
Mpumalanga Show Jumping AGM Minutes

2 December 2018

ATTENDANCE FOR 2018 AGM

- Brendau Kok
- Laura van Den Heever
- Liezel Maritz
- Neriske Prinsloo
- Tracy South
- Thiesa JV Rensburg
- Lande Willemse
- Kraai Kamffer
- Marjorie Greyling
- Sonja Coetzee
- Chris van Zyl
- Natasha Whyte

1 – REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

- Lande Willemse - **Ehlanzeni District Equestrian Club - 1 Vote**
- Laura Van Den Heever – **Lowveld Equestrian Club – 1 Vote**
- Neriske Prinsloo – **Nkangala District Club- 1 Vote**
- Marjorie Greyling – **Highveld Equestrian Club – 1 Vote**

Quorum was met 50% of Clubs plus 1

2. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Brendau – Welcome to all who made effort to attend the AGM.

Welcome Chris Van Zyl SAEF electoral Officer for the AGM.

APOLOGIES

- Dirk Kotze
- Wally van Der Walt
- Carla Gerdes

3 – ADOPTION OF THE NEW MPUMALANGA SHOW JUMPING CONSTITUTION

Brendau – The constitution suggestion changes were sent to SASJ to ensure that the constitution is in line with the National provincial constitutions. Not many changes could be made due to it being prescribed to be in line with SAEF and SASCOC.

- Laura proposed we accept the new current constitution presented to members
- Thiesa seconded
- Brendau confirmed motion passed and the new constitution has been accepted to be adopted.

4. MP SHOW JUMPING PRESIDENT REPORT

Brendau remarked that the current council worked well together as a team. We achieved the goals set out and he thanked council for their effort and hard work to serve the members. Brendau has served his prescribed years as president for MP Show Jumping.

Loura Van Den Heever – Thanked Brendau for his services and offering to stay on the council as a co-opted advisor as his knowledge and experience of running the province will always be required.

Brendau committed to accompany the new president for the next few EXECO SASJ meetings as they can be intimidating and would like to offer a smooth hand over. Brendau's current residential address is still in Mpumalanga.

Brendau wanted to encourage members to approach the council with proactive ideas and solutions to issues. We need to work together in a more positive environment.

Negative issues and destructive criticism are generally received from members that aren't prepared to be involved to fix issues with proactive solutions. Such behaviour should be discouraged. He encourages new council to trust the system and not be discouraged from the bigger picture of serving our members in a positive and encouraging environment.

- Show Holding Venues

Brendau was very pleased to see the venues have all taken the SHB venue report from Peter Morrison seriously. He thanked the venues for their efforts to lift the standard. He was happy with the inspection reports received from venues. The venue he has personally visited has improved. Better venues give the province an opportunity to host bigger and better events. If the venue's standard is high, our members will support and be happier clients. Our members are our clients and we should always aim to keep them happy.

- World Cup Qualifier 2019

Congratulations to Neriske Prinsloo for securing a World Cup date in MP for the 1st time ever.

Council and members are in full support and ready to help Neriske and her team if they require.

- Mpumalanga hosting SA Championships in the future

Such World Cup events are part of the bigger picture of enabling Mpumalanga to host SA Championships when its rotation comes our way

Mpumalanga is in line to host Adult SA Championships – 2021
SA Youth Champs – 2023

Council is very excited and will be concentrating on keeping such goals a priority to ensure it becomes a reality for our province.

- **Mpumalanga attending SA Champs 2018 Plettenburg Bay & Port Elizabeth**

Due to the distance and costs involved we were unfortunately unable to send full teams to represent our province this year to SA Champs. We are grateful that we do have a few riders that have made the commitment to attend SA Youth Championships in PE.

- Lauren de Waal – Riding for the Mpumalanga/ North West 1m Junior Team
- Katelyn de Waal – Riding for the Mpumalanga/ North West 1m Junior Team
- Abbie Gallie – Riding for the Mpumalanga/Eastern Cape 1.10 Children's Team

MP was unable to send an Adult team 2018

- **Changes for new elected council**

We received many nominations of members willing to put themselves forward to work towards the province's goals.

Brendau suggested we do not lose any volunteers that have been nominated but not voted onto the council. The new council should find place for them on the council system and sub committees as everyone has value to add and we should encourage positive constructive participation.

Brendau requested to keep Tracy South as our Marketing & Liaison person as she has done such a great job in marketing the province. Council members agreed and thanked Tracy for efforts this year.

- **New Clubs to the province**

MP now has 6 x Show Jumping affiliated clubs,

- Highveld Equestrian Club
- Boots & Bridles Club
- Lowveld Equestrian Club
- Enhlanzeni District Equestrian Club
- Nkangala Equestrian Club
- NP Sport horse Club

These Clubs need to be sustainable and viable entities that share the vision of the province and work harmonious with each other as well as council. Clubs being formulated to abuse power and create political division is not progressive for the province.

- **Areas of concern**

Officials is a National problem.

Few FEI 3 star judges are retiring, but there is new up and comings to replace the loss.

Ryan Sander has taken over the national Course Designers portfolio and we looking forward to working with Ryan to develop our own course designers and get them exposed to the correct standards required to grow our officials pool.

SHB with problems with officials should trust the system. Venues that utilise consistent, reliable officials will see the numbers increase, a riders will not support venues offering inferior officials and facilities. We should encourage SHB to use and promote and develop local officials and officials should take the responsibility to develop a positive sport.

- **Highlights for the province**

Junior - Hanelize Kamffer ranked 1st and 6th on the National Junior 1.35 Rankings for 2018

Adults – Neriske Prinsloo Top 50 for Open

Lydia Meyer Top 40 in 1.20

Mpumalanga is very proud of our top national riders.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Loura Van Den Heever – Treasurer

2018 has been a great year – We have doubled our income in levies due to an increase of shows being hosted in the province.

The province gets 30% of membership fees back

50% of the show levies fees

This is growing our income substantially.

Brendau wanted council to please note – MP Show Jumping does not audit its own books. Our MP Show Jumping office is held by SASJ National and therefore we do not incur the extra auditing fees that is required by SASCOC that is stipulated in the MP SASJ constitution. There was a complaint from a Club that this requirement is unfair and wanted to have it removed and changed to a review process to decrease the costs of an audit. MP SJ does not need to worry about the fees, as we do not independently audit anything on our own. It is covered by MP SJ not holding its own office.

Brendau explained it is cheaper for MP SJ to utilise the SASJ national office than to pay our own expenses, as our income doesn't warrant that.

MP show Jumping is happy with the SASJ national office managing these aspects of the province. It is cost effective and less hassle to manage independently.

Our finances for the province are healthy and growing.

Brendau explained that expenses for the province must be strictly monitored and all processes must be followed to extract any payment. The process can be long and sometimes frustrating, but it is designed to ensure mismanagement is not an option and all items passed have followed procedure.

Council agreed that funds required need to be utilised efficiently and have quotes, motivation and council approval.

Although our balance is a healthy balance we are a non-profit organisation and need to look into a viable program that develops our sport with our income.

Development & Transformation

- Development and transformation will be a priority for the new council to identify and formulate programs in our province to focus on.
- If MP can identify the right program there is access to national funds.
- It will be encouraged for members to register their grooms with SASJ, involve them in programs to benefit them in our sport.
- This will be a priority for new council to take more seriously for 2019

Vote & Acceptance of New Elected Council

- Chris Van Zyl – Thanked the members of current council and expressed his faith in the capabilities our provincial sport council.
 - He explained the voting process
 - Chris explained the reason for Club voting mandates and the importance of them
 - He received mandates from most , but not all clubs
 - He stipulated the rules that will get followed with an equality of votes and encouraged voting members to look at the bigger picture of the sport should a vote needed to be amended. – it was encouraged to always keep in the best interest of the sport in mind when voting.
- The rest of the meeting was excused to a tea break while the registered valid voting club representatives commenced with the voting process.

Voting results were as follows – congratulations to the new MP Show Jumping council

MP Show Jumping President – Tracy South
MP Show Jumping Vice – Marjorie Greyling
MP Treasurer – Loura Van Den Heever
MP Secretary – Sonja Coetzee
MP Show Jumping Officials – Liezel Maritz
MP Athletes Rep – Neriske Prinsloo

Due to the following not being present at the AGM the following nominees were not voted into council as per SAEF election procedure.

- Carla Gerdes
- Wally Van Der Walt
- Dirk Kotze

Tracy South thanked the clubs for the vote of confidence and looks forward to working with such a strong council in the New Year.

Brendau and Chris thanked everyone and the meeting was closed.

Meeting Closed
