



## **MISASA**

Microlight & Sport Aeroplane Association of South Africa  
Chairman's Report 2019/2020

Dear members & friends, a year of misfortune has passed and we ever imagined that our country would be faced with such unnatural challenges. That what we had planned for in 2020 was scuttled by a single announcement by the President of South Africa – COVID & LOCKDOWN and without regurgitating all that we have had to endure, we definitely have been thrust into the unknown. I will thus try keep it brief. Our first disappointment was losing the legal process with the DOT Appeals Board. Our fight for a CARCOM seat definitely paved the way for the powers that be to sit up and take note of the plight of some of the ARO's. We were represented by Kevin Storie & Marthinus Potgieter and they put up a gallant fight against a full panel of SC Advocates hired by CAA. We'll take the positives out of the loss though. Apart from the COVID challenge, we face, as other sub sections are, dwindling membership numbers. This remains a serious concern.

### **Transformation & Development**

Our female T&D student Karabo Magakane at Leading Edge Flying School successfully went SOLO and is progressing well. We paid R 35 000 from SRSA funds on a performance/achievement basis. Our retroactive T&D funding is smiled upon, especially after the very disappointing student, Jan Moabi.

### **BlueBoxOnline Portal**

The BlueBoxOnline payment portal and MISASA administration is in the capable hands of Thelma. Kindly contact Thelma should you have issues that you need assistance with, preferably on e-mail [admin@misasa.org](mailto:admin@misasa.org) or alternatively on **071 656 2027**.

### **Events, Fly-Ins & Competitions**

Brett Hickman arranged the Numbi Africa Cup after a doubtful period wrt COVID and events. The event was audited by CAA and apart from a minor comment, a big thumbs up. The event received positive media exposure in PilotsPost as well as on the MISASA Facebook page. Donald started initiating events but the COVID situation scuttled most of the plans envisaged. The "NORTH meets SOUTH" Fly In along with SAGPA was also forced to cancel. Several MISASA members actively participate in SAPFA Navigation Rallies and we fully support this as it is discipline specific and have an informal agreement in place with SAPFA wrt MISASA members participating.

### **SACAA**

COVID really has put the services provided by CAA to the test, the report back in each and every Aeroclub Communique will reflect this. This is also the reason why I have not called for portfolio reports as the Communiques reflect a massive team effort, not only from MISASA but also the other affiliate ARO's. My report would otherwise have been filled with this content.

### **In Closing....**

A special note of appreciation to Rob Jonkers & Marthinus Potgieter that have actively engaged with the DOT and the CAA, spent hours on and in Virtual Meetings (and still do) and have facilitated so much for the benefit of us and the recreational aviation industry!

My fellow committee members, without singling out any individual, THANK YOU for your SACRIFICE during an incredibly difficult period. I realise we had some heated debates of how to proceed and what would be the best solutions during this time, we thankfully persevered and delivered! To those that have decided to step down, our sincere appreciation for your contributions whilst having served on the committee and best wishes going forward. To our most important asset, YOU, our valued & esteemed member, on behalf of the committee, our most sincere appreciation for the loyal support and the trust you have vested in us as a committee.

John Boucher - Chairman