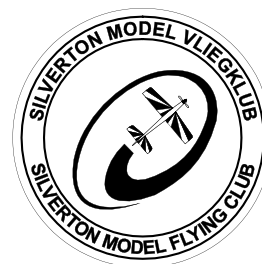

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SMFC Chairman's Report – Johan Sieling

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1. **Introduction**

The SMFC is ticking along despite the ever-changing and challenging world we are living in. I am happy to report that the club is pretty active at times, and we are still able to maintain the excellent flying facilities and high standards established in the past. We did lose a few members in this past year but we also gained some new members during the year. As far as the financials are concerned, we need to keep tight control over expenditure and we also need to investigate possible revenue streams to ensure we do not further deplete our savings in the future.

2. **Membership**

The active membership numbers have once again declined in this past year, and we now have 46 members as follows:

Life members	16 (35%)
Honorary members	6 (13%)
Junior members	1 (2%)
Regular members	23 (50%)

Several members did not renew their membership by the end of July 2025, but we did gain some new members during this last year.

3. **Finances**

The club financials are still in a pretty healthy state. As of the end of August 2025, we had R224.90 in the cheque account and R233,160.03 in the Investment Advantage Account which is a total of R233,384.93 in both the club's accounts compared to R232,750.56 last year. All payments are up to date and the above amount includes the member renewals for the 2025/2026 year. We would like to thank Marthinus for managing all the administration for the club and Tiaan Steenkamp for all the treasury work performed. Thank you to Fanie Nel of DNL Accounts CC for once again preparing the annual financial statements for the club.

4. Club Facilities

We thank Marthinus and his team again for their hard work in keeping the club facilities in pristine condition. Maintenance is ongoing and the palisade fencing has been given a new coat of paint as well as the doors, windows and facias of the clubhouse.

We are in the process of painting the crosses at the ends of the runway and the centre cross will also be painted. Thanks to the "Manne wat kan" that has assisted with painting of the runway markings.

As you are all aware, quite a bit of damage was done to our lawns during the Legends Pretoria Fest and Air show. Legends insisted on using our facilities for VIP parking even though we requested them not to use our front lawns as they were very wet at that point in time. Most of the damage has been repaired since but it will take time to recover.

5. Club Administration

Thank you, Marthinus for providing multiple admin services to the club during the past year.

Thank you, Hendrik for providing the WhatsApp messaging service to the club during the past year. Marthinus Potgieter has indicated that we need assist with some of the admin activities going forward as he is not always available to perform all the required tasks.

The Vice Chairman, Hendrik Coetsee and myself will set up a meeting with Marthinus to investigate how we take things forward from here.

6. Flight Training & Proficiencies

Flight training and proficiencies is an ongoing process. Please contact me, should you have any questions or requirements in this regard. Just a reminder that it is each pilot's own decision to improve your flying skills and abilities and have your proficiency tested. Then also keep in mind, as a minimum, a SAMAA solo proficiency is required for all pilots to fly without supervision! Certain proficiency requirements are also to be met if you wish to fly in events other than normal flying at the club. Please refer to the latest SAMAA MOPS for the details which were revised by SAMAA earlier this year.

7. Events & Competitions

The SMFC annual club function that was arranged for to take place earlier this year was cancelled due to wet weather. The committee has to reschedule the function, which will possibly now only take place early next year as we left it a little late to fit it in this year.

8. Legends Adventure Farm

We have regular communication and meetings with the Legends General Manager to ensure we are updated on possible events and other information from their side. We also keep them informed of any events or issues from our side as far as possible.

9. SAMAA

As SMFC is currently a SAMAA registered club, all club members and visitors flying at our club facilities need to have current/valid SAMAA membership. **Therefore, no SAMAA membership = no fly at the SMFC facilities!** It also needs to be made clear that membership of another ARO does not replace the SAMAA membership requirement due to the different insurance arrangements as well as possible differences in the Operating Manuals of the two registered ARO's.

10. Club Communication

As mentioned above in the club administration paragraph, the main communication channels for SMFC are emails and WhatsApp messages. Therefore, all club communications are directed to the members via these two channels only. The club Facebook page is the only window we have whereby we can promote our club to the public, to so try and attract new members. We need to appoint a

member to manage our Facebook page as it is not done on a regular basis at this point in time. New members mainly find us via word of mouth, mostly referred to us by members and members of other clubs that are aware of our existence.

11. Safety

In terms of safety, there is not much to report other than that no safety incidents were reported since the last AGM.

Please be aware that each pilot needs to ensure compliance with all the safety rules & regulations when operating a model aircraft and that safety always comes first.

The annual SAMAA Risk Analyses documentation has been completed and we have received a new compliance certificate from SAMAA which is now valid till end September 2026.

12. Development Program

The Cornerstone College development program is still ongoing under the guidance of Dr Rob Hurlin assisted several staff members at the school. At this point in time there are two club members involved who assist with the pilot training on Thursday afternoons: Johan Sieling and Hannes Gouws. More information is available from Dr Rob Hurlin, who normally provides us with a report on the progress of this initiative. I am glad to report that we again received a donation of R5000 from Cornerstone College during August 2024 for our involvement in this initiative.

13. Management Committee

All the above actions and activities are planned, managed and mostly executed by the management committee and I would like to thank all the committee members for their contributions that make it possible to run the club and its facilities successfully. As far as I am aware all the existing committee members are willing to stand in their portfolios for another term.

14. Conclusion

The existing economic climate in our country is becoming more and more challenging. We therefore need to find new ways and avenues to generate operating funds, going forward. Please remember that the club does not only consist of the committee members, but all the members together form the club, and everyone has an obligation to contribute to the prosperity of the club, not only the committee members. Thanks to everyone that did contribute towards the prosperity of our Club during the past year.

For me, it is a privilege and honour to serve on the club committee and I will do my best to ensure the prosperity of our Club going forward.

Thanks & regards

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