

SOUTH AFRICAN HANG GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING ASSOCIATION

Incorporating Powered Paragliding & Hang Gliding

Non-Profit Organisation – Empowering the Free Flight Community of South Africa

Company Registration Number: 2005/028858/08

P O Box 191, Celtis Ridge, 0130
Tel & Fax: (012) 668-1219 Fax: 086-611-1005 (local only)
E-mail: office@sahpa.co.za Website: www.sahpa.co.za



1 March 2010

Good day all PPG pilots

Pre amble

Following recent developments and correspondence, reports of rogue piloting, non compliance, death threats amongst members and requests for possible break away organisations and not to mention a severe lack of professionalism from a few members within the PPG section, SAHPA, Aeroclub of SA and RAASA has decided that enough is enough and that PPG will become compliant. The image of PPG cannot be further de graded by its very own participants.

Leadership from within the section needs to happen. Direction has now been given by SAHPA and RAASA with the backing of Aeroclub of SA.

A meeting was held to resolve many issues at the Aeroclub at Rand Airport with many invited senior PPG pilots, instructors and some rogue pilot representatives.

The way forward was decided and the various governing structures have put their backing into this plan and given the PPG pilots one last period to ensure they are legal and complying with the requirements before Part 185 is acted upon. See the SAHPA MOP 2.4 for examples of Part 185.

To assist in this plan an amnesty period was agreed by all organisations, in which all PPG pilots can become compliant and ensure that they are resolving their outstanding compliance issues free from prosecution has been put in place.

The amnesty period is from

1st March 2010 to the 31st May 2010

With immediate effect all persons taking part in any form of hang or para gliding, powered or non powered will be required to be a Bona Vide member of SAHPA and Aero club with the required licences and ratings brought up to date, these should at all times be available to be presented if so required by a member of RAASA, the SACAA and the SAP when asked to do so

For those members who do not currently comply, a 90 day period will be awarded to allow for sufficient time to comply with these requirements

Notwithstanding the existing enforcement protocol with the legal department of the CAA, RAASA shall adhere to the legislated conduct when suspending or canceling any license or rating, and the offender be given the opportunity to appeal such decision by following the provided process. This shall not negate the issuing of fines in terms of Part 185 for offences

SAHPA will after this period comply with their ARO requirements detailed below (taken from the certificate attached)

- a) To oversee the operation of its members and continuously evaluate compliance with the conditions of its approved MOP
- b) To advise RAASA on regulatory amendments applicable to its operation
- c) To advise RAASA of any Non-compliance by its members of its MOP.

*Committee: FS Naude (Marketing), A Rainsford-Alberts (PG), O Plange (HG), L Van Den Hoeck (Powered)
Administration: LA Liversedge*

Referring to our meeting earlier this month, I would like to bring to SAHPA's members attention some of the duties designated to RAASA by the SACAA/Commissioner for Civil Aviation.

- a) Establish safety standards relating to aviation recreation;
- b) Exercise control over aviation recreation organizations that are approved in terms of Part 149 of CARs, unless otherwise excluded by the Commissioner;
- c) Set the standards relating to the National Pilot License as contemplated in Part 62 of the Regulations where such standards are required in Part 62;
- d) Subject to clause (j) below and in line with Regulation 149.01.2, monitor, oversee and exercise Quality Control over developments in regard to sporting, recreational aviation and advise the Commissioner on matters relating to the controlling, regulating, and promotion of aviation safety in respect of such activities;
- e) Ensure that the recreational and sporting activities referred to in clause (i) above, will take place in accordance with the procedures of the appropriate manuals as approved by the Commissioner for Civil Aviation in terms of Regulation 149.02.2;
- f) Notify the Commissioner, to take action about non-compliances and irregularities that are not remedied;
- g) Be responsible for the regulating, approving and renewing of Hang Gliding and Paragliding launch sites as contemplated in the SAHPA approved manual of procedure, in terms of Part 149 and in accordance with clause 4.1.1 herein;

RAASA will be conducting random audits on SAHPA activities including but not limited to launch sites and members licences and ratings.

Those will also include a scheduled audit on the SAHPA MOP and its functions.

How to comply

(Re: This is not limited to PPG pilots, previous PPG instructors, Rogue Instructors, non-licensed PPG instructors)

1. Join SAHPA and pay membership fee and renewal fee.
2. Sign up with current instructor providing documented confirmation to SAHPA

Cost of renewals, student licensing and full licensing can be obtained from Louise at the SAHPA office along with all relevant paperwork at the time of signing up.

All pilots wishing to make use of this 90 day amnesty from prosecution for non compliance must register with SAHPA, in addition to their chosen instructor.

The instructors are listed below

Instructors.

Gerhard Pretorius
Tony Gibson
Hendrik Van Zyl
Barry Pedersen
Jan Minnaar
Keith Pickersgill

Previously licensed Paramotor pilot whose PPG license has expired

Must have:

1. Valid PPG theory test on file
2. Valid Basic PG Theory test on file

If No theory tests on record, then one must write and pass the theory papers and get it marked by appropriate instructor/s.

3. Provide proof of completed Aeronautical Radio Course and Restricted radio license.

If not, then complete the RRL course and obtain the RRL.

4. Complete skill test of 5 test flights at the discretion of the instructor. (This will be documented on the standard SAHPA Skill Test form)

Note for Skill test * If his PPG license lapsed some time ago but he has been flying actively during this time (proven by a log book), then Perform skill test flight/flights with any PPG instructor.

PPG Pilots that have never been licensed for PPG:

Establish if he is, or was in the past, a licensed PG pilot without a powered license, or someone who has never been licensed by SAHPA?

Establish if he has done the Aeronautical Radio Course and has the license.

* Check if he has a valid Basic Paragliding Theory Test on record at SAHPA.

Note: Some might be licensed paraglider pilots without powered license, some might never have flown paragliders un-powered (and some everywhere in between)

The process

1. Apply and pay for PPG Student license and sign up with relevant PPG instructor who can examine his log book and access what practical needs to be done.
2. Write and pass the Powered Paragliding Theoretical Knowledge Test.
3. Write and pass the basic PG theory test
4. Complete an Aeronautical Radio Course and obtain a Restricted Radio License.

If pilot has logged flights

If the Instructor decides he/she is up to standard and has at least 35 flights logged (including some recent flights as per SAHPA's annual renewal requirements), then he may simply pass a the Skill test
This will be documented on the standard SAHPA skill test form

If pilot has no logged flights

Then unfortunately he will need to put these flights in with the instructor.

A minimum of 35 logged flights must be recorded in the PPG pilots Log book, plus the requirement for an annual renewal (20 flights and 5 hours in the last 12 months).

If no logs were kept,

PPG pilots with previous ratings (this includes instructors) .

These specific candidates will be accessed on a case specific basis by the PPG committee and SAHPA Committee and if re- instatement is acceptable then this can be undertaken in this amnesty period as long as a letter stating compliance with the current rules and regulations and ethics is received by SAHPA and will be placed on file.

The South African Hang-gliding and Paragliding Association (SAHPA)

Mission & Code of Conduct

1. Mission

SAHPA has been established in order to:

- a) Promote, encourage and advance the sport of foot launched flying* amongst all South African residents regardless of sex, race and religion.
- b) License and monitor the activities of its members.
- c) Foster and publicize the technical development of flying equipment and techniques.
- d) Represent the interests of its members in consultation with Government agencies and other regulatory authorities.
- e) Expand the number of flying sites and protect them against the introduction of any unfounded, inappropriate and unnecessary airspace limitations.
- f) Institute and enforce the ethics of foot launched flying as regards pilot responsibility within a framework of minimum regulation
- g) Record, investigate, evaluate and report on all safety related matters either involving or affecting its members
- h) Co-ordinate and supervise competitions within the various codes
- i) Maintain pilot ranking lists within each code
- j) Select the National Team(s) and officials
- k) Undertake fund raising and marketing activities

* The generic term "Foot Launched Flying" currently includes Hang Gliding, Paragliding, the powered derivatives of both of these and Powered Parachuting.

2. Code of Conduct

SAHPA expects its officials and members subscribe to an ethical code of conduct based upon the three tenets of beneficence (the duty to do good), non-maleficence (the duty to do no harm) and justice (offenders to be treated fairly and required to make good their wrongs and face the same sanctions for the same transgressions).

A code cannot cover every conceivable contingency and although it can be reasonably proscriptive in so far as the behavior of officials is concerned, in the case of individual pilots one can only provide a guideline as to the type of behavior that they should aspire to.

3. Application

The code should apply equally to all levels of the organisation from employed staff, committee members (both elected and co-opted), occasionally appointed officials such as Meet Directors and competition administrators such as those appointed ad hoc to the Task, Safety and Appeals Committees, as well as, School Staff, Instructors, Club Committee Members, Pilots and family members.

4. SAHPA Officials.

SAHPA Officials are expected to execute their respective portfolio responsibilities with alacrity, integrity and in accordance with the above principles by adhering to the following at all times:

- a) Maintain exemplary standards of personal, professional and ethical conduct in fulfilling all aspects of the position of SAHPA Committee Member and/or Officer, including while interacting with SAHPA Members and all external organizations and individuals.
- b) Act in the best interest of SAHPA while avoiding actions or decisions that could either bring the sport into disrepute or be construed as unethical, illegal or contrary to the public interest.
- c) Communicate openly, honestly and in a timely fashion, while respecting confidentiality and individual rights, with SAHPA members and any other individuals or organizations having a relationship with SAHPA.
- d) Ensure that all regulations, guidelines and licensing requirements are made freely available, vigorously applied and regularly reviewed and amended.
- e) Investigate, evaluate, act and report on any safety, technical, procedural or disciplinary matters brought to their attention timeously, scrupulously in accordance with current regulations and devoid of favouritism and unencumbered by any external influences.
- f) Exercise proper, legal and appropriate financial responsibility in all dealings with or on behalf of the SAHPA through maintaining accurate accounts and asset registers as well as being pro-active in pursuing debtors.
- g) Disclose any potential conflict of interest situation resulting from involvement in SAHPA activities, and where appropriate, exclude themselves from involvement in such activities.

h) Keep privileged information confidential, except in circumstances when doing so would result in a breach of regulations or ethical conduct.

i) Actively encourage diversity throughout the activities of the Society. Refuse to engage in or sanction discrimination on the basis of race, gender, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, physical appearance, or disability.

5. Pilots

Pilots are the most visible of all SAHPA members as regards exposure to public scrutiny and should therefore:

- a) Ensure that they are properly licensed for their class of glider.
- b) Maintain their logbooks accurately and up to date.
- c) Comply with all site regulations with regards to airspace restrictions, access controls, payment of fees and the avoidance of littering and smoking.
- d) Treat members of the public and other pilots with respect and common courtesy.
- e) Behave at all times in a manner that reflects credit to the sport.
- f) Report any safety related event accurately and timeously.
- g) Follow the correct protocol when either addressing the media or raising issues which require to be addressed by the sport's national or international authorities.

6. Tandem pilots

Tandem pilots, whether amateur or professional, have the added responsibility of ensuring the safety of their passengers and to this end should, in addition to the above:

- a) Apply a much greater safety test to conditions before flying with passengers
- b) Meticulously maintain their flying equipment
- c) Thoroughly explain the risks of flying to potential passengers
- d) Ensure that they are adequately insured

7. Instructors

Instructors also have additional responsibilities in introducing new members to the sport and must therefore ensure that they:

- a) Emphasize safety at every opportunity
- b) Only progress students who have comfortably achieved the required skills and knowledge taught in the earlier stages of instruction
- c) Ensure that the SAHPA training curriculum is fully covered as a minimum and to extend this whenever a student's ability and flying conditions are conducive to such.
- d) Maintain their personal training qualifications and strive to advance their own proficiency, knowledge and teaching skills.

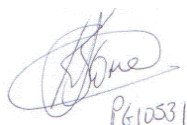
Special note

Becoming a member of SAHPA is considered as agreeing to abide and actively live up to this code of conduct and to be held accountable for any deed or action that is does not comply and will result in eviction from the organisation and hence result in the suspension of utilizing the privileges of a license or rating.

It may also constitute handing over such cases to RAASA for investigation of applying Part 185 legislation as per South Africa's Civil Aviation regulations.

This amnesty ends 31st may 2010

Many thanks



P610531

Kev Storie
SAHPA Chairman