

South African Show Jumping: Gauteng Committee
Minutes of Meetings



Date: 23rd August 2022
Venue: Equi-Fox Linden Hall
Time: 18h00
Present: Belinda Martin (Chairman)
Kelly Bosman – Penbritte Club
Aidan Lithgow – Kyalami Park Club
Kate Launder – Cradle Club
Tony Lewis – Sunhills Club
Gillian Shaw – Easterns Club
Marion Clough – Fourways Club
Brigitte Karels – Dunblane Equestrian Club
Barbara Lovell
Brendan McNevin
Ronnie Healy
Claire Gooderham

Item	<p>Welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Belinda Martin (Chairman) Welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She also thanked her committee who had done a fantastic job with their portfolios. <p>The reading of the notice convening the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was confirmed that there was quorum: 7 out of the 12 voting clubs were present.• 7 Clubs were present.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kelly Bosman – Penbritte ClubAidan Lithgow – Kyalami Park ClubKate Launder – Cradle ClubTony Lewis – Sunhills ClubGillian Shaw – Easterns ClubMarion Clough – Fourways ClubBrigitte Karels – Dunblane Equestrian Club <p>Approval of the Minutes of the Previous AGM and consider any matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The minutes were accepted. <p>Annual Report from the President of Gauteng Council: Chairmans Report – Belinda Martin</p> <p>Firstly, I would like to welcome you all to the AGM and thank you for attending. A massive thank you to my incredible committee who has worked tirelessly throughout the year.</p> <p>They have always been available, giving up their time for meeting and being just a phone call away. A special thank you to Gill Shaw who spend hours reading the fine print and steering us all in the right direction. Thank you, Gill, your experience is invaluable to us all.</p> <p>Our Technical Rep – Gill Shaw has also helped with schedules and has contributed to many conflicting rules being cleaned up.</p> <p>Gill Shaw must be one of the most knowledgeable people in Showjumping. Her energy to read the fine print, check out the rules, drive to meeting and shows and relying on her experience to offer not only a knowledgeable but also a very fair open-minded opinion or solution to most issues that might arise. Gill your energy and love for the sport is evident and most people half your age could not</p>
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keep up with your energy and passion for the sport – Thank you. With you, Barbara, and Natalie we are in very capable hands.

1. Gillian Shaw - Technical

Technical Report August 2022 Gauteng Showjumping

The last few years has seen a different approach from the Gauteng Jumping committee.

On the technical side of the sport the Gauteng Committee has been pro- active in reviewing the recent rule changes. We are in the process of cleaning up some of the rules that are confusing to say the least

The Gauteng committee has committed to give emphasis to growth for our lower-level competitors as well as the Pony Rider and Junior competitors. This is a medium to long term commitment at this stage, the objective being to try and increase the competitors in these ranks.

we will be looking as any suggestions for rule changes that will benefit this concept and I would be happy as the Gauteng Technical representative to hear of any suggestions from the members.

Regards

Gill Shaw

2. Natalie Reyneke – Vice Chairman/Legal

A massive thank you to my Vice Chair and attorney Natalie Reyneke who has made their boardroom available for our meeting and who has spent hours and days tidying up our Constitution, our committee mandate and keeps us all in line. She is always just a phone call away and always ready to assist.

During this past year we tackled the Gauteng SJ Constitution. Initially this Constitution was based exactly on the national SJ constitution which itself has certain flaws. We aimed to remove the articles that did not apply to Gauteng SJ (namely in respect of financial requirements etc.) and sought to fine tune and simplify the processes involved with the holding of meetings. We have submitted our proposed draft (with amendments in mark-up for ease of reference) but have yet to receive any feedback in respect thereof.

Feedback was provided when there were anomalies relating to certain documents referred to in Rules / other constitutional documents that did not exist.

It has been referred to SAEF now.

3. Claire Gooderham – Marketing

Thank you to our marketing rep Claire Gooderham. I can honestly say Clair is one of the most passionate and efficient people I have met. Her energy and vision for jumping is infectious and she is always contributing with ideas.

Clair kicked the year off with some rider poll, engaging with the riding population. This helped to identify the divide between our top and amateur riders. This has helped us to close the divide, educate the newer riders and post helpful and positive messages on our Facebook page. This has helped to make warm up arenas less daunting and a general good feel in show jumping.

Clair has attended many shows manning our Gauteng Showjumping gazebo with a suggestion box from our riders to see how we can help or grow the sport, thank you Clair.

Marketing update

Michel van Eck clinic. This was a two-day coach the coaches clinic with Michel van Eck. It was held at KPC and was both theory and practical sessions over two days, with a lunch included

The first day had the open demo riders and coaches and the second day was the 120 demo riders to 90cm riders and coaches. It was filled, but there were requests to host the clinic possibly on a Sunday and Monday (as most coaches have Monday's off)

The coaches on the clinic loved it and we only had positive feedback and requests of when we would be hosting another coaches clinic.

Some of the feedback from coaches (summarized)

Loved it that we could stand with him while he taught the lessons

Approach to problems was kind and sympathetic – creating a trust between coach, rider, and horse

A great job done in explaining everything in detail and kept us involved the whole time

He didn't make a horse fit into one box of training methods.

What a great way to expand our knowledge

When can we have another clinic – excellent, excellent

Social media posts have been done regularly on our FB page – updating our client base.

4. Ronnie Healy – Coaching Development

Ronnie and Clair ran a super training the trainer clinic hosted by Michel van Eck which was very well received. As Ronnie rides at top level and coaches most age groups his input towards shows, and sport development has been very valuable. I can always phone for feedback and some ideas from Ronnie.

5. Brendan McNiven – Development

Brendan has been very busy with team selection and team managers over the past two years. Team selection and management is always a huge and tricky task and Brendan has done a fantastic job regarding this. He managed team chef's and riders very well. Thank you, Brendan, for always giving input in the meetings and offering valuable ideas.

6. Brett Webber – Course Building and Venues

Brett Webber has done an incredible job in offering course builder seminars for two years now. Brett has trained and nurtured many new course builders coming into the system now. He has also served as an incredible SASJ rep to our show holding bodies, traveling to many new and old venues to give feedback and advice on their facilities and equipment.

Brett has been so successful in this regard that he has been asked to visit a few National venues. His approachable, open minded personality with loads of experience has made him very popular with venues. We have managed to develop new course builders and upgrade our venues. – Thank you, Brett.

7. Barbara Lovell – Officials

Barbara and Brett have done an amazing job to develop more officials. We are incredibly thankful to have Barbara on our committee who is always available for meeting and an extremely knowledgeable judge. Barbara has been judging and stewarding at most of our major National and Fei shows and has enabled these shows to run smoothly due to her knowledge, super people skills and organization skills. Barbara has put steward kits and judges box kits together and is ALWAYS available for input.

Barbara has most certainly helped to develop a better respect between officials and riders and helped riders to realize and appreciate what our officials puts up with during these big shows. We honestly have no sport without people like Barbara giving up their valuable time.

Barbara has been invited to judge internationally and we wish you all the best and hope you enjoy it.

8. Karel Engelbrecht- Treasurer

This man has been an incredible part of our team. Karel has made sure that each portfolio has their budget and has kept a very close eye on our Gauteng funds. Karel's knowledge of constitutions and business practices has kept our meeting on track. He is a very passionate rider who alongside Clair has brought some new input and development ideas. Karel can give us a short summary of our Gauteng financials please.

9. Dominey Alexander – Athletes Rep

Dominey serves as our athletes rep and has played a very important role in connecting riders, venues, shows and officials. Dominey's knowledge and experience has helped towards the running of shows, discussing rules and practices.

10. Kate Launder

A big thank you to Kate Launder who has taken part in all these portfolios, running our end of the office, taking the minutes, and distributing it all to the relevant parties. Having a super-efficient office makes all the difference in any sport – thank you Kate, we appreciate you.

We have spent hours reading and cleaning up our SASJ rules and constitution. We have spent hours connecting riders, officials and show holding bodies.

We have offered educational news flashes, trained officials, assisted in schedules and helped to initiate the 2022 Youth Series.

We are excited to see many more faces in the sport with many new riders and venues in our province.

With most of the rules and previous issues sorted out – we hope to offer a very exciting calendar next year with plans to cater for all levels and ages.

I thank my committee for always answering my calls and being available for meetings, zoom meetings and quick responses via whatsapp or email on pressing matters. I could not do this without your support.

Thank you
Belinda Martin

Adoption with or without modifications of the Annual Financial Statements of SASJ:

Financial Report – Karel Engelbrecht

Dear Madam Secretary,
Gauteng Council Committee Members
Clubs and Guest.

What a learning curve regarding Show jumping and been elected midst the constant different levels, the Gauteng committee quickly realised the importance of this council.

For most of 2021 we reviewed policies etc and focussed on quality of clubs as Belinda has mentioned.

As of 1/1/2022 we had a surplus of R 1 102 485 and applied the 2/3 rule for budget distribution without taking any of 2022's income into account.

The budget was set as follows:

OFFICIAL AND COURSE DESIGNERS R 93 490 SPENT 35690

MARKETING R 74 000 SPENT 43000

SPONSORSHIPS R 180 000 SPENT 44 000

DEVELOPMENT R 35 0000 SPENT 10 800

COACHES R 35 000 SPENT 29 127

VENUES R 15 000

ADMIN R 150 000 spent 43 691 with salaries
After the projected budget we estimated a surplus of R 203 995 for projects awaiting approval
Judges International Experience
R 25,000.00
Bernard's Development Program
R 70,250.00
Timing equipment saving (Est R 350 000)
R 70,000.00
SASJ Gauteng Champs R 35 000.00
Out of these we have still a big chunk available in the budget as we go into the summer months.
We looked at some stats for 2022
For the year up to 31/7/2022 we had 25 173 affiliated entries at 15 venues including our new venues. I put same forward to our council to assist the smaller venues by ways of professional course builders, venue shadowing and marketing to assist. We are fortunate to have so many venues and almost a show or 7 every weekend. Thus, we invite the venues to contact us.
Please forward any suggestions and assistance request to Kate

Adjournment of meeting