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Dear Fellow Eventers,

Registrations

Due to various reasons, the least not being the uncertainty surrounding SAEF, (an update on the SAEF situation appears below), there has been a delay in the implementing of Registrations to ESA. Unfortunately there seems to be a misunderstanding, in that athletes were told to carry on entering shows and the perception emerged that registration/fees were not going to be implemented. Bad communication from the Board to our membership was responsible for this. I can only apologise for allowing this to happen.

The ESA Board realised the need to reduce fees, and this has been done. In order to administer the sport efficiently we need to incur certain costs, including a salary for our Administrator, website fees.etc. I will endeavour to keep costs as low as possible. We are raising money through other means, such as adverts on the website.

There have also been crossed wires on the Bundled membership issue, and this has been looked into. We will check with the other Disciplines, to find out who has paid Eventing registrations on this basis, and will allow these to count for all Grades. ie. no restrictions. Whether or not this system will continue into the New Year will very much depend on what happens at SAEF.

SAEF - Background and Update

Since the 12 July 2014 Structural meeting, where the Disciplines were kicked out of SAEF and the constitution amended without following due process, the Discipline Associations did everything possible to reconcile with the SAEF. Under the leadership of Dineo Molomo agreement was reached, with the recommendation by SASCOC, that on the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), all Discipline Associations (DA's) would be accepted as Associate Members, with a vote.

This was all to be ratified at the AGM on the 11th April 2015.

In March 2015 Johann Koorts and some followers called a SGM, without due process, where they kicked Dineo out of the SAEF, and Johan took over as Acting President.

Before the SAEF AGM, when the disciplines notified their intentions to attend the AGM, they were each sent a note saying that the Disciplines Associations were not part of SAEF and that the MOA was not recognised. The DA's were also told that they were not allowed to attend the AGM, and



since the Technical Committees had not been formed yet, the Disciplines were not to have any representation at the AGM.

The majority of the Discipline Associations, are doing everything in their power to restore harmony within the SAEF, and have approached Werksmans Attorneys for legal guidance.

At this stage, in order to be compliant with FEI , any competitor entered into FEI classes at future Events, must be registered with the SAEF. This can be done by going onto the SAEF website.

I hope and trust that those holding office presently at SAEF, have the interests of Equestrian Athletes at heart, and no matter what happens to the structuring of SAEF, the Athletes will be allowed to compete without interference both locally and abroad.

Peter Thomas

President

