



## **Sports Aviation Federation of Australia - ACN 635 378 139**

### **SAFA annual General Meeting - Motions from Members**

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Received 30 Sep 2020

**Presented as: Motion 7: That SAFA review all theory exams**

Hello Mark,

I'd like to put forward a proposal of a motion to:

1. review all theory exams, in particular paragliding;
  - a. to determine if the information in the questions are still current,
  - b. the questions are relevant to the syllabus,
  - c. the master sheet answer responses, correspond correctly to the appropriate answer,
  - d. the question and applicable answers are quizzing knowledge and not english comprehension,
  - e. the questions and answers are in line with current exam structure techniques, and
  - f. the questions are worded at the expected level of aeronautical experience.

happy to discuss further if required.

kind regards

Richard Pleuger



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**Presented as: Motion 8: That SAFA considers providing a mediator function to assist with the resolution of complaints between members.**

Here is a proposal for consideration at the next SAFA AGM meeting. I'm sure you'd be able to word it more appropriately for the AGM.

I have been a member of the SAFA/HGFA since 2015. I have been troubled on several occasions regarding political uncalled for disadvantages on varying pilots within of the several clubs. Code of ethics often are not being upheld. I am unable to see a way being offered on SAFA website to bring appropriate complaints.

To uphold code and ethics of conduct in SAFA may I propose a so called "mediator" to be appointed by the SAFA. Any complaints to be relayed in writing and both sides heard by the mediator with the goal to find a fair outcome, solution or apology.

The appointed mediator should be "neutral" not a pilot, not a CFI with no bias attached where possible.

SAFA Website could give a clear link, for Mediator Email and phone number with explanation. At the moment it looks like complaints get put up for public to see which does not seem to be an equitable solution and it does not seem to be a way to have a problem resolved.

I feel this is important as many pilots end up leaving SAFA or avoid those clubs who have been treated with hostility from one member or another who choose not to take code of ethics seriously.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Jeanine Glasson

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**Presented as: Motion 9: That the SAFA undertake a full review of its membership fee structure as well as regional development levies with the aim of making the sport more affordable for its members by introducing a number of different membership categories to better reflect the memberships' demographic and their flying habits.**

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Justification

Current membership model only has two membership categories – student and full member. This membership structure is too simplistic and implies that all members enjoy the sport in the same way and utilise the services provided by SAFA in the same way. This is not the case. There exists a huge variation in the way members fly, and this should be recognised in the fee structure. For example, categories might include:

- Student pilots
- occasional low airtime pilots
- regular high airtime pilots
- competition pilots.
- Senior (concession) pilots.

Actual categories and corresponding fee structure needs to be examined and set appropriately.

Current membership fees are very high and are the primary reason why some pilots exit the sport. SAFA has a responsibility to keep membership fees at an affordable level whilst still maintaining those essential services that apply to all pilots. Any special privileges covered by membership fees should be borne by the affected pilots.



Regional development levies should also be reviewed to ensure relevance and value for money.

All SAFA fees and levies should be regularly reviewed to ensure relevance and adequacy.

The above proposal represents a more fair and equitable way of assigning membership fees as it recognises members' flying behaviour. It is also consistent with the user pays principle.

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