



CAASA PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2021: MR MIKE CLARK

My predecessor commenced her report saying that 2020 was a year that will be engraved in our minds and unfortunately 2021 has not been much better!! CAASA has faced challenges never experienced in its long history. The pressures placed on the association both financially and in terms of resources have been unprecedent.

Towards the end of 2021 the board of directors agreed a Mutual Termination Agreement with Leon Dillman. On behalf of the board I would like to thank Leon for his contribution to CAASA over the last 11 years. We appreciate all the efforts in his role as the CEO and value his ongoing commitment to deliver a successful AAD in September 2022.

In the restructuring process the management team has accepted drastic salary cuts to ensure CAASA's sustainability. Having worked closely with this team over the last year I have been exposed to individuals that have constantly gone beyond the call of duty. I would personally like to thank Kev, Louise and Sam for their on going dedication to CAASA, your valuable contributions are appreciated.

To ensure the financial sustainability we needed to secure additional funding until we receive the funds from AAD 2022. Two members, namely Mr Bob Garbett and Dr Roelof Botha were generous enough to loan the association R400,000.00 to be paid back to them after the successful completion of AAD 2022. On behalf of the board and the CAASA members I would like to thank them both for their valuable contributions.

In addition to this generous loan, the management Team has done an excellent job in collecting membership fees. To date R465,640.48 has been collected by Louise and Sam. Many of the members have also elected to contribute additional funds to CAASA to ensure its sustainability. Some of the members that have contributed are the following:

DJA Aviation R15,000
African Pilot R1000-00
Sky Sprayers R1000-00 over a 12 month period
Solenta Aviation R12,000-00
Leading Edge Aviation R1000-00

On a positive note AAD 2022 is going to take place from the 21-25 September 2022. Kev and Louise attend regular meeting with the new AAD marketing Team and it looks like all systems are in place for a successful show. As you would have heard in the financial report CAASA should have sufficient funds to carry us until September 2022 which is great news.

I believe we are starting to see the end of Covid 19. It has devastated our industry, but the signs are there that the industry is beginning to recover. Aircraft sales are at an all time high worldwide and the charter companies are seeing an increase in traffic in both the commercial and tourism sectors. Hopefully the members that have managed to ride this storm will come out the other side as stronger companies and will continue trading into the future.

The Civil Aviation Authority remains a Challenge to the industry. Thanks to Kev for his tireless efforts in getting members issues addressed with the authority. Many of the challenges with the authority have been addressed by the individual affiliates and we thank them for their contributions during the year.

Fellow Members, I am pleased 2021 is behind us, it has certainly had its challenges. With this management team I believe we will emerge a stronger organization and we look forward to being of service to the industry going forward.

I thank you.

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