



MAASA NATIONAL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 14th May 2024

Time: 19h00

Place: via Zoom

PRESENT

Name	Designation
Diane Horn	President
Petro Wium	Treasurer
Callie Kruger	Vice President
Maretha Kruger	Athletes Rep
Jacques vd Westhuizen	Gauteng Vice Chair
Vicky van Zyl	NW Chair
Amy Diack	KZN Chair

APOLOGIES

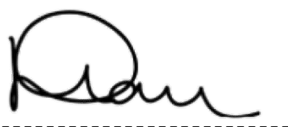
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None	

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	All in attendance – no apologies	
1.3	Quorum	All present – quorum established	
2.	MAASA – The Way forward		
2.1	MAASA is currently facing a number of challenges, particularly in the areas of declining membership numbers (especially active, participating athletes), as well as lack of volunteers coming forward to be trained as officials and/or to serve on committees.		
	MAASA President has notified the MAASA Council of intention to step down as MAASA President after Nationals this year and will not be available for re-election on either national or provincial level. Her role as SANESA National rep will also end after SANESA Nationals in September.		
	The majority of the current MAASA Council members have indicated that they too will step down from their positions at the same time, and many will not be available for re-election.		
	MAASA is struggling to maintain provincial structures as there are too few people willing to serve on committees.		

	Gauteng is the only province able to hold official qualifiers, other provinces do not have enough competing members. We still have a critical shortage of judges and officials willing to work at competitions, repeated calls for members to enlist in our officials' training courses have been largely unsuccessful. It has become clear to the MAASA National Council that we need to consider the long-term outlook for the sport in South Africa and implement some changes if mounted archery is to continue. We have to consider the following options: • Option 1: Dissolve MAASA • Option 2: Continue as we are now • Option 3: Cancel SAEF Affiliation <u>Option 1: Dissolve MAASA</u> Not ideal, we want the sport to continue but it needs to be structured differently. <u>Option 2: Continue as we are now</u> Also not viable, we do not have enough people to sit on committees or act as officials. After September there will be even more vacancies on the national and provincial councils. <u>Option 3: Cancel SAEF affiliation</u> SAEF affiliation compels us to have certain provincial structures, which we don't have the ability to fill. SAEF affiliation requires a minimum of 3 active provinces, which we cannot comply with – only Gauteng is currently active. The SAEF constitution allows for any member (of which MAASA is an ordinary member) to resign from the federation at any time, as long as notice to do so is given by 30th September of that year. (Clause 18.4 pg. 29 of SAEF Constitution). Without SAEF affiliation, we do not have to comply with their rules regarding compulsory membership of SAEF, horse passport/vaccination rules at competitions, submission of audited financial statements (costly). We will not need to vote on matters (elections, decisions etc.) according to SAEF directives (clubs, provinces, national) – members can vote in their individual capacities. We can choose our own management structure and amend our constitution to be more relevant to our small discipline, and not have to base our constitution on the SAEF constitution. We can maintain our IHAA affiliation without being affiliated to SAEF. We can continue with IHAA Record and Ranking competitions (exactly the way qualifiers are run now) so our athletes can consistently measure their performance against international riders and be ranked internationally. We will not be able to continue with SANESA, but suggest we implement a youth league program for our juniors, who will earn points for their mounted archery club instead of their schools.
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	We will not be able to apply for provincial or national colours in the future. There are very few countries who we can compete against to earn our national colours, as SAEF has very strict criteria regarding issuing Protea and SAEF colours.
3.	Conclusion / Resolution
	The MAASA Council members unanimously agreed that the best way forward was to cancel our SAEF affiliation and develop the sport from club level upwards, until membership numbers are such that we have sufficient members in all our provinces to allow us to re-apply for SAEF membership. As per our Constitution, a SGM can be called by resolution of the MAASA Council. The decision will be communicated to all MAASA members, and an SGM will be scheduled to allow voting on this matter via club structures.



D Horn
MAASA President

25/06/2024

Date