



Mpumalanga Show Jumping Meeting Minutes

12 January 2019

Venue: Badplaas A Forever Resort

Attendance and Apologies

- **Council**
 - Tracy South- TS
 - Marjorie Greyling -MG
 - Loura vd Heever -LH
 - Sonja Coetzee -SC
 - Liezel Maritz LM
- **Club Representatives**
 - Helen Thrush (EDEC)- HT
 - Venessa v Niekerk (Nkangala)- VN
 - Marjorie Greyling (HEC) -MG
 - Liezel Maritz (LEC) -LM
- **Apologies**
 - Kirsten Armitage
 - Dirk Kotze
 - Carla Gerdes
 - Brendau Kok
- **Apologies with availability on conference call if needed**
 - Neriske Prinsloo
 - Thiesa Jv Rensburg
 - Natasha Whyte
 - Lande Willemse
 - Kraai Kamffer
- **Observers present at meeting**
 - James Thrush
 - Sean Eggersglutz

Quorum was established with 50% Plus 1 Ordinary Members (Clubs) present

1. Welcoming

TS gave a warm welcome to all present.

“Thank you to all making effort to attend and thank you to the clubs for ensuring that they are represented at the OGM. It’s a new year which brings new possibilities and time to set new goals and follow positive attitudes. We have a strong council with valuable experience which we should utilize to grow and develop our sport for the benefit of our members. We will make mistakes, we will miss the target and that is okay, because we will just try again to get it right. This is all I expect of Council is to try, try and try again. It is very important that club representatives know and understand their responsibility to report back to Clubs. Each person representing a club needs to engage and partake in discussions and give input. They are the voice for the riders on the council .

Tracy requested that the meeting be kept productive as there was a lot to get through.

2. Acceptance of Previous Minutes of Meeting

- LH proposed to accept previous minutes of meeting
- LM seconded proposal
- HT EDEC object against acceptance (to be handled on point 10)
- MG Highveld (HEC) accepted minutes

3. 2019 – MP Show Jumping Budget

- LH: Bank amounts have not changed since 2 December 2018 on which date the Treasurers report was given at AGM. Amount in Bank R24 135.97 gets carried forward to 2019. An income of approximately R22 000.00 is predicted for 2019. LH explained the 2018 Treasurers income statement to the meeting.
- HT: What percentage increase is predicted, LH: Expected to stay the same
- Council agreed that the 2019 Budget stay flexible and decided on budget requirements for 2019 as follows:
 - **Officials Training** – Council will fund a portion of costs of Officials and Course Designers attending seminars. LH proposed R600.00 per attendee. The rest of the attendee’s costs can be split between official and Club. Council agreed. Development of officials in the province is a priority to Council for obvious reasons
 - **SA Champs Fundraising Clothing** – Proposal that a specific delegate handles the clothing, Carla Gerdes was proposed to handle subject to her availability. A small mark-up will ensure a profit for fundraising and assist MP riders chosen for SA champs.
 - **SA Championship Team Expenses** - Traveling allowance - R5000.00 suggested by LV LM and VN seconded, Council agreed. It was agreed upon that a notice be sent to members that financial assistance will be available for teams, prior to team selections.
 - **Secretary Stationary** – R1000.00 per annum proposed by LV, seconded by MG. HT suggested that this remains flexible. Council agreed. All expenses to be recorded with slips submitted to treasurer.
 - **Annual Awards and Team Colours** – A suggestion was made by SC that annual trophies get considered, this matter will be forwarded to the Team Selection Committee. Budget of R6000.00 was proposed by LH, seconded by MG and VN. Council agreed.
 - Development – SASJ National have the funds for development and this was forwarded to the MP development committee.
 - **President Meeting Travel allowance** for National council meetings – Proposed amount if R4500.00 annually by LH, Council agreed.
- LH asked for assistance from HT for the drawing up of the final 2019 budget
- LH to submit final budget to council for final approval before submitting to SASJ.
- HT suggested the annual 25% of expenditure be placed in a non-distributable reserve account.

4. MP Show Jumping 2019 Calendar

- 2019 show dates were finalized for the calendar and will be forwarded to Kate Launder at SASJ.
- Pienaardam dates were added to final calendar.
- All SHB happy with dates & calendars

5. Sub Team selection committee – Establish timeline

- Team Selection criteria document was adopted at previous council meeting and added to minutes.
- Team selection criteria document must be sent to members. SC to ensure this document is on the SASJ Website.
- Finalisation was made on team selection selectors in a round robin council discussion on WhatsApp
- SC to liaise with selectors to ensure they understand their roles and responsibilities. Selectors must be available to be at shows, to be able to keep an eye on members for team selection purposes to meet the selection criteria.
- Team spirit, riders' interaction with officials are all additional factors.
- HT brought forward EDEC's unhappiness on the selection of the Team selectors. They are unhappy that the Ordinary members (clubs) were not involved in the nomination process and suggested that a more open process be followed in future subcommittee selections.
- LM suggested that this be added to the Team Selection criteria for future nominations – in future the criteria will be amended that clubs nominate with mandates from their members.
- The process that was followed was:
New Council elected in the AGM stayed to co-opt council members and accept criteria and nominate Team Selectors subcommittee.
Lande Willemse (Club rep for EDEC) excused herself from the meeting held in the 2nd Dec (council meeting hosted after AGM) where the team selector nominations were discussed and nominated - HEC, LEC & Nkangala reps were present, so a majority vote was in place.
Final discussions on nominated selectors and nominations of convenor was a round robin WhatsApp discussion with all clubs' reps and full MP SJ council
- LH suggested that all selectors sign a conflict of interest document. VN was asked to send it to SC.
- First selectors meeting to be set up ASAP, and selection timeline for 2019 be 1 February 2019. It was requested that future years' selection timeline be from the 1 January to include any shows hosted in January.
- MG suggested that Mpumalanga SANESA calculate SASJ graded riders' ranking points at SANESA shows, for MP Show Jumping team selection purposes. SASJ doesn't give SANESA riders ranking points. Council agreed to include the graded SANESA rider's results.

6. MP Show Jumping Champs 2019

19- 21st July 2019– Badplaas

- Council congratulated and gave their full support to Highveld Equestrian Club.

7. MP 2019 team fund raising & support

MP Show Jumping Supporter/Team Clothing Suggestion

- TS suggested we get more team spirit created by branding members in MP SJ jackets & caps etc
- LH to liaise with SASJ and find out how payments can work.
- MG suggested that the clothing company EXCO handle all orders and payment and the profit can be paid from EXCO to MP SASJ account directly.
- Carla Gerdes will be asked to handle this project under her portfolio with assistance from TS

8. MP Show Jumping SHB – Reports and feedback

- TS shared concern of various Course Designers doing the reports; she is worried that the structure puts the course designers hired for the weekend of the show in a difficult position as the CD s are reliant on the income of building at events. It was also hard for council to establish a standardised view with different CD opinions on certain show jumping venue requirements.
- It was suggested that one person without conflicts of interests be used for all the SHB reports. Jaap du Randt was suggested, LH will ask Jaap for a quote.
- It was suggested that SHB split costs of 1 individual inspector in the same area.
- HT asked if it may be possible to discuss any report concerns on the day with the SHB getting inspected so that the SHB knows where they fall short thus assisting SHB to grow. This will be discussed with the responsible person conducting the inspection.
- Some SHB have shared concern on some feedback made on the reports from inspectors. Some CD submitted reports very late and some aspects of the report reflected incorrectly.

- Council suggested that any SHB that have concerns on their report to send concerns to council. If there are any corrections required to reports the SHB needs to submit to council by end of February.
- SHB responsible to contact inspectors to discuss concerns and send feedback to council.

9. MP Show Jumping Portfolio update and goals

- Neriske Prinsloo sent in her Goals and budget.

Athlete's Commissioner Goals 2019

1. Use best practices to motivate, encourage and guide riders and coaches to improve the level of Mpumalanga Riders
2. Facilitate the process to improve the number of shows and access to shows for Mpumalanga Riders
3. To be a spokesperson for the riders that has integrity and fair
4. As a leader, it's my job to support your team members, so they can get the job done. This means helping them overcome whatever might possibly rob them of the time, money and other resources necessary to succeed.
5. Displaying courage and battling for my riders will send a message that their achievement is my #1 priority at shows
6. To create opportunities for local riders to train and exposure to international riders, venues and shows
7. To generate fund to sponsor local riders trucking to shows
8. By using the WC venue create opportunities to introduce all disciplines of the Equestrian Sport to the local communities
9. Create a more exclusive image of the MP Team to encourage riders to work harder to qualify for the MP Team
10. Motivate Riders to be competitive at SA Champs

Athlete's Commissioner Budget 2019

1. Trucking for riders to SA Champs (Need the number of riders to estimate a budget)
 2. Improving access to funds by hosting FEI and National Shows in the Province to enable MPSJ to access approx. 15% of the entry fees of these shows. Treasurer's note: MPSJ do not get a portion of entry fees but of levies.
- Treasurer LH: goal is to make sure that no payments shall be made without the proper paperwork and documents as well as council's acceptance of payments.

10. Submitted motions received from Club mandates

- Club representatives are reminded that motions must be submitted as Club approved mandates
- Motions submitted by EDEC did not attach club mandate – council agreed to answer all club questions. In future for all motions to be accompanied by club mandate from members.
- Motion Submitted: EDEC. See attached notice of motion Inc meeting notes.

11. Mp Show Jumping Council meeting scheduling for 2019

- LH suggested conference call meetings be held every 2 months
- Round robin communication on a regular basis with council - Club reps to please engage with council on discussions and matters discussed in round robin.
- TS request another physical face to face meeting later in the year as we get through a lot and there are no misunderstandings on issues raised.
- SC will have a look at the calendar and inform Council of next meeting date.
- Clubs to please submit updated Club reps contact details as well as Club Secretary details to ensure communications are received.

12. General

12.1 Rule changes

- Conflict of interest for Officials and Course Designers needs to be looked at or the rule needs dispensation for smaller provinces, as we only have a handful Officials and Course Designers and COI gets difficult in smaller provinces. It was suggested that Officials and Course Designers sign a COI agreement. Suggestion will be submitted to SASJ for further clearance.

13. Next meeting date

- Will be finalized by SC

14. Closure of meeting

- TS thanked council for attending and wished all safe travels home. Thanks to Badplaas Forever Hotel for their facilities
- Meeting closed at 12h00