



MOUNTED ARCHERY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

NATIONAL COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES

DATE	Thursday 9 June 2022
VENUE	Virtually, via ZOOM
TIME	19:00

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MINUTES:

	POINTS	DISCUSSION/DECISION
1.	Meeting Formalities	
1.1	Opening of meeting	The President opened the meeting & welcomed everyone.
1.2	Attendance register & apologies	Members of council present recorded, apologies recorded.
2.	KZN election process	
2.1	Summary of events	<p>After the meeting held between MAASA, KZNEF & SAEF it was decided that the elections (as called for by KZNEF) would go ahead but with the closing date for elections extended by 1 week in order to allow for the Riverside Club members to also be able to participate in the nomination & election process.</p> <p>The MAASA President expressed concern at the conflict of interest with the KZNEF president, also owner of Show Holding Body and Okusha Club having a direct involvement in the election process but was overruled by the SAEF.</p> <p>Since then there have been several developments in the election process that again raises the concern of the conflict of interest and whether the elections are being conducted in an honourable and correct manner. MAASA council needs to decide how to handle this situation.</p> <p>After the date for nominations closed the appointed electoral officer sent out the list of nominations received to both the club presidents/secretary's for distribution to their club members. Each club needs to obtain a mandate from their club members on who to vote for.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After the nominations closed a list of eligible MAASA members in good standing with both SAEF and MAASA was sent to the electoral officer by the MAASA President. There were members nominated for certain positions that were not in good standing with SAEF (i.e. no SAEF membership). According to the SAEF directive on elective procedures only members that are in good standing with SAEF and MAASA may be nominated. Despite these people not having SAEF memberships their names ended up on the final list of nominees that was sent out by the electoral officer. <p>Members that aren't MAASA members were also allowed to participate in the election process. Two juniors and their parents/guardians quickly registered as MAASA members prior to the call for elections. They registered the juniors as Development Riders. Mails were sent to these members by the MAASA secretary, they do not qualify as development riders & need to change their membership which they never did. So these riders and or their guardians on their behalf should not be able to nominate or be nominated.</p>

2. The two members that didn't have their SAEF memberships quickly joined SAEF on 1st of June (a day after the nomination date closed on the 31st of May). This is against the SAEF directive and can be regarded as election fixing.
3. The list of nominees that was then sent out to Okusha members is not identical to the list that was sent from the electoral officer. A couple of nominations for certain positions have been removed from the list. The club members are unaware that the list has been altered and they are left with only certain people to vote for in the positions.

The list of nominees sent out by the Electoral officer are as follows:

President	Esna Drennan	Amy Diack	
Vice President	Phillipina Kleynhans	Esna Drennan	Janine Cargo
Treasurer	Andrew Nesom	Anthony Howes	
Secretary	Janice Cooper	Janine Cargo	Amy Diack
Athletes Representative	Phillipina Kleynhans	Andrew Nesom	

Below is the list of nominees that has been sent to the Okusha MAASA members by their secretary, and has been altered:

President: Esna Drennan Amy Diack

Vice President: Phillipina Kleynhans Janine Crago (Esna Drennan has been removed)

Treasurer: Anthony Howes (Andrew Nesom has been removed)

Secretary: Janice Cooper Janine Crago Amy Diack

Athletes Rep: Andrew Nesom (Phillipina Kleynhans has been removed)

4. The list that was sent out to the Okusha members also wasn't sent out to every Okusha member that was eligible to vote. This means that certain members were excluded from their right to vote. It was only when another member of Okusha realized this and requested that the list be sent to the other member that the list was sent to that member as well.
5. The validity of the nomination forms can also be questioned as the signatures were copied and pasted onto the nomination forms.
6. There have been reports of people being contacted telephonically by the President of KZNEF and bad mouthing certain candidates that were up for nomination and discouraging people to vote for and or nominate these candidates.

		<p>7. There is also evidence that certain people that have agreed to be nominated for certain positions have been deliberately misled regarding the duties involved in each position, e.g one of the Secretary nominees were told that there is no work involved in being a secretary, which is probably the most work intensive position on the Council.</p> <p>8. Threats have been made by the KZNEF President & owner of Okusha that if the elections do not go ahead or if certain nominees are forced to withdraw due to not being SAEF/MAASA members in good standing or if the committee that gets elected is not Okusha controlled, then Okusha will withdraw entirely from MAASA and mounted archery.</p> <p>9. The club audit has been conducted and it turns out that Okusha does not meet the criteria for being a validly constituted club (no bank account and only 3 committee members, the secretary and treasurer position has been combined into 1). The MAASA bylaws clearly state a minimum of 4 committee members and the SAEF AND MAASA both require a valid bank account in the name of the club. If they are not a properly constituted club then they shouldn't get a vote?</p>
2.4	How to handle the situation?	<p>The MAASA President wants to escalate the matter and raise the above concerns. Elections must either be cancelled and started from scratch, or if the elections are to go ahead then members that aren't eligible to nominate & vote or be nominated and voted for must be removed from the voting process and ballot lists. MAASA insists on absolute transparency of the entire process. What ballot list is being sent to the clubs, who is allowed to vote etc.</p> <p>There are lots of emotions involved but we need to stick to the facts and only look at what rules are being broken and procedures not being followed.</p> <p>Is the President of KZNEF a MAASA member in good standing? No, she registered as a development rider at the start of 2022 and does not qualify as a development rider.</p> <p>Is the club in good standing with MAASA? No, they do not meet the minimum criteria set out by SAEF and MAASA, therefore not a valid club.</p> <p>Is the election process followed in order? No, ballot lists are being altered and members are being excluded from the voting process.</p> <p>Who do we escalate this to? There are concerns that certain members within SAEF are purposefully turning a blind eye to the election fixing practices. Answer: Escalate to a broad base so that there is absolute transparency,</p>

		<p>including: SAEF SG, SAEF Legal, SAEF Provincial Representative, SAEF Non-FEI Representative, KZNEF.</p> <p>Put it in a formal document as a formal appeal from MAASA to SAEF to address the matter. Put as many facts on the table as possible. Asking for honest elections and transparency.</p> <p>Clubs need to get a mandate from members by 24th. There is still time to insist that members be withdrawn from nomination lists and that correct lists are sent out to members.</p>
2.5	Other concerns regarding Okusha	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safe archery practices aren't being enforced at Okusha. Recently a clinic with an international Jordanian Coach was held at Okusha. There was no safety protocol in practice. People were shooting in the direction of a gate where people were constantly entering and exiting. Dogs were running around. Refer to constitution regarding show holding bodies 16.1.5 – Adherence of safety regulations 2. Incorrect methods are being taught at Okusha. Deirdre has been systematically training Amy over the past year for the purposes of Amy being able to teach safe and correct technique in KZN. The owner of Okusha does not practice the sport of mounted archery herself and has not been trained in how to teach mounted archery yet she is teaching the sport with the help of a ground archer at Okusha & completely disregarding Amy's teachings & input. 3. Upcoming MAASA qualifier at Okusha on 19th of June. 2 SANESA riders have also entered. Owner of Okusha refuses to sign the SANESA EOI. There is a concern that the venue owner will refuse the SANESA riders to ride. Both are MAASA riders that have entered for a MAASA grading so she can't refuse them to ride. 4. Venue owner of Okusha is supposed to write her judges exam this weekend and do her judges practical at the qualifier on the 19th while being assessed by qualified MAASA judge Amy Diack. Question: can she be a MAASA judge if not a MAASA member? Answer: No. Deirdre to send mail to request updated MAASA membership prior to judges exam.
9.2	Meeting Closure	The president thanked everyone and formally closed the meeting.

Greetings

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Diane Horn (Chairman)."

Signed at Pretoria on _____ day of _____ 2022.