

**MOUNTED ARCHERY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**



<b>DATE</b>	Tuesday, 20 July 2021
<b>VENUE</b>	Zoom
<b>TIME</b>	19:00

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**MINUTES:**

	POINTS	DISCUSSION/DECISION	TASKS
<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting Formalities</b>		
1.1	Opening	<p>Welcoming Skye Arrowsmith to her first committee meeting. She has replaced Dalene Baksa as President of KZNMAA as Dalene was elected as President of KZN Equestrian Federation.</p> <p>Skye is a school teacher of occupation.</p> <p>She has been mainly been riding in tentpegging and got involved in Mounted Archery which has been introduced in KZN recently. They have been busy setting up tracks, organising training days and drawing interest into the sport.</p> <p>Skye is also an EQASA examiner.</p>	
1.2	Apologies	None received	
1.3	Matters arising from previous minutes	<p>A few changes to be made to the minutes from 1 Apr (President will sent requested changes to Secretary).</p> <p>Spelling errors in minutes from 27 May to be corrected.</p>	<p><b>Deirdre:</b> Send changes to Maretha</p> <p><b>Diane:</b> Send spelling errors in minutes to Maretha.</p> <p><b>Maretha:</b> Make proposed changes to minutes from 1 Apr and recirculate to committee before signing off.</p> <p>Correct spelling errors. Send out all draft minutes to members.</p>
1.4	Acceptance of previous minutes	Minutes accepted with above corrections. To recirculate minutes from 1 Apr after changes have been made.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>MAASA Competition Dates</b>		
	<p>As per COVID regulations, we are currently still allowed to have competitions and latest requirements have been stipulated in a recent email from SAEF.</p> <p>The President of Dressage sent an email to SAEF enquiring about whether their Nationals competition would be able to proceed. The new president of</p>		

	<p>SAEF, Ian Sanne responded by saying that everyone involved in the competition would need to have done a COVID test, no more than 48 hours prior to the day, and present a negative result before being allowed. Deirdre did enquire about this as it is not stipulated as a requirement in the government gazette. Sharlene from SAEF has responded that they are still waiting for confirmation on the matter.</p> <p>Dates to take into consideration when setting new dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WHAC: 18 &amp; 19 September</li> <li>- KASSAI Cup dates: 16/17 Oct and 20/21 Nov</li> </ul>		
2.1	Remainig Qualifier dates	<p>SANESA GP Q4 – 14 August 2021 Gauteng MAASA Q4 – 4 September NW: Only had 1 Qualifier and won't be submitting any more official dates. FS: 4 Qualifiers done. To confirm with Zelda regarding a possible 5<sup>th</sup> Qualifier and Provincials. KZN: Carry on with training dates. To confirm these with Deirdre</p>	<p><b>Maretha:</b> confirm with Zelda regarding a possible 5<sup>th</sup> Qualifier and Provincials. <b>Skye:</b> inform Deirdre of dates for training days</p>
2.2	Provincials Dates	<p>Only Gauteng qualifies for Provincials. No further response has been received from GEF regarding GMAA request for the process in obtaining provincial colours. Since Gauteng won't be able to get provincial colours due to lack of feedback from GEF, and no other province qualifying for Gauteng to compete against, and due to challenges to fit in all remaining competitions for the year, Council resolved not to host Provincials this year.</p>	
2.3	Nationals Dates MAASA & SANESA	<p>Dates to remain the same: MAASA 24/25 Sep and SANESA 26 Sep</p>	
2.4	wGP Stage 2 & 3 Dates	<p>Stage 2 to be done before end Aug Stage 3 to be done before end Oct</p> <p>New proposed dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stage 2 on 21 Aug</li> <li>- Stage 3 on 2 Oct</li> </ul> <p>A back-to-back competition weekend is also something to consider.</p> <p>Botha-Wil has confirmed availability of their venue.</p>	<p><b>Deirdre:</b> to check and confirm new dates with riders</p>

<b>3.</b>	<b>Feedback Request for Updated CV to SAEF (Deirdre)</b>		
		<p>The former MAASA Athletes Rep was nominated for the position of Vice President on SAEF exco.</p> <p>She was relieved of all her duties from MAASA council in February 2021 due to non-compliance of the MAASA constitution.</p> <p>An outdated CV from September 2020 was submitted to the SAEF for the purposes of the SAEF Exco elections. The outdated CV reflected that she was still MAASA’s Athletes Rep, still serving on the MAASA Juditonal Committee and still serving as the International IHAA Rep for MAASA.</p> <p>Complaints were received from MAASA members who felt that the CV created an inaccurate representation of the potential VP candidate. It was put to the council and council agreed that the issue needed to be brought to the attention of the SAEF. A letter was sent to the SAEF to inform them of the situation and MAASA requested that the candidate submit an updated CV to reflect the changes.</p> <p>Feedback was received from SAEF in writing today which was circutated to the council.</p> <p>The same candidate was also co-opted onto SAEF exco as Athletes Rep earlier in the year long before the elections.</p> <p>To be eligible for the position of Athletes Rep for SAEF, one has to be the AR of a disipline and has to compete at the highest possible level in the disipline (in MAASA it would be Horse Archer). She last competed 2 years ago and on Novice level.</p> <p>SAEF was unaware of the fact that she no longer competed and was also unaware that she had been relieved of her duties on the MAASA Council at the time that she was co-opted onto the SAEF Exco as Athletes Rep.</p> <p>Upon receiving the letter from MAASA, she was questioned by the now former SAEF Exco and asked for a formal response and an updated CV.</p> <p>An updated CV was submitted which was ambiguous when it came to wheter she was still serving on MAASA council or not. It also showed that she is now Athletes Rep for Indigenous Riding (a sport which she is not a member).</p> <p>Due to the fact that she did not meet the criteria to serve as an Athletes Rep on the SAEF Exco, a motion was put forward on SAEF exco and they relived her of her duties as co-opted SAEF Athletes Rep.</p>	

4.	Feedback SAEF AGM (Deirdre)	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lasted 5 hours plus</li> <li>- Showjumping filed an application with the High Court against the SAEF the day before the AGM because one of their nominees weren't included on the list of candidates. This caused a fight early in the meeting which was resolved by the Auditors. Each individual could nominate only one candidate per position and the Auditor went with the one that was first nominated.</li> <li>- Polo and Polocrosse were allowed to sit in on the meeting but they were not allowed to vote as they did not give their notice in time (constitutionally notice need to be given within 72 hours leading up to the meeting). They also did not follow the process of getting mandates from their members.</li> <li>- Indigenous riding, a new discipline, was also not allowed to vote as they have not been ratified by the SAEF Council and do not comply with SAEF's criteria of registration yet. They were very displeased with this and accused SAEF of discrimination.</li> <li>- Voting was well regulated and was done via an App (Deirdre took screenshots of all of her votes in the interest of transparency)</li> <li>- Herewith the new SAEF council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President – Prof Ian Sanne (with 69% majority vote)</li> <li>• Vice President – Sandra Copeland (with 47% majority vote)</li> <li>• Treasurer – Helen Thrush</li> <li>• FEI Discipline Rep – Douglas Walsh (with 61,2% majority vote)</li> <li>• Non FEI Discipline Rep – Marco Breytenbach (with 63% majority vote)</li> <li>• Provincial Rep – Fiona Ross (with 27% majority vote)</li> <li>• Provincial Rep – Sakkie van Niekerk (with 34% majority vote)</li> <li>• Associates Members Rep – Glynis Fuller (automatically got position as only other candidate was Sandra Copeland who had already been elected as Vice President)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- An Irregularity came in with the Vice President's position: With the first vote, Sandra Copeland had a 47% majority vote with Amali Raschke in second place with 33% (There were 4 candidates in total).</li> </ul>

		<p>According to SAEF Constitution, positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer has to win by 51%. They decided to re-vote, with the option to abstain, and took the candidate with the lowest votes off the list. This time, Sandra still had 47%, Amali 41% and Emma Platt 8%. Those who voted for candidate that was removed the first time abstained as they did not have mandates to vote for anyone else. 2 of the disciplines who voted for Emma the first time, allegedly switched their votes to Amali, even though they did not have mandates and Emma Platt was still on the list. Due to this irregularity the Auditors decided to go with the 47% majority vote for Sandra Copeland. Some were not happy with the results and might question the validity of the vote.</p> <p>The new SAEF Exco is waiting for a complete Auditors report. Once received they will work through it with lawyers and their constitution at hand. It is expected that they will give feedback to all disciplines within the next 6 weeks.</p>	
5.	<b>SANESA Clinics (Diane)</b>		
		<p>We are under pressure from SANESA to grow the sport in the provinces. We need to get our numbers up to justify continuing with the sport under SANESA.</p> <p>Currently NW is estimated to have only 4 or 5 riders who will register for 2022. FS also only has a few riders.</p> <p>In NW, areas that host SANESA also include Klerksdorp and Rustenburg. Zuber, who is a competitive member and Vice President of NW, has a training track in Klerksdorp. We need to explore the possibility of arranging a clinic there.</p> <p>Another lead is Zenobia (also in Klerksdorp) who has shown interest. We need to follow up and find out if there is an opportunity there to host a clinic.</p> <p>KZN: Amy Diack has been assigned as KZN Athletes Rep and SANESA KZN Mounted Archery Rep.</p> <p>Despite advertising very widely, the same kids keep coming to training</p>	<p><b>Diane:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Get feedback from Zelda</li> <li>- Follow up with Vicky regarding clinic possibilities</li> <li>- Contact Amy to discuss growth possibilities in KZN</li> </ul> <p><b>Vicky:</b></p> <p>Follow up with Zuber and Zenobia regarding the possibility of arranging clinics.</p> <p>Give feedback to Diane ASAP.</p>

		<p>days. At this point 2 are interested in signing up for SANESA. There is a lot of interest, but not a lot of commitment</p> <p>Challenges we are facing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- COVID</li> <li>- Finances: parents not keen on buying archery equipment</li> <li>- Children needing to choose one discipline</li> </ul>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Finances (Diane)</b>		
	National levies	<p>Invoices were sent to NW and FS for national levies. This is done once qualifiers are done for the small provinces (GP is invoiced after each Qualifier).</p> <p>They need to let the Treasurer know if they don't have the funds in provincial accounts to make the payments.</p>	
	Membership Tier System	<p>The Treasurer has been working on a structured tier system for membership fees for 2022. She will send proposal out to committee members for commenting once she's bounced it off the President and Vice President.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Training Courses Material (Diane)</b>		
		<p>Judges and Officials Manuals are finished and were mailed to committee members. Each manual will come with a study guide that is still in the process of being finalised. Assessments also need to be finalized which will include both online assessments and assessments that need to be submitted.</p> <p>Once this is completed, Diane will focus on the British Horseback Archery course material and delegate tasks.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Grading Badges IHAA &amp; MAASA</b>		
		<p>IHAA Badges are still in transit, its whereabouts are uncertain at this point Greg might send another batch and see what happens.</p> <p>MAASA badges: we have received a quote for resin badges whereby at</p>	<p><b>Maretha</b> to explore options for Hoody's/Blazers Contact Exco – standardize jackets. Also find out about badges?</p>

		<p>least 20 of each level need to be ordered at R55 per batch. Maretha also enquired about metal cast badges, but for that we need a dye cast for each level and production costs would be very high.</p> <p>We still need to give this more thought.</p> <p>Some ideas that we have explored in the past were sew-on badges onto numnahs or shirts, custom designed for each province.</p> <p>A new suggestion is a MAASA themed hoody/blazer with sew-on badges. We can pitch this to the athletes early in 2022 to see if there is interest.</p>	<p><b>Skye</b> to send Exco's details to Maretha</p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>General</b>		
	WHAC	<p>WHAF has moved the world championships to Iran for 2021 on 18 and 19 September. They have limited entries to 2 riders per country. Jaco Jacobs and Johan du Toit have indicated that they would like to enter. MAASA has not received a direct invite. As it was an open invitation, MAASA council does not have the authority to select which riders may go. MAASA therefore cannot officially send any riders. Council resolved that Jaco and Johan are therefore free to enter in their individual capacities.</p>	
	Elections 2022	<p>Elective AGM coming up. We need to start thinking about filling the positions on the committee that are up for election and not leave it for last minute. We need to approach possible candidates and find out where there is interest.</p> <p>We need to try and keep things as stable as possible for the next three years as we have managed to put a lot in place in the past few years and we want to keep up with the progress made.</p>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Next meeting date</b>		
		Tentatively 23 August	



<b>11.</b>	<b>Closing of meeting</b>	
	Meeting was officially closed.	

Greetings



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Deirdre Janse v Rensburg (Chairman).”

Signed at Pretoria on 18th day of October 2021.