

South African Show Jumping: Gauteng Committee
Minutes of Meetings



Date: 23rd October 2024
Venue: Meeting held at the SASJ Office
Time: 18h00
Present: Belinda Martin (Chairman) - Penbritte Club
Heather Mpofu – Kyalami Park Club
Gillian Shaw – Eastern Club
Nicola Sime – Sunny Park Club Zoom Call
Lucinda Killian - Cradle Club
Karel Engelbrecht – Treasurer
Melise Etheridge – Coaches
Kate Launder

Apologies: Barbara Lovell
Dominey Alexander
Sunhills Club
Fourways Club

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: 5 out of the 8 voting clubs were present.• Clubs were present. Belinda Martin (Chairman) - Penbritte Club Heather Mpofu – Kyalami Park Club Gillian Shaw – Easterns Club Lucinda Killian – Cradle Club Nicola Sime – Sunny Park Club Zoom Call <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: Gauteng Showjumping Chairman report 2024 – Belinda Martin</p> <p>A huge thank you to Kate Launder our Gauteng showjumping secretary, who has put this meeting together and who is ALWAYS available to help us (the committee) and our members, with any queries and help needed. Our communication has been better this year. Kate has assisted in reaching our members via emails and social media pages. Nothing is ever too much for Kate. Thank you Kate for all your help and assistance.</p> <p>With no other nominations for Gauteng SASJ committee members, my committee and I largely remained the same. We welcomed Melise Ethridge and Kelly Bosman to the committee to man coaches and venues respectively.</p> <p>2024 was a busy year for my committee and I as we continue to manage day to day issues and work towards growing showjumping in Gauteng. Gauteng had 101 shows on the calendar for 2024.</p> <p>A huge thank you to Karel Engelbrecht our treasurer who has been an absolute asset on this committee. Karel has been very involved in all aspects of our committee, ensuring that we spend our budgets wisely, give back to members as well as safeguarding our funds from</p>
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mismangement, under utilization and development. Karel has kept everyone accountable for their budget and is always available to assist our portfolio heads reach their goals. Please fine Karel's financial report.

Barbara Lovel lead up our officials portfolio. 15 people attended the official seminar and 30 people joined on zoom.

Gauteng assisted two FEI 2* judges to attend a course in Germany and passing their exams to become FEI 3* level judges. These judges are Barbara Lovel and Judith McCloud.

Gauteng also facilitated the visit from FEI level 4 steward to attend the Midrand World Cup while assisting our local stewards and showing them the ropes.

We trained and assisted our officials to attend the bigger CSN shows, helping them to tick of their boxes for promotion. R70 391.00 of our R107 715.00 budget was spent on training and developing our officials.

Melise Ethridge assisted in some coaches training courses with the help EQASA and Brainline.

Melise was also very instrumental in team selection keeping an eye on riders and their performances. Melise also drew up statistical lists on all the potential team riders who submitted expression of interest forms.

We managed to field teams in all categories and out teams did very well overall. Our pony Rider and Junior Open teams came 2nd and our open adult team won the team championship.

We are currently in discussions with SAEF to secure our provincial colors for our team riders as they have not been awarded yet.

Clair Gooderham lead our marketing team in many exciting initiatives.

Our own Gauteng jump has travelled to all the major show venues and was visible in many big shows this year. Clair also hosted 4 groom development courses training over 200 grooms during this year. Clair also made sure that our presence was seen through flags, banners, hats, scarves and shirts.

With last year being a rule changing year the implementation of the "new rules" and clean up of the current rules allowed for mostly smooth sailing at all the major shows.

We have dedicated our funds and energy on our members, spending most of our money on team prize giving, transport allowances to Natal for youth champs, grooms and official development.

Gill Shaw heads up our technical and administrative position and has not stopped for a second.

She is always looking at processes and protocols, rule discrepancies and disciplinaries. We cannot thank Gill enough for her time. We could not run our sport without her and her knowledge and experience. Gill is always busy checking schedules and making sure that we abide by fair play for all and eliminate discrepancies in schedules and rules.

Kelly Bosman was co-opted onto our committee when Brett Webber stepped down as our venue representative. This has been a great addition to our committee as Show holding bodies now had a voice and someone who they can bounce ideas off. As the Show holding bodies are our biggest source of income via show levies, it was important to provide a voice for them on our committee. Brett Webber has inspected most of our Gauteng venues again this year and will continue to inspect and help develop venues.

Plans for 2025

We intend to spend some time on:

- Address the Gauteng show calendar,
- official development,
- rider development and the growth of our sport.
- Hopefully introduce a National amateur series
- Have all our Gauteng venues inspected

Kind regards

Belinda Martin

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

Approved and adopted.

Financial Report – Karel Engelbrecht

Dear Madam President,

The Gauteng division is in a stable financial position.

Upon my appointment as treasurer in 2021, we inherited a minor deficit from 2020. We subsequently rectified this with a surplus in 2021. In 2022, we also covered travel expenses for the children to Cape Town, in addition to inviting an international coach to South Africa.

In 2023, we provided support to our venues using a ranking system that included timing boards and a sponsored jump. In 2024, our focus shifted to assisting the riders, and I would like to reference the AGM where I requested that it be noted that the travel allowance was highly appreciated, with some parents even reaching out to the office to inquire about when they could expect it, as it was budgeted for

The financial forecast for 2024 will be a breakeven due to FEI Sponsorships. FEI Children sponsorship as well as Teams travelling to SA JNR Champs.

The aim for next year will be assistance to smaller venues.

Regards,

Karel Engelbrecht

To consider and to adopt with or without modification, or to reject any recommendations of Gauteng Council:

No recommendations were received.

Adjournment of meeting

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