

**MOUNTED ARCHERY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**MEETING MINUTES**



<b>DATE</b>	3 August 2020
<b>VENUE</b>	Zoom
<b>TIME</b>	18:00

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**MINUTES:**

	POINTS	DISCUSSION/DECISION	TASKS
<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting Formalities</b>		
1.1	Welcome & Opening		
<b>2.</b>	<b>Kassai vs IHAA vs WHAFF Affiliation</b>		
		<p>MAASA is currently affiliated with both IHAA and WHAFF. We can have 3 rankings for our members: IHAA, KASSAI and WHAFF: amend rule book to accommodate all discipline. For National colours we still need to affiliate with one body. To this point, Kassai has still not officiated and neither has IHAA.</p> <p>It is in the best interest of our riders to have access to as many disciplines as possible. But how? We don't want division and we don't want our members to have to choose. Due to the current situation, it is immature to discuss which tracks we will use next</p>	<p>Maretha: minute meeting Deirdre: make a video explaining our options to members</p>

		<p>year.</p> <p>Where do we fit in with the Kassai vs IHAA situation? Kassai 99 and IHAA 110/90 is very similar. IHAA had to change their track 30% to avoid legal issues with Kassai. It would be ideal if we can do both, but we have limited tracks in SA – we have two Kassai tracks and only one that is currently suitable for IHAA 110. IHAA tracks could be easily developed. The Kassai track is more regulated and requires international judge training, track approval, etc. Kassai affiliated tracks could run into legal problems if track is used for IHAA disciplines. For this reason, Western Cape won't be able to take part in qualifiers should we affiliate with IHAA.</p> <p>A problem with IHAA is that they regularly change rules.</p> <p>One suggestion is that we stick to WHAFF and do Korean for qualifiers. We can still do some of the other styles on the qualifier days, but only Korean counts. The problem with this though is that riders won't be able to obtain Protea colours as WHAFF doesn't have national teams competing in their world cup (the same will apply if we affiliate with Kassai). Also, focusing on the Korean track will encourage speeding which is not the culture we want to nurture. Lastly, we won't be able to use qualifier scoring for international grading.</p> <p>Another possible solution: recalculating the scoring of Kassai track and adjust to IHAA style which could make it possible for all provinces to choose which track they want to use in qualifiers.</p> <p>We need to follow a timeline so that we can inform members thoroughly about the situation and let them vote. A short video will be made and posted on WhatsApp by Deirdre, explaining the situation and our options and referring members to follow-up documentation. This will be approved by the committee beforehand to ensure we</p>	
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		<p>avoid international repercussions. This will also be communicated on provincial and club level to make sure every knows what the situation is.</p> <p>Member will have 30 days to respond. Then we need to make changes to the rulebook and send it out for approval which need to be done at least 30 days before our AGM.</p>	
2.2	<p>Notes as sent out per email on 11 August to National Council in order to brief those that were unable to attend meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAASA is currently affiliated with WHAF &amp; IHAA. Wessel from SAEF was clear, we are only allowed to be affiliated with a single international body for the purposes of obtaining colours. We therefore need to make the decision who to affiliate with for 2021.</li> <li>• KASSAI federation not finalised yet. IHAA has created federation and affiliated with FITE (the International Federation of Equestrian Tourism) which is recognised by FEI. WHAF is also official federation.</li> <li>• Wessel of SAEF has said that they will not be awarding national colours again for attending the WHAF world championships since there are no official national teams affiliated with WHAF and competing at WHAC as a team against which we can compete.</li> <li>• There are no official national teams competing at Kassai competitions.</li> <li>• The only way currently to obtain national colours is through IHAA, competing against national teams that are affiliated with IHAA at an international competition or setting up a test match with one of those national teams through IHAA.</li> <li>• Process to follow if we change our affiliation, members need to be notified in advance and all proposed changes and rule changes need to be sent out to members at least 30 days in advance.</li> <li>• If we decide to affiliate only to IHAA that means that we will need to change our qualifier events, (Hungarian track will change to Tower90).</li> <li>• Western Cape cannot to ride on Tower track due to conflict of interest (not allowed to ride the tower90 on the KASSAI99 track, signed a contract with KASSAI).</li> <li>• Deirdre is adamant that we cannot let something like this cause division between our riders and that it is in the best interest of our members to not</li> </ul>	

		<p>have to be forced to choose but rather to have access to all styles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daniel agreed that members need to be able to compete in all styles</li> <li>• Suggestion from Amali &amp; Daniel that we only use the raid track (Korean) for qualifiers.</li> <li>• This suggestion was shot down by Deirdre because it will breed a culture of archers that are only after speed points and have fast horses. The combination of a fast track and a slow track not only makes for a better archer but also better horsemanship as horses need to be trained to be able to go fast and slow. By only doing raid we will then also not be able to use scores from qualifier to do IHAA gradings.</li> <li>• Not feasible at this stage for show holding bodies to have both a tower track and a KASSAI track. This might be possible further down the line.</li> <li>• Not fair for WC riders to train on the Kassai track the whole year and compete on it in their qualifiers and then shooting the tower track at nationals.</li> <li>• Not fair for all other riders to train on the tower track all year and be expected to shoot on the kassai track at nationals in order to accommodate the WC riders.</li> <li>• Best solution is to be able to do one or the other and have members choose for themselves.</li> <li>• Deirdre &amp; Rudi had conversation regarding qualifiers and Rudi has come up with a possible solution. On the new IHAA grading matrix, the KASSAI99m track is comparable to the Tower track in HA levels.</li> <li>• It is possible for the Western Cape to ride the Kassai99m track in their qualifiers and then to convert their scores to be comparable to a Tower90 track. Deirdre and Rudi have tested the math and it is perfectly possible and very accurate.</li> <li>• The only challenge then is how to handle nationals. The solution would be to have day one at e.g. Bothawil stables where everyone does the Raid track (Korean) and then to split up on day 2, those that wish to ride the Tower track stay at Bothawil and those that wish to do the KASSAI track will go to Jaco's to compete there. It will be a bit of a challenge arranging horses but entirely possible.</li> </ul>	
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<b>3.</b>	<b>General</b>		
3.1	WC: request to change rulebook to allow for 2 qualifiers only	<p>WC would prefer to do 2 qualifiers instead of 4 to enable them to practice as members only get together once a month and don't have their own horses. This will allow members to hone their skills.</p> <p>According to the MAASA rulebook, each province must host 4 qualifiers. WC has requested for this to be changed to 2 compulsory qualifiers instead. 3 dates would be preferred. If everyone has participated in 2, the 3<sup>rd</sup> could be cancelled. Members can also they can compete in other provinces should they wish to improve their scores.</p> <p>This need to be discussed with WC members and a mandated obtained. As numbers could change, this need to be renewed annually. It should also form part of the strategic plan of the province which has to stay in alignment with MAASA and SAEF constitution.</p> <p>All proposed rule changes need to be submitted in time to be reviewed and implemented at the AGM.</p>	

3.2	Request for rule change: opening with prayer	It has been requested that this rule regarding opening with prayer should be removed. The onus should be on show holding body.  All proposed rule changes need to be submitted in time to be reviewed and implemented at the AGM.	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Closing</b>		
10.2	<b>Closure of the meeting</b>		

Greetings



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Deirdre Janse van Rensburg (Chairman)

Signed at Pretoria on 7th day of November 2020.