agreed that we re-introduce a Joining fee of R100 for all new members. Any members who allow their annual fees to lapse will have to rejoin the club and the R100 joining fee will apply. Membership fees are Due NO LATER than the 01st of July 2012.

Senior Members	R300,00
Junior Members (under18)	R150,00
Junior where adult is also a member	R50,00
Students over 18	R150,00
Banking details for HMFC Nedbank City Centre PMB Branch Br code – 156005 Account – 2560190710	

9. General :

- a. It was requested that in future the AGM is not held on a Sunday as some members are unable to do Sundays as it clashes with church.
 - b. Clive asked all present if we could still communicate all HMFC related matters incl arranging meetings via email – it was agreed by all that this was fine and postage was an unnecessary expense. Clive also asked everyone to check and complete or correct all contact details on the club register.
 - c. The Local Pattern and LSA events held at HMFC were discussed and agreed it was good for the club. A Heli only fly day was also discussed and up to the Heli guys to organise.
 - d. A Local Fly-in for the HMFC to raise funds was discussed and everyone thought it a good idea. Details will follow on the website.
 - e. Clive is to update the website with current membership details ASAP.
10. The Meeting was closed at 11h05

Annexure A : CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2012.

Welcome to all the members and thank you for attending the AGM.

It has not been a good year for HMFC, the beautiful field we have is not being fully used with only a handful of members attending on a regular basis. The past 2 years have been a difficult task to obtain subs from certain members and we have heard all kinds of excuses as to why they have not paid. It becomes an unpleasant task when a committee member has to approach a club member to ask they why they have not paid their subs. To prevent the same thing again we are proposing a new system to assist in receiving payment of the subs.

Grass Cutting.

It has also been difficult to arrange a mowing roster for the year when you do not know who the current paid up members are making it a difficult task for Clive.

There are members who have done more than their fair share of cutting in particular

Clive, Stewart Allen, Boet Naude, Pottie and Gavin. Stewart Allen also does maintenance on the ride-on mower for us. My thanks to all the members for their efforts in helping to maintain the field.

We have lost members this year, some have left and some have gone to the new Karkloof Club. The current financial climate has also not helped. We need to attract new members to the club. The new committee should look at ways to encourage this.

Large scale aerobatics and the pattern clinic are an excellent way to achieve this. A fun fly-in at HMFC where all pilots with all types of planes can participate would be a great idea.

The Sunday braai once a month has also fallen away and it would be great if we could continue with this again. An analysis of our expenditure over the past three years would indicate that we require

a minimum of R4,000 to maintain our present field. This only covers the cost of materials mainly and the odd repair to mowers.

The position of the field remains the same as it has for many years with regard to the use of the land. The latest development and the reason work has stopped on the housing project is because a new assessment is required because the neighbouring farmer has refused permission to have the sewage pump station on his land. We can only hope that this will take years to resolve, if ever.

My thanks again to all members for attending the AGM at HMFC.

Angus McInnes

Chairman

Annexe A : CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2011

Again I would like to welcome all members and thank you for attending the AGM. I would like to thank Boet and Estelle Naude for allowing us the use of their home for the AGM.

1. Our first item to attend to was to obtain prices for the new safety fencing and this was done by Boet Naude. Plans for the erection of the fencing were completed by Clive and arrangements were made with the contractor to erect the fencing. We have had many favourable comments from pilots and positive feedback from Malcolm Powell.
2. All seemed to be going well until we were informed by the farmer that he was going to lock the gate to the flying field. On 5th January the field was closed to all pilots. At this point Clive got permission for our members to fly at MMAC. We would like to thank MMAC for the kind gesture.
3. I would like to thank all the members of the committee and Bill Middleton for the time and effort they put in to looking for an alternative field for HMFC. All the options that were explored failed to be suitable.
4. After heated discussions with the farmer I finally persuaded him to allow us to return to the field as long as we did not fly on a Sunday. Thank you to all our members for complying with this request. The farmer has since left and we have resumed flying on Sundays. On 27th January Clive was in contact with the local council and they confirmed our letter of permission to use the current site.

Grass Cutting

It has not gone as well as in previous years due to the disruption caused by the farmer and a few members not adhering to the roster. I would like to thank Clive here for cutting the grass when needed. The Howick members continued cutting the grass and there seem to be no problems.

Proficiencies

A number of proficiencies were done at HMFC and thanks go to Clive, Les and Qurayne for helping with these.

Pilots who obtained proficiencies for fixed-wing were Stuart Allen, Jeremy Dixon, Neil Drummond. One of the heli guys from Richards Bay also managed to obtain a proficiency for helis.

Events

Neil Allen's pattern clinic is still popular and we are pleased to host this event at HMFC. The large scale aerobatics is also now hosted and run by Clive at HMFC.

Sunday braais

Events at HMFC due to the closure of the field seemed to have put a damper on members flying at the field and their Sunday braais. We would like more members to attend the Sunday braais and enjoy the lovely field that we have.