

FFSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES 19 JANUARY 2018

14h30 at News Café, Alberton

1. MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Stafford, Wim Dreyer, Gunter Schroder and Tony Rademeyer

2. RATIFICATION OF MINUTES NOVEMBER 2017

The minutes are accepted as correct.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1. INSURANCE

Gunter got several quotes for personal insurance for injuries. It comes to a premium of R 80,000 per annum, which is unaffordable. The matter is closed.

3.2. BENE MERUIT AWARD

The award has been manufactured and must be presented to Uwe Schroder. It will be arranged by Gunter.

3.3. TROPHY AGREEMENT GILBERT MCCAUL

Stands over. Wim will put together an agreement.

3.4. 2018 CALENDAR

The 2018 calendar was distributed to all members of Council.

Mark Howitt gave assurance that the Limpopo Open will continue. It will be followed up. Mike will liaise with the Limpopo Committee. Invitations must go out within a week or two.

- ***It is decided that a venue must be confirmed by the 21st of January, otherwise alternatives must be considered.***



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4. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

4.1. REVISION OF POLICY DOCUMENTS

Various individuals and commissions are currently working on policy documents. The commissions will be asked to submit relevant policy documents by 28 February 2018.

The following policies are under revision:

- Legal and Disciplinary Matters
- Selection of national teams
- Team management
- Competition management
- Rules of conduct (Seniors)
- Rules of conduct (Juniors)
- Coaching and club management

Decision: Gunter will collect the various policy documents. The secretary will circulate the documents to Council. It should also be published on the website for comments by the fencing community. It will be presented to the 2018 AGM to be ratified again to ensure the legality of all the documents.

An urgent proposal is to be submitted to Council, stating that clause 6 of the Selection Policy should be removed immediately and that further revision of the policy will be proposed a.s.a.p. by the Team Management and Coaches Commission.

5. PROVINCIAL MATTERS

5.1. KZN

The KZN Committee requests that the Masters Event at the national competitions should receive more attention. Patrick Collings, as chairman of the veterans, will be asked to attend to the matter.

The reporting template to SRSA must be sent out as quickly as possible. Wim will attend to the matter.

KZN raised several questions on the selection policy which will be sent through to the relevant commission. Gunter will ensure the completion of the policy.

5.2. MPUMALANGA

The planned training camp took place during December. A complete report must be submitted by Greta Ingram (including statistics and financials), to be included in the report to SRSA. A constitution also needs to be submitted to Exco. Mike will follow up.

5.3. EASTERN CAPE

Correspondence from Jessica Raper refers. A suitcase with two reels, ground wires and training box was lost (stolen). This loss creates much problems in terms of coaching and the development of clubs.

Decision: It will be taken up with the insurance by Gunter.

5.4. LIMPOPO

Funds may be transferred from government directly to FFSA. This is questionable. The provincial committee need to sort out the bank account.

5.5. GAUTENG

The correspondence of Lazlo Kozma refers. Exco was accused of capitulating to threats of parents in the selection of teams. Exco takes exception to the tone of the letter.

Decision: As soon as official legal advice is received it will be communicated to Lazlo by Exco.

The question of getting a fencing hall is not an issue Exco should get involved with. It is a provincial and club matter.

6. COACHING

6.1. INFORMATION FROM N. PEROVIC ON FIE COACHING ACADEMY

Correspondence from N. Perovic refers. One problem facing the FIE Academy is the approval of visas by the SA Government. This is mainly due to candidates completing the forms incorrectly. It might be that the course will start late. Because of withdrawal of some fencers FFSA nominated Athi Vuntu (CT) as a second candidate and was accepted by the FIE on the course.

6.2. CLUB AND COACHING SYSTEM

Gunter gives feedback on discussions with SASCOC on RPL. Eventually no coach will be allowed to accompany teams at international events if they are not registered with SASCOC as a masters' coach. To be recognised as a master coach the individual must appear before a SASCOC panel. If the different SASCOC levels could be implemented it might empower coaches at different levels and create the opportunity to earn money. Training of coaches could take place at the various national competitions. This could be combined with the British system.

Decision:

- ***The SASCOC requirements for coaches will be communicated to fencing committee.***
- ***The SRSA allocation will be utilised.***
- ***Gunter will take responsibility for the development of a coaching system based on the SASCOC principles, using information from the British Coaching Academy.***

7. NATIONAL TEAMS

7.1. SUPPORT TO DEVELOPMENT FENCERS

FFSA will support Kesia Adams (women's foil) to a maximum of R 20,000.00 to attend Junior African Championships. This is based on the fact that she is the top ranked fencer who qualify for support.

7.2. CRITERIA / QUALIFICATIONS / DUTIES OF TEAM MANAGERS

The correspondence from N. Bester refers. The question is raised what the criteria, qualifications and duties of team managers are, especially in terms of female athletes and female team managers.

Decision: The document Paul Marais wrote will be revitalised and developed. Gunter will follow up.

8. REFEREES

8.1. COURSES

The next referee course will take place at Chrystell House during the Cape Open. The reports must be submitted for submission to SRSA.

There is enough money to run courses at every competition. The coaching and referee courses will be run at alternate competitions.

9. FINANCE

9.1. FINANCIAL REPORT

The treasurer reports that both the SRSA and Lotto grants were received during the last quarter of 2017. The report (see attached) is accepted with thanks to Tony. It will also be submitted to SRSA with the information from the various projects.

9.2. FUNDRAISING OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION

Exco is of the opinion that the focus of funding should be on development, African Championships and World Championships. Once a SA athlete shows potential at international events and especially at WC, efforts will be made to find money for Olympic qualification.

9.2. LOTTO / SRSA GRANT - PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT (TONY)

FFSA was allocated funds by Lotto to buy new equipment. Tony proposes that the R 220,000.00 should be spent on a pistes, boxes and reels to be used at competitions as well as 6 club starter kits. The proposal is accepted. Tony will get different quotes from suppliers. If the prices are the same it will be split. Sets comprising of a club scoring box, 2 reels & ground wires will be allocated to EC (2), Mpumalanga, GFA and KZN. The club starter kits only include coaching gear, plastrons, jackets, masks, gloves & weapons. A brand new club should initially operate without scoring equipment until it has proved to be viable & showing growth. There are currently a number of clubs that operate without scoring equipment.

9.3. SUBMISSION OF SIGNED PAGES TO EXCELL

The signed financial statements were submitted to the auditors.

9.4. PURCHASE OF FIE LICENCES

Jo-Anne is paying the FIE licences and will be reimbursed by FFSA.

9.5. PAYMENT TO OPHARDT

Jo-Anne is paying the Ophardt licences and will be reimbursed by FFSA.

9.6. COMPETITION SUPPORT BUDGET

INCOME

SRSA Grant	R60 000
Referee levies for 5 competitions	R45 000
	R105 000

EXPENSES

Referee Costs	R55 000
Travel expenses – Other officials	R15 000
Referee Seminars & exams (5 @ R6,000 ea.)	R30 000
	R100 000

SURPLUS R5 000

Approved

10. SRSA

10.1. BUSINESS PLAN 2018

The process of submitting the 2018 Business Plan to SRSA will be initiated as soon as possible. Exco will attend to the various projects and how the money should be allocated. A draft should be distributed to Council for input.

10.2. INTERIM REPORT AND CALENDAR

The secretary will submit the required documents.

11. SASCOC

11.1. ATTENDANCE OF AGM

The vice-president will attend the meeting on behalf of FFSA.

12. FIE

12.1. DISTRIBUTION OF EQUIPMENT GRANT

Tony distributed some of the equipment received from FIE. Arrangements will be made to send equipment by courier. The costs will be carried by FFSA.

12.2. ATTENDANCE OF FIE TRAINING CAMP

The president has spoken to N. Perovic to confirm that FFSA will receive an invitation to send an individual to the FIE training camp. As soon as an invitation is received Council will vote on the

candidates. The precedent is that male and female athletes will attend on alternate years, although there is no clear policy on the matter. Council need to clarify the matter in terms of male / female as well as cadet / junior as well as weapon.
