

MAASA NATIONAL COUNCIL



MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 19th August 2025

Time: 19h00

Place: via Zoom



Agenda Point 1: Meeting Formalities

The President opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Attendance register & apologies

Attendees:

Diane Horn (President)
Petro Wium (Treasurer)
Stephan Wium (Gauteng President)
Maretha Kruger (Athletes Rep)
Andrie McArthur (Secretary)

Apologies:

Vicky van Zyl (NW representative)
Janine Crago (KZN President)
Theuns Kruger (Vice President)

Agenda Point 2: Confirm previous minutes

Any matters arising from the previous meeting minutes:

Person responsible	Task description	Status/Feedback
Diane	Upload previous minutes to website	Done
Petro	Financial statements	Done
Stephan	Paramedic and the level needed - Need to find out more about that.	Resolved <i>The GMAA council feels that a Level 3 First Aider will not have the necessary experience to deal with a back injury, and they would prefer to have a paramedic on site during qualifiers.</i>
Petro or Diane	Order 6 bows for development riders from Pierre	<i>Petro will be receiving the final two bows shortly, then we can decide which bow goes to which rider.</i>

Diane	Development rider clothing: boots, helmets, jods. Their instructors / mentors to organize for them, to send invoices to Diane so she can send to SAEF.	<i>Remind instructors/mentors to get their students' gear and submit invoices to Diane or Petro for payment/refund</i>
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Minutes of the previous meeting accepted by all – Diane to upload to website

Agenda Point 3: Nationals 2025 (Marétha)

- Wasn't aware that she should start planning yet.
- Confirmed on the poll which classes to do. Maretha needs to decide the third event.
- Asking for the list of stuff that needs to be done, guidelines needed by Diane so planning can go smoothly.

Agenda Point 4: Feedback - KZN Development Clinic / Officials Training (Janine)

Feedback from Diane: The officials training in KZN in July went very well, as did the Development clinic and lessons which were presented by Marna.

In summary:

- 4 people passed the Target Judges assessment
- Judges training – Amy Diack attended to refresh her accreditation, and Tanya Freeguard attended as a new judge.
- Scorekeeper training – attended by Amy Diack, Tanya Freeguard (as part of the judges training), Janine Crago and Dave Crago. Two passed the online Scorekeeper assessment, two will need to repeat the assessment before receiving their accreditation.
- The development clinic was presented on the Saturday by Marna, and was attended by 10 participants, including development riders.
- On the Sunday, a mock qualifier was held at the Riverside track, in order for those who had completed the officials course to gain practical experience, and for the development riders to receive instruction from Marna.

The Riverside club must be commended for their enthusiasm and dedication to mounted archery – they are the smallest MAASA affiliated club, yet can now boast two qualified MAASA judges as well as trained target judges, scribes and timekeepers.

Agenda Point 5: Gauteng Progress Report (Stephan)

- Uncertainty regarding the future of the sport in 2026.
- Everyone must come together and decide where the sport will be heading.
- Is everyone committed to the sport, putting the sport first and not individual agendas?
- Meeting of members planned for after Nationals.

Agenda Point 6: Team SA / World Championships progress report (Diane)

- All the team members were successful in getting visas at their consulate appointment on 12th August.
- Protea clothing has been ordered and paid for by each individual, we should receive the items by the end of August.

- Flights have been booked and paid for. The team leaves 15th September and will travel to Nashville via Amsterdam and Atlanta. We arrive on the evening of the 16th, the WC organizers are arranging transport directly from the airport to the hotel in Lewisburg where we will be staying for the duration of the competition.
- The team returns on the 25th September to OR Tambo, via Boston and Amsterdam layovers, the flight lands at 21h20.

The following is a summary of the costs incurred by individual team members as of now:

	Jacques	Abdullah	Marna	Diane
Visas (\$185)	R3 422.50	R3 422.50	R3 422.50	R3 422.50
Agent fee (Visa)	R1 750.00	R1 750.00	R1 750.00	R1 750.00
Accompanying Guest fee (\$350pp)				R6 300.00
Competition Accommodation (\$450 pp)				
<i>Deposits paid \$175 pp</i>	R3 150.00	R3 150.00	R3 150.00	R3 150.00
<i>Settlement Amt \$275 pp</i>	R3 600.00	R3 600.00	R3 600.00	R3 600.00
Flights	R20 087.17	R20 087.17	R20 087.17	R20 087.17
Transport to Lewisburg from Nashville	?	?	?	?
Nashville accommodation (return leg)	R2 000.00	R2 000.00	R2 000.00	R2 000.00
Protea clothing	R3 000.00	R3 100.00	R6 000.00	R3 300.00
	R37 009.67	R37 109.67	R40 009.67	R43 609.67

Marna has kindly sponsored caps and pins for the team, and Diane will sponsor helmet covers and SA bandanas for the team.

We have not had any further contributions to the Backabuddy campaign, nor have we been successful in our attempts to get donations or sponsorships. To date, only Phoenix club has hosted a fundraising event, which brought in about R4800, which was divided amongst the three riders.

The BackaBuddy campaign will run until the end of September, after which it will be cancelled, and the funds will be distributed amongst the team members.

Agenda Point 7: MAASA 2026 (Diane)

Once I return from World Championships, I will be formally submitting my resignation as MAASA President.

I will remain a MAASA member as an individual, but I will not be available to serve on national or provincial committees. Should MAASA continue next year, I will continue to oversee our SANESA competitions as SANESA National representative, and will remain involved in the sport on a club level.

I am also happy to make myself available should there be a need to present training for officials / judges.

I will not be able to officiate at every competition next year, although I am happy to help out at one or two, or oversee trainee officials if and when it is necessary.

We will therefore need to look at holding an elective AGM to nominate and elect a new president, preferably before the end of the year.

The SAEF directives on elections will need to be followed closely, I am happy to advise on the process but I will not be responsible for the implementation.

Our competitive season closes on 12th October with SANESA Nationals, whereafter I will focus on bringing all documentation and paperwork up to date and uploading to the Dropbox for the next person to take over. My effective date of resignation from the MAASA council will therefore be the end of October.

Discussion:

Andrie to drive the elective AGM process, Diane will assist. We need to fix a date for the AGM, preferably before the start of the new year.

Agenda Point 8: General

Update on Premier legal case:

It was brought to our attention yesterday that Johan du Toit / Premier Equestrian Club have published a YouTube video making false accusations and defamatory statements about MAASA and SAEF, with the main complaint being that Jethro Sinawaro has not been selected to the National team. The video contains an interview with Mr du Toit, in which he once again brings up his discontent on various topics that are blatant lies, and which we have disproved with evidence time and again. The "reporter" did not bother to approach MAASA or SAEF to invite comment, and the video was shared internationally, as evidenced by the fact that we were informed of its existence via our IHAA representative, who was alerted by Mr. Alan le Gall, president of the IHAA.

Diane forwarded the link to the video to SAEF, and formally requested that they act in defence of MAASA. Our SAEF lawyer in turn issued a strongly worded letter to Mr. du Toit's lawyers, demanding that the video be removed from all social media platforms by the close of business today (19 August), failing which they would be left with no choice but to proceed with further disciplinary action in terms of their internal regulations.

To date, there has been no response from Mr du Toit's lawyer, and the video remains in the public domain.

Discussion:

- Neither Johan du Toit nor Jethro Sinawaro are current MAASA members, therefore MAASA cannot initiate disciplinary measures.
- Premier Equestrian Club remains under suspension due to Mr du Toit's refusal to withdraw the court case he has initiated.
- Diane will contact SAEF early tomorrow morning, and request that they proceed with disciplinary action against Mr. du Toit.

This video is damaging to MAASA, its officials, riders, and the sport, and we need to be proactive in controlling the potential damage, as well as refuting the false claims made by Mr. du Toit in the video.

Diane will draft a formal public statement, to be widely circulated on all our social platforms and all our members.

Diane will refer the statement to Theuns for his legal opinion before publishing, and ask whether we can include the latest correspondence from our SAEF lawyer to Mr. du Toit's lawyers, as well as the letter we received from the IHAA confirming that the Grand Africa was run according to IHAA rules and that they were satisfied that no breach of ethics, rules or codes were broken.

Horse Warmups at Competitions

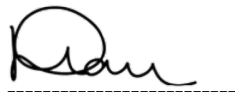
Marétha feels that some riders do not adequately warm up their horses before competitions, because they arrive too late. This can result in injuries, and is not good horse welfare practice. She suggests that we make it compulsory to properly warm up a horse before competing.

This is a valid point and will need to be added to the MAASA rulebook via the submission of a motion at the next OGM.

Agenda Point 9: Task List

Person responsible	Task description	Deadline
Diane/Marna/Janine	Please order clothing etc for development riders	ASAP
Diane	Send Maretha guidelines for organizing Nationals	ASAP
	Upload previous minutes to website	ASAP
Diane	Public statement refuting allegations made by Mr. du Toit	Urgent - ASAP
Theuns	Check public statement for legality issues	Once received from Diane

The meeting was closed at approximately 20h00.



D Horn
MAASA President

19/08/2025

Date