

# Western Cape Microlight Club

## Club Members Meeting: November 2017

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 NOVEMBER 2017  
WCMC Clubhouse

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**Committee Members:**

**PRESENT:**

Ross Leighton (RL) (Chairman)  
Alan Fergus (AF) (Treasurer)  
Mike Lomborg (MCL) (Secretary)  
Rae Henderson (RH)  
Kai Neckel (KN)  
Bob Heimann (BH)

**APOLOGIES:**

Paul Grobler (PG)  
Alan Fergus (AF) (Treasurer)

**Club Members:**

**PRESENT:**

Refer to attendance register held by Club Secretary

**APOLOGIES:**

Cyril Shand, Gert van der Linde, Barry Ryan, Len & Christine Klopper, Godfrey Needham, Charl Starke

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**NEXT MEETING:** 31 January 2018 at 19h00

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Approved:

**CHAIRMAN:**

**SECRETARY:**

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## 1. OPENING

- 1.1. The meeting was opened by RL at 19h00 who welcomed all members and visitors.
- 1.2. No matters arising from the previous meeting were raised by members.
- 1.3. RL informed members about the sad death in a gyro accident near Parys of ex-member Alex Nel. The Club extends its condolences to friends and family.

## 2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1. Updated membership numbers were not available in AF's absence.

## 3. LEASE & ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- 3.1. The Chairman reported that the final EIA report had been submitted and the WC Environmental Officer had completed an on-site inspection (joined by member Deon van Eeden who is an environmental consultant).
- 3.2. WCMC was informed that the S24G fine had been determined in accordance with our status as a non-profit company (equivalent to an individual in the fine determination process). The documentation was now awaiting signature by the DG of the department.
- 3.3. Included in the Final EIA Report is an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) which we will be bound to. This includes protocols that will have to be adhered to in any future building of hangars etc.
- 3.4. Additionally, the EMP binds the WCMC to control/eliminate any alien vegetation on the leased area which will entail a cost to the club. Members will notice that a fire break on the eastern boundary has already been cleared.
- 3.5. Any alien clearing will be done in consultation with the environmental authority that has oversight over the area.
- 3.6. RL reported that the lease negotiations were continuing.

## 4. CLUB GOVERNANCE MATTERS

- 4.1. Nil to report.

## 5. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 5.1. Currently the Club has no bad debts and no creditors.

## 6. HANGARS AND RELATED MATTERS

- 6.1. Hangar members are reminded that no non-aviation related equipment & items (ie equipment and items other than that required for maintenance and operation of aircraft that may be hangered) may be stored in hangars.
- 6.2. No non-approved commercial activity in or from hangars is allowed.

- 6.3. The Chairman expressed his thanks to those members who had willingly complied with requests to remove non-aviation items, non approved storage structures etc. Compliance was not only necessary as a consequence of the rules of the club, but also to avoid unnecessary obstacles in the conclusion of the lease, and ultimately for the good of the entire membership.

## 7. AIRFIELD INFRASTRUCTURE

- 7.1. Nil to report.

## 8. SAFETY

### 8.1. Accidents/Incidents

- 8.1.1. 2 Prop strikes had occurred in the previous month, one involving a Jabiru which had departed the runway, the other a gyro which had departed the runway after experiencing blade flap. No injuries.

## 9. CLUBHOUSE

- 9.1. Nil to report.

## 10. EVENTS

- 10.1. Clanwilliam breakfast fly-away to Alan Fergus' farm.  
10.2. Funday at FASH on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.  
10.3. WCMC Christmas Party at the Clubhouse starting at 1530 on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.  
10.4. Langebaan Airshow Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec.

## 11. GENERAL

- 11.1. A new Whatsapp group for communicating events will be set up in the New Year.  
11.2. RL presented some initial logo options based on the new name of the club (Morningstar Flying Club). Feedback was noted and the Exco will continue with the effort

## 12. NEXT MEETING

- 12.1. The next meeting would be held on Wed 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 at **19h00.**

After the close of the meeting, Major Mario van der Westhuizen gave a presentation on survival following an aircraft accident. While this training is standard within the SAAF, it is often overlooked among general aviation pilots, yet it could make the difference between surviving post-accident or not. Proper preparation and the carrying of appropriate equipment and items on board was emphasized. All members are encouraged to follow this presentation up with their own reading and education, and most importantly, the preparation of themselves and their aircraft for possible survival scenarios depending on the terrain that they will be flying over.

Thanks to Maj van der Westhuizen for giving of his time to provide us with an insight into areas that perhaps we had not fully considered and planned for. This exchange of information between the general aviation community and the SAAF is invaluable to us.