

MAASA NATIONAL COUNCIL



MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 18th February 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)
Theuns Kruger (Vice President)
Stephan Wium (Gauteng President)
Janine Crago (KZN President)
Maretha Kruger (Athletes Rep)
Andrie McArthur (Secretary)

Apologies:

Vicky van Zyl (NW representative)

Agenda Point 2: Confirm previous minutes

Any matters arising from the previous meeting minutes: None – all accept minutes.

Agenda Point 3: MAASA Rulebook changes

The MAASA rulebook is currently being updated to reflect the changes voted on via motions at the recent OGM.

The current rulebook is not correctly formatted, and there are many areas where incorrect bullets and numbering are evident. There are also blank pages / section breaks where there shouldn't be, and the footers need to be corrected too.

Diane would like permission from the council to re-format the rulebook, without listing each formatting change and submitting motions to correct them.

Discussion: Theuns says it is not necessary to submit motions to correct formatting issues, only changes to the rules.

Decision: Feel free to change it. All agree.

Agenda Point 4: IHAA World Championships / Team Selection

The IHAA World Championships will be held in Tennessee, USA from 19th – 21st September 2025.

Each member country of IHAA will be invited to send three riders to the competition. These riders will need to be selected according to our selection criteria and approved by SAEF if we apply for national / federation colours.

The selection process is underway:

- Our selection criteria and the notice of team selection was submitted to SAEF for approval (Sharlene has confirmed that all is in order)
- The notice of team selection was sent to all MAASA members on 14th Feb.
- The selection committee met on 17th Feb to discuss team selection. Selection committee consisted of:
 - Banie Smit
 - Janine Crago
 - Babs Kleynhans

The data which was provided to the selection committee was drawn from the 2024 results. Only HA3+ riders were taken into consideration for team selection.

The top three riders who are available will be offered a place on the team; if anyone is unable to accept their place, the opportunity will be given to the next ranked rider on the list.

The signed minutes of the selection meeting have been submitted to Diane.

Discussion:

Council needs to ratify the decision of the selection committee – all in favour.

Congratulations are extended to everyone; we need to look at finding sponsorships for the team to travel to the USA.

Decision:

Diane will contact the relevant athletes to inform them of their achievement and determine whether they are able to attend WC. Once the final athletes are confirmed, we will make an announcement.

Agenda Point 5: IHAA Rulebook Changes

IHAA has made a number of changes to their rulebook, which will need to be incorporated at future IHAA accredited competitions.

A summary of these rule changes needs to be communicated to all members.

Important rule changes:

- Helmets compulsory
- No headphones allowed

- Pre-nocking on all Raid tracks allowed
- Walk/trot timed hunt tracks
- No longer permitted to move up an age category

NB: while not a rule change from IHAA, MAASA judges should note that from this year onwards, MAASA is grading in the same way that IHAA grades, and therefore Student Archers are no longer timed on their runs, they just have to complete all their runs in a canter.

Discussion:

We need to summarize the relevant rule changes and communicate them to the athletes. MAASA judges will need to remind all athletes at their pre-competition briefing of the rule changes, effective from the first qualifier this year.

Decision: Maretha will officially communicate the rule changes to all MAASA athletes.

Agenda Point 6: Grooms Development Project

- Identification of core group of 8 development riders
- Criteria for MAASA instructors
- Project plan / budget

Discussion:

Diane made a presentation summarizing the SAEF scope of the project, MAASA's responsibilities and the requirements from SAEF regarding the use of the Lotto funds allocated to us.

We will need to communicate the criteria for selection of 8 development riders. We already have 2 in mind, the other 6 will need to be determined.

MAASA approved instructors will be paid to give lessons to these riders, they will need to be of a certain level in order to apply.

Equipment needs to be bought, Diane has contacted Aadil with regards to the purchasing of bows. Other suppliers are welcome. Equipment like bows and quivers should remain the property of MAASA until such time as we are sure that the rider is going to continue with the sport.

Suggestion that we organize an open day for grooms, to see if they would like to join the program.

Agenda Point 7: Update on Premier legal case

With regards to the legal case, Premier has still not withdrawn the court action.

SAEF has committed to drawing up an agreement whereby arbitration of the matter can only take place if Premier agrees to withdraw the court action, pay costs, agree not to reinstate the court action if they are not satisfied with the outcome of mediation, and agree that mediation will be the final resolution of the matter.

Premier remains under suspension until further notice. Premier athletes affected by this have joined other Gauteng clubs in order to renew their MAASA membership and be eligible to compete in the 2025 season.

Discussion:

Diane followed up with Sandra today to enquire as to whether there have been any further developments. Sandra said she has not heard anything further from Premier's lawyers. There is a concern that there is a miscommunication somewhere, as SAEF was supposed to draw up the agreement for mediation and send to Premier's lawyers.

Decision

Theuns has contacted Sandra and arranged to speak with her telephonically next week to discuss the way forward.

Agenda Point 8: General

- Change of directors – Petro is busy with this, documentation has been sent out for signatures from all former and current directors. She will then submit to our accountants for further processing.
- Amendments to the MAASA Constitution – have been done and published on the website. The updated version will need to be signed and initialled by all Exco members (directors).
- Minimum medical requirements at sanctioned events – a discussion document was received from SAEF regarding minimum medical and veterinary support at competitions. Each discipline has been asked to comment on this document by 20th February.
 - The discussion document clearly states that where disciplines have more stringent or definite requirements specified in their discipline rules, those will take precedence over SAEF requirements.
 - Currently our rulebook states we need a Level 4 paramedic at events. The SAEF general rules make no mention of this level of requirement. We can therefore consider amending our rulebook to a more cost-effective First Aid level 2 requirement. Diane has researched outcomes of each First Aid level according to registered SAQA unit standards and feels we don't need more than a Level 2 First Aider with equipment at events.
 - Stephan says GMAA could possibly afford to buy the equipment for their qualifiers, we would then need to make sure that we have someone (a non-competitor) at events with a First Aid Level 2 certificate.
 - Diane will investigate what equipment is needed, and costs, and revert to council.
 - Veterinary requirements: SAEF document suggests having a qualified, registered vet on call (they must be on site within 20 minutes); a dedicated horse ambulance (i.e. vehicle with empty horsebox attached) and that the venue must have screens available which can be used to provide privacy while treating serious injury.
 - Diane will comment on the discussion document and submit to council for approval/additions before sending through to SAEF.
- Stephan asked whether it was permitted to pay the IHAA €20 per qualifier in advance for the 2025 competitive season (GMAA) – this shouldn't be a problem, in

fact it would make it easier to get our accreditation in advance for all qualifiers, as we can then advertise them as 2 star Record and Ranking events

Agenda Point 9: TASK LIST

Person responsible	Task description	Deadline
Diane	Upload previous minutes to website	Friday
Maretha	Communicate all rule changes	Done before competitions
TBC	Organize open day and training event for grooms	TBC
Diane	Make posters for communication of Grooms Development Program (GDP)	15 March
All	Determine qualified mounted archery coaches for GDP	1 March
Andrie	To donate helmets for grooms	Asap
Diane	Make announcement of official SA team on Facebook	As soon as possible after athletes have confirmed availability
Diane, Petro, Theuns	Sign updated version of MAASA Constitution	30 March- if all three are at the first qualifier
Diane	First aid kit at competitions. Equipment requirements and costs	15 March
Stephan	Arrange with Melissa to do the transaction, liaise with Deirdre to do the application process for all 5 qualifiers once the transaction is completed.	Asap



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MAASA President

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Date