



MOUNTED ARCHERY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE	Wednesday 15 November 2023
VENUE	Virtually, via ZOOM
TIME	19:00

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APOLOGIES:

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Vicky van Zyl		

MINUTES:

	POINTS	DISCUSSION/DECISION	TASKS
1.	Meeting Formalities		
1.1	Opening of meeting	The President opened the meeting & welcomed everyone.	
1.2	Attendance register & apologies	Members of council attending recorded, apologies from Vicky.	
1.3	Quorum	Quorum established	
1.3	Minutes of previous meeting	KZN Accepted, President seconded. Minutes signed off.	Deirdre: Send to Diane to sign Then send out to members and upload to website
2.	EOI's and SLA's		
2.1	Approve documents	Updated EOI and SLA documents approved by council.	
2.2	Should existing SHB's submit both EOI and SLA annually?	Suggestion: EOI to be submitted only once by new show holding bodies. SLA to be renewed annually by all SHB's. Unanimous agreement by council.	Diane: To send out to venues to complete.
3.	Provincial presidents: planning and development		
3.1	Summary	MAASA president requested feedback from provincial presidents regarding the following: 1. Events planned in the province to attract more people to the sport 2. How can MAASA National assist with these plans 3. Finances needed to implement these plans	
	Feedback North West	Prior to the meeting, NW indicated difficulties in meeting the request due to administrative challenges.	
3.2	Feedback Kwazulu Natal	KZN: struggling to arrange a council meeting. Potential development for KZNMAA in 2024: nothing else has yet been planned, other provincial qualifiers. Demos/clinics planned: We are still in the process of brainstorming ideas and formulating plans,	

		<p>but any event we organise would most likely be held at Riverside venue, as that is where our only existing track as well as where most of the mounted archery horses are based. I am not entirely sure how much of the cost of any potential event held at Riverside would/should have to be covered by Riverside SHB/Club, or how much could be assisted by KZNMAA?</p> <p>Requested funds from MAASA for KZNMAA in 2024: Our treasurer advised that we will be needing a minimum of R1200 in order to cover our monthly bank fee of R100. The amount that KZNMAA previously requested from MAASA last year was R3000, and that has been sufficient to keep us running throughout this year.</p> <p>We are needing to replace the worn-out foam and skins on our Raid targets, which are owned by KZNMAA and have been used for our qualifiers over the past 2 years. It will cost around R2000 to renovate these.</p> <p>There had been a hope to possibly develop a new competition track in the Hillcrest area, along with the help of Gareth Mare and the owner of the property on which it was to be built, but there has been no further activity, interest or response from either of them for months now.</p> <p>I would hopefully still like to try and establish a second competition venue, as well as another club, in KZN, and if and when that opportunity arises, it would be nice to have the funds that we will need in order to put up a competition track. I haven't yet been able to work out the exact figures of what it would cost to put up a track but can estimate that it would cost at least R5000 in order to cover the expense of the targets and track fencing alone.</p> <p>In summary, here are the estimated expenses for KZNMAA in 2024: Bank fees - R1200 New targets - R2000 Track build - R5000</p> <p>I think, taking all of the above into consideration, that R4700 would be a reasonable amount for KZNMAA to request from MAASA for 2024, also bearing in mind that any profit made from our KZNMAA qualifiers/events in would of course also be put towards development, although we have hardly profited from any of our events over the past year, as we still have a really small</p>	
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		amount of participating riders.	
3.3	Feedback Gauteng	<p>Lots happening in Gauteng, the province has the most members, the most clubs and the most tracks. Demo's happening are initiated by and run privately by the clubs.</p> <p>No funding needed for GP, suggestion is to rather allocate available funds towards the growth and development of struggling provinces.</p> <p>Treasurer agrees. Should allocate funds for development e.g. R2000</p>	
3.4	Decision	<p>Treasurer stated that MAASA cannot approve a R4700 towards KZN. She agreed that funds should rather be allocated towards the struggling provinces than towards Gauteng. She suggested an amount of R2000.</p> <p>The venue owner / SHB is responsible for setting up and maintaining a track, MAASA and/or provincial bodies pay ground levies to use these facilities.</p> <p>KZNMA would not qualify for funds to set up a new track at another venue, especially since no second club has yet been formed. MAASA National will only be able to assist with running costs of KZNMA</p> <p>Council agreed.</p>	
4.	Training of officials		
4.1	Target officials manual	Approved by council.	
4.2	Score keepers manual	Approved by council.	
5.	Membership fees 2024		
5.1	Fix fees for 2024	<p>The projected income for membership fees on the 2023 budget was R30 000, the actual income from membership fees was R24 000.</p> <p>Costs went up. Membership fees will need to be increased but can't increase it by too much for fear of losing athletes.</p> <p>Suggestion: Keep the categories and fees structure the same as last year but increase all fees by a certain percentage/amount.</p>	

		(We can't increase by much more than R50 per person). The council agreed.	
5.2	Date for renewal of membership	<p>Suggestion made by GP: Don't set a deadline date. People don't have finances at the beginning of the year and they may not know if they'll be able to compete. Keep membership fee the same regardless of when they renew their membership (no pro-rata). They can register any time of the year but can't compete if they're not a paid up member.</p> <p>The council did not agree with this. MAASA has certain commitments & planning to do, cannot wait for members who only decide to renew membership in e.g. May.</p> <p>Council agreed not to instate a penalty fee again.</p> <p>Suggestion: Introduce an early bird discount. Increase all fees by R100 but if people pay before end of January they get a discount of R50 (which means we actually only increase the fees by R50) if they register after the early bird date then they will need to pay the full amount.</p> <p>Council agrees for early bird discount.</p>	<p>Diane: to change spreadsheet and send out to council for approval.</p> <p>Deirdre: To send memo to members about rates and early bird discounts.</p> <p>Deirdre: Set up two membership forms, one for early birds and one for late payments.</p>
6. AGM/OGM Dates			
6.1	Set date for AGM/OGM	<p>Previous AGM/OGM was in Feb 2022.</p> <p>Since there will be motions to change selection criteria and MAASA gradings for 2024 to be voted on at the OGM the date for the AGM/OGM will need to be set before the first qualifier of the year.</p> <p>First KZN qualifier is on 18 Feb.</p> <p>Suggestion: Saturday 3 February via Zoom.</p> <p>Callie's term is coming to an end, it will therefore need to be an elective AGM for the position of vice president, unless he stays on for another year. The other member's terms are only ending in 2025.</p>	<p>Diane: Check the regulation regarding elective AGM, check dates, and give feedback to council.</p>

		<p>Callie does not want to stand for a second term so it will have to be an elective AGM.</p> <p>We will need to check that the dates work out to send out all notices, motions etc. as an elective AGM has a different timeline than a normal AGM.</p> <p>Date tentatively set for the 3rd of Feb.</p>	
7.	Approval of competitions schedule for 2024		
7.1	Suggested competition schedule for 2024	Competition schedule with modifications approved by council.	<p>Diane: Busy compiling competition schedule</p> <p>Deirdre: to send out Competition schedule to members, put on the MAASA FB page, email to members and update website.</p>
8.	Selection Criteria / Grading 2024		
8.1	Summary of situation	<p>MAASA will need to change our selection criteria and grading system for the competitive year of 2024.</p> <p>The recent application by MAASA for Protea colours was unsuccessful. The SAEF selection committee was only willing to award SAEF Silver and bronze colours to the two teams that MAASA applied for.</p> <p>The SAEF selection committee rejected the MAASA selection criteria for Protea Colours and commented that it was too low in comparison to international athletes.</p> <p>The SAEF Colours committee based their judgement on the grading and the scores that the athletes shot over the past year. Their conclusion was that overall, the level of both current gradings and scores shot was too low compared to international competition to award National colours, but was acceptable for federation colours.</p>	
8.2	Discussion	<p>We need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider a total overhaul of our grading system to align with IHAA's grading. (refer 	

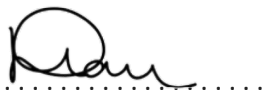
		<p>to Deirdre’s mail on 23/10 where she makes some valid suggestions for changing grading and overall scoring system).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit those new selection criteria to Sharlene and ask her to present to the SAEF Colours committee to verify that the criteria are acceptable and will meet their standards when we next undergo the application process. • Submit the changes as motions to be approved at our next AGM/OGM. <p>Comments:</p> <p>They looked at our athletes MAASA grading and then compared it to international athletes IHAA grading. The two grading systems are not comparable as the MAASA grading system is much stricter. The SAEF selection committee needs to understand that they cannot approve or not approve colours based on gradings since a rider’s current grading is not necessarily a reflection of their performance during the competitive year. (They may have shot brilliantly the previous year, gotten a high grading and shot poorly this year. It does not affect their grading this year as you cannot lose a grading but it is not an accurate representation of their performance for the current year).</p> <p>SAEF needs to understand the difference between our grading and selection criteria. We will need to change our grading system to align more with the IHAA grading system (although we CAN NOT allow scores shot at home to be permitted) and change our selection criteria and then present to SAEF selection committee and meet with them to explain. Once they approve proposed selection criteria then we can present it as a motion to the MAASA members to vote on at the next OGM.</p> <p>Suggested changes to MAASA gradings: 4 scores required across two competitive years. (In other words scores remain valid for two years). 2 x Tower and 2 x Raid scores required. The scores don’t have to be achieved on the same day at the same competition. They don’t have to be achieved on the same horse rider combination. A rider would still have to enter for both classes at the qualifier on the same horse but you can enter a second time on a second horse. Only scores shot at official MAASA qualifiers or grading events may be used. No scores shot at home will be permitted.</p>	<p>Deirdre: To write up grading criteria as a motion & send to council for approval.</p> <p>Deirdre: To write up selection criteria as a motion and send to council for approval.</p>
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		<p>around with the importance of nationals.</p> <p>Council agrees to proposed levels and scores, plus A-Team and B-Team.</p> <p>Deirdre to write up Selection Criteria and Grading Criteria as motions & submit to council. Selection criteria to be submitted to SAEF selection committee for review.</p> <p>Question: Can we qualify as teams AND as individuals? Mounted archery is not a team sport it is an individual sport. Diane to find out.</p>	
9. General			
9.1	<p>Calculation of rankings using IHAA percentage method instead of totaling scores (Deirdre)</p>	<p>1. To change the way we calculate overall winners to align with international practices as on the IHAA.eu system. (This isn't in our rulebook or selection criteria so we don't have to submit it as a motion, but Deirdre would like for us to consider changing how we calculate). Currently when we calculate the overall rankings within a competition, we add the total points shot in each event together (Tower + Raid + Skirmish = Total Score), we then determine who was 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. By doing it this way a person can shoot insanely high scores in one event and do very badly in another event and only average in another event and they could still finish in the top 3 because of a single very good event. Overseas they calculate it using the percentage system where your score per event is calculated using a percentage system with each event weighing the same, e.g. 3 events, each event count for be 33.3% of the total. That way if you shoot extremely well in one event (high percentage) and extremely low in another event then it will bring down your overall percentage. We register as IHAA record and ranking events and they calculate their winners in this manner, because we register as an R&R event I feel we need to do the same.</p> <p>Diane accepts Deirdre seconds Agreed to implement from 2024 for the record and ranking competitions.</p>	
9.2	<p>To bring in more divisions</p>	<p>In the USA they have the following divisions: Student archer 1-3 (Novice), Student</p>	

	into our competitions.	<p>archer 4-6 (Intermediate) Horse archer 1-3 (Advanced), Horse archer 4-10 (Masters). We don't have enough competitors for that many divisions but I suggest the following: Student Archer as is, student archers 1-6 (Novice), Horse Archers 1 – 3 (advanced), and then Horse Archers 4-10 (Elite/masters).</p> <p>It is very intimidating for people that have just reached their horse archer level 1 to be competing against the top horse archers, it is also very discouraging for them because they know that they stand no chance of ever getting a medal. This way they will be competing against horse archers that are more on the same level as them.</p> <p>Concern: cost effect on the budget.</p> <p>Rozelle agrees. Amy agrees. Council votes in favour or more categories. 3 x categories in competition: Student Archer, HA1-3 (Advanced) and HA4-HA10 (Elite)</p>	
9.3	Feedback IHAA WC	<p>WC held in Mongolia in September. Over 70 riders, very difficult event to organise. A lot of problems, a lot that went wrong.</p> <p>IHAA trying to learn from it and implement measures to improve future competitions.</p> <p>Jaco attended, did very well, came 3rd overall in the masters' category.</p>	

Greetings



Diane Horn (Chairman)

Signed at Pretoria on 15th November 2023