



MOUNTED ARCHERY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE	Wednesday 3 August 2022
VENUE	Virtually, via ZOOM
TIME	19:00

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ABSENT/APOLOGIES:

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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 present recorded, apologies recorded.	
1.3	Quorum	It was established that a quorum is present; provinces represented GP, NW, KZN, EC.	
1.4	Welcome new presidents on the council	Welcome newly elected KZNMA President Amy Diack and welcome back Vicky, elected for a second term for NWMAA. (Deirdre has updated the website to reflect the changes in council)	
2.	Matters arising from previous Minutes		
2.1	Conclusion of KZN Mounted Archery Elections (Feedback) (Diane/Amy)	<p>Following on our previous emergency meeting on 7th June to discuss the events transpiring in the KZN elective process:</p> <p>As decided in that meeting, our concerns were formally escalated via email to SAEF on 10th June, to the following people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiona Ross (SAEF Provincial Federations Rep) • Marco Breytenbach (SAEF Non FEI Rep) • Sharlene Venter (SAEF SG) • Nadine Parker (KZNEF VP and appointed electoral officer for KZNMA Elections) • Janine Turner (Legal, SAEF) <p>The concerns regarding irregularities in the elective process were outlined. In short:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates who were not in good standing with MAASA and/or SAEF at the close of nominations, had been nominated for positions, or had nominated candidates for positions. • The full list of nominations per position as issued by the electoral officer had been altered, with some names left off the original list when this list was sent out to one of the participating clubs. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not all KZN MAASA members had been notified of the nominations received, effectively excluding them from their right to participate in the elections. • Nominees had been misled with regards to the duties and responsibilities involved in the various council positions. • Verbal threats to withdraw one of the KZNMA clubs if their members did not get elected to all the council positions was noted, as well as the threat of cancelation of upcoming qualifiers at this club’s venue should the elections not result in a favorable outcome for them. • The club in question was found to be non-compliant with MAASA’s By-Laws with regards to the requirements for affiliation to MAASA. <p>On 20th June, MAASA President received an email response from Janine Turner (SAEF Legal), to confirm that she was looking into the matter, and had requested further information from the electoral officer, Nadine Parker (KZNEF VP).</p> <p>Later on the same day, Dianel was informed by Janine Turner via email that the electoral officer had notified her that one of the KZN clubs had withdrawn all its nominations for the elections, and had resigned as a member of KZN Mounted Archery.</p> <p>On 22nd June, Janine Turner recommended that the elections proceed, with the remaining nominations from Riverside Mounted Archery club.</p> <p>On 1st July, Janine confirmed that the AGM should go ahead on 3rd July as planned, but with the venue moved to Riverside club. Since this would be an uncontested election, it was not necessary for the electoral officer to attend. The nominations received for the various positions as confirmed by the electoral officer were to be adhered to, with no nominations received for the positions of Athletes Rep and Secretary – Janine recommended that the newly elected KZNMA Council co-opt candidates into these positions until such time as they could be filled at an elective special general meeting.</p> <p>The KZNMA AGM took place as scheduled on Saturday 3rd July at Riverside Mounted Archery club, where the following positions were formally confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KZNMA President – Amy Diack • KZNMA Vice President – Janine Crago • KZNMA Treasurer – Anthony Howes 	
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2.2	NWMAA Elections (Feedback) (Vicky/Deirdre)	<p>NWMAA recently went through the 60 day election process to elect a new council. The same council was re-elected for a 2nd term. Deirdre served as administrator in the process to help them with the admin.</p> <p>The new council was formally announced at the NWMAA AGM held on 27 July 2022 by the electoral officer, NWEF President Bev Williamson.</p> <p>NWMAA need to get their constitution signed, minute their meeting & apply for a bank account.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vicky van Zyl – President • Zelda Klemp – Vice President • Naeema Grabu – Treasurer • Elizma du Toit – Secretary 	
2.3	To Do: Motion Grading Matrix for Student Archers(Deirdre)	Still on Deirdre’s To-Do list to submit the motion when an OGM is announced. No need to discuss, just keeping it on the minutes in order to keep track of it.	Deirdre To submit a motion for OGM
2.4	To Do: Records & Record Status Events (Deirdre)	Still on Deirdre’s To-Do list to submit the motion when an OGM is announced. No need to discuss, just keeping it on the minutes in order to keep track of it.	Deirdre To submit a motion for OGM
2.5	To Do: Event Reports & Judges commission feedback (Deirdre)	Still on Deirdre’s To-Do list: Create list of all MAASA judges, create judges commission, elect head judge to represent judges commission.	Deirdre To set up judges commission
2.6	IHAA Judges course (Feedback) (Deirdre)	<p>Thank you to everyone that has successfully completed the IHAA L1 Judges course. It is a very thorough course and great training for our judges.</p> <p>The following people from SA have thus far completed the course:</p>	Deirdre Send reminder mail to judges to do the course

		Amy Diack Deirdre Janse van Rensburg Diane Horn Janine Crago Suzaan Olivier Talitha Serfontein Vicky van Zyl	
2.7	Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting	Minutes of the meeting accepted. Gauteng Accepted, KZN seconded.	Deirdre: Send minutes to Di to sign. Then send to MAASA members, then upload to website.
3.	SAEF Updated Election Directive (Diane)		
3.1	Feedback on changes	<p>There has been some change in wording, to clarify things better, the only two major changes I could pick up were:</p> <p>Point 1.10 – the number of active members that constitute a club (previously only 2)</p> <p>Point 4.6.6.2 reads "If there is more than one Candidate nomination for a position, the Provincial DA's will need to obtain a mandate from its Registered Individuals". This was changed from Clubs - which are the Ordinary members of a Provincial structure. Individuals vote at Club level, not at Provincial or National level during elections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Diane has queried this with SAEF, hopefully she will get a response by Wednesday. <p>Concern from some of the disciplines regarding the fact that SAEF are currently investigating a restructure, and that in the future each DA might fall under the general SAEF constitution with a technical committee instead of an NPO.</p>	
4.	Membership Fees for 2023 (Diane)		
4.1	Suggested Changes to membership fees for 2023	Thinking ahead to next year, the president would like to start discussing membership fees for 2023.	

The treasurer will need to set up a preliminary budget for approval at the next OGM, and she will have to do the proposal based on her figures. However the president would like to suggest that we do away with the current “free memberships” that we have on offer, in order to avoid a repeat of the KZN situation where we suddenly had a number of members joining MAASA and claiming free memberships in order to nominate, be nominated and have a vote with the aim of swaying the election outcome.

Our current fee structure is as follows:

Athletes Membership 2022	
Category A	Horse Archers (Senior & Junior)
	Student Archers (Senior & Junior)
	SANESA Graded Riders
	Individual R500pp
Individual + 1 R450pp	
3 + riders R400pp	
Newcomers Membership 2022	
Category B	Novice/Entry Level Riders
	Development Riders (1 + years)
	Non Competitive Riders
	Social Members (with vote)
	Individual R300pp
	Individual + 1 R275pp
3 + members R250pp	
Free Membership 2022	
Category C	Guardians (Parents of juniors)
	Committee Members (non athletes)
	Development Riders (only first year)

Suggestion: we should either charge a minimum membership fee for Committee members (e.g. R100) or stipulate that free membership is only applicable to members who are currently serving on either National, Provincial or Mounted Archery club committees. Maybe even limit this to National and Provincial council members?

Development Riders – each case judged on its own merits, must be applied for and motivated, and subject to approval by National Council. (We also need to add the qualifying criteria for what constitutes a Development Rider into our By-Laws).

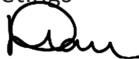
		<p>Guardians should still get free membership in order to vote on behalf of their child, since the child will need to be fully paid up MAASA members.</p> <p>Suggestion to do away with the Social Members with a vote – it doesn't really work with our current situation and can be misused by people wishing to swing votes in a certain way.</p> <p>And always bearing in mind that membership fees are the main source of income for our operating expenses.</p> <p>Rozelle: Free membership should be a non-voting membership. Better definitions: Competitive Athlete, Guardian voting on behalf of junior athlete, Non-competitive Athlete, Official, Committee member.</p> <p>Treasurer will formulate a formal proposal for approval.</p>	<p>Petro: Formulate proposal for fee structures for 2023 and submit to MAASA council for review.</p>
5. Provincials / Nationals 2022 (Diane)			
5.1	Cancellation of Provincials for 2022	<p>Gauteng Provincials are scheduled for 3 September; however we don't foresee the necessity of going ahead with a Gauteng team selection because there are not enough riders in the other provinces to make up a team.</p> <p>Request to hold an extra qualifier instead of provincials to give those riders who haven't done enough qualifiers or who wish to score better at the qualifier another chance?</p> <p>Decision: To host a 5th Gauteng qualifier on 17 September. Opportunity to practice Qabac and Kazakh style will be provided on 18 September after the Novice Qualifier has ended.</p>	<p>Gauteng Council: To arrange another qualifier for Gauteng.</p>
5.2	Practice day for Nationals 2022	<p>Deirdre has suggested that instead of a provincial's competition, we consider holding a "practice" day for Nationals, where we shoot the Qabac and Kazakh events in preparation for Nationals. If we go ahead, we will need to schedule a date and venue for this.</p> <p>Will decide on the Gauteng council. Possibility to have a practice day Bekker.</p>	<p>Gauteng Council: To arrange practice day after the Novice qualifier has ended on 18 Sept.</p>
5.3	Judges & officials for Nationals 2022	<p>SANESA Nationals will be held on Friday 7th October at Bekker Equestrian, followed by MAASA Nationals on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th October at Botha Wil, pending the readiness of the</p>	<p>Deirde: Set date & time for special</p>

		<p>damaged track. We need to discuss judges and officials for both SANESA and MAASA Nationals. Diane is happy to judge SANESA, but neither Jacques vd Westhuizen nor Diane will be available to judge/official for MAASA on the Saturday due to a prior commitment.</p> <p>Deirdre/Rozelle available to judge on the Saturday Amy/Diane available for Sunday, Jacques availability on Sunday?</p> <p>Set up separate meeting to discuss nationals.</p>	<p>meeting for nationals. To discuss: Judges, Officials, Camping, Arrangements, Poster, Info Pack, update website etc.</p>
5.4	Record Status event nationals & IHAA L1 Judge (Deirdre)	Deirdre would like to register the event as an IHAA record status event. In order to do so we will need L1 judges to judge the event. NB. Jacques vd Westhuizen still needs to do the IHAA L1 Judges Course.	
6.	Club Audits (Diane)		
6.1	Results/ Issues	<p>Preliminary results from the club audits have revealed several issues/irregularities etc. within MAASA affiliated clubs:</p> <p>Archer's Ville Mounted Archery - No club documentation submitted (mail for audit to be resent)</p> <p>Barebow Mounted Archers – No issues, all in order (Deirdre has added to website)</p> <p>Boskop Ryklub - No issues, all in order</p> <p>Premier Equestrian Club – Diane to double check club audit, according to Rozelle there are 4 active members, Rozelle, Franska, Jethro & Gabrielle.</p> <p>Kings & Prophets - Emy Jiyani listed on club council is not a member of MAASA; Marli Jacobs, listed as club president is a minor and therefore cannot serve on a committee. No bank account.</p> <p>Youngblood Equestrian Archers - No issues, all in order</p> <p>Dynamic Archery - No longer affiliated to MAASA, (Deirdre has removed from website)</p> <p>Metswedding - No longer affiliated to MAASA, (Deirdre has removed from website)</p> <p>Hoofprint - No longer affiliated to MAASA, (Deirdre has removed from website)</p> <p>Potchefstroom Ruitersklub – No documentation submitted (Didn't receive mail)</p>	<p>Diane: Double check that Premier Equestrian is compliant, minimum of 4 athletes.</p> <p>Diane: To mail Kings & Prophet to ask them to take steps to become compliant.</p> <p>Diane: Send Club Audit Potchefstroom Ruitersklub mail to Vicky & Yolandi again.</p>

		<p>Okusha Equestrian Centre - Club has resigned as MAASA affiliate - (Deirdre has removed from website)</p> <p>Kouga Riding Club - No documentation submitted (didn't receive a mail)</p> <p>Riverside Mounted Archery - No issues, all in order (Deirdre has added to website)</p> <p>Suggestion: Clubs with not enough active members can remain a club but just don't get a vote. To discuss further.</p>	<p>Diane: Send Club Audit mail to Kouga as well.</p> <p>Diane: Mail SAEF to check how they feel about non-voting clubs.</p>
7.	Agenda Item International Test Match for Protea Colours (Deirdre)		
7.1	Arranging an international test match	<p>We've had several not such great years in terms of trying to help our selected national team to get their Protea colours. I think 2018 was the last year that the National Team did get their Protea colours.</p> <p>In 2019 Wessel Straus (then SG of SAEF) said that there was no way we could use the WHAF World Championships again to get Protea colours since it didn't comply with all the SAEF and SASCOC criteria.</p> <p>Then in 2020 thanks to Covid we didn't have qualifiers and didn't select a national team. We did have qualifiers in 2021 and a National Team was selected and announced in the beginning of this year.</p> <p>Getting Protea Colours is an incredible honour and I feel we need to try to do everything in our power to help make it possible for the National Team to have an opportunity to earn their colours. (It seems futile to go through the whole selection process if there is no possibility of getting national colours?)</p> <p>We have two countries that we could possibly compete against in a test match to get those colours: France and Turkey as they both comply with SASCOC and SAEF requirements.</p> <p>I haven't heard anything back from Turkey with regards to arranging for them to come to South Africa for a test match. (I know they also struggle with finances as they have to pay for them to travel and compete).</p> <p>The other avenue to explore is France. Jacques is competing there at the end of August and it will be a great opportunity for our MAASA President Di to rub shoulders with the IHAA President Alan Le Gal (who is also in charge of the competition and the team in France). Di it would be</p>	<p>Diane: Talk to Alan regarding possibilities of arranging either for France to come to SA for a test match or SA go to France for a test match.</p>

		<p>great if you could have talks with Alan in this regard to explore the possibilities? For them to come to SA for a test match?</p> <p>Alternatively if they can't come to us, I think we should make every effort to go to them for an arranged test match? We could arrange several fund raising events etc. to try and help get funding together for a team to go overseas, perhaps early in 2023?</p>	
8.	General		
8.1	Nomination IHAA Board of Directors (Deirdre)	<p>Deirdre Janse v Rensburg was nominated & elected to represent Africa on the Board of Directors of the IHAA (International Horseback Archery Alliance).</p> <p>She will serve a term of 2 years.</p> <p>Deirdre will add this position to the signed code of conduct and wishes to declare it as a potential conflict of interest. Deirdre will not have a vote when it comes to decisions regarding affiliation to IHAA matters.</p>	<p>Deirdre: To resubmit code of conduct with BOD IHAA added as a potential conflict of interest.</p>
9.	Closing		
9.1	Next meeting date	Next date will be communicated.	Deirdre to confirm date & set meeting
9.2	Meeting Closure	The president thanked everyone and formally closed the meeting.	

Greetings



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Diane Horn (Chairman).”

Signed at Pretoria on 13th day of October 2022.