



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on 06 March 2015

Teleconference Meeting

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Members' credentials and ability to vote noted
4. Declaration of any conflict of interest
5. Temporary alteration to Constitution to allow for National and Provincial AGMs not held October/November 2014.
6. Minutes of the last AGM
7. Financial report and audited statement.
8. President's report
9. Budget 2015, membership fees and levies
10. Changes to Constitution
11. Reports from Provincial Chairs
12. IT – Colin Crafford – Online system
13. Election of President
14. AOB
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1. Welcome

Richard Beck welcomed all to the Annual General Meeting.

Held in KZN

Mpumalanga – Teleconference

Free state – Teleconference

Gauteng – Teleconference

2. Apologies

Cape Town

3. Members credentials and ability to vote

Checked and Noted

4. Declaration of any conflict of interest

None

5. Temporary alteration to Constitution to allow for National and Provincial AGMs not held October/November 2014

The meeting should have been held in October/November but was delayed due to changes in SAEF and their Financial Year End should have been at the end of July. This Financial Year End date was changed to the end of the Calendar year.

Housekeeping proposed approval for alteration to allow National Provincial Annual Meeting not held in October but to be held over this period now, and was seconded.

6. Minutes of last AGM

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were signed off as correct.

7. Financial Report and Audited Statements

ESA started 01 August 2013 with the Financial Year End 01 July 2014. During the course of 2014 with the reorganisation it was decided to re-align the Financial Year End with that of the Federation. This is the reason for another set of numbers July to December 2014.

During this period the Eventing Association had carried forward a surplus of income over expenditure of R99 800. Take note that a portion of the income generated was surplus funds that had been transferred from the old SAEA to ESA at the time of the closure of SAEA.

If we take the non reoccurring income that we have made we would have been marginally in deficit over that period. We are cash positive, but only barely. There is a large amount of Trade Receivables just short of R150 000 owing to us by various organising committees around the Country. This is a concern as the Organising Committees collect the money upfront and therefore there should be no delays in receiving money from Organising Committees.

Going forward serious decisions had to be made regarding Levies budgeted for. We have done cost cutting so that ESA can reduce levies, especially at the top levels. Levies have been reduced in the 1, 2 and 3 star classes.

Previous Levies: 1* - R250. 2* - R500. 3* - R750

New Levies: CNC/CCN 1 and 2* - R200. CIC/CCI 1 and 2* - R300. CIC/CCI 3* - R400

New levies for classes 80cm – R100. 90cm – R125. 1m – R150. Horse/Pony – R50

Bundled memberships are also available for R285. This will entitle them to compete in their primary discipline and 2 other disciplines at a cost of R95 per member (Inclusive of VAT) We will however only collect R83.33 as we are not VAT registered. The Bundle membership will allow members to participate, but at entry levels and not graded levels.

Another key element of the budget is in the past, Provincial Bodies have elected to have Provincial levies added on. This year the budget allowed for a R25 Provincial levy to be included in the ESA levies. The rules for the allocation of Prize money have also been changed to now be at the discretion of the Show Holding Body, and are no longer 40% of total entry fees.

The Nett effect to ESA in comparison to the full year of 2012, we foresee our revenue dropping by just over 50%. To resolve this, a cutback on Admin Costs was implemented. The full year administration costs, up to July 2014 were over R300 000, and had to be trimmed by around R100 000.

8. Presidents Report

This report was tabled and circulated. We had a difficult period due to various reasons, one being getting the system online that created a drop in memberships. Also the additional costs to register for various disciplines have added to our drop in numbers from 856 to 463 at the moment and this reflects in our finances. Finance reflect that there was a surplus before July and a deficit after July. All details are in the report.

The explanation regarding the Retrenchment of the ESA General manager was due to the fact that ESA could not justify the numbers moving forward. Lana was appointed as a contractor for 2 days a week. The Provinces must take over a lot of the responsibilities.

Multi Discipline was re-generated as a bundled membership – any 2 disciplines at all levels for Juniors and all levels for Pony Riders. As Adults it is just for recreational, 70cm and below.

Course design - Focus workshops and guidelines for 1m and down was done by Eric Winter and had a positive outcome.

Training for officials is needed.

Ending off on the subject of his resignation, Richard Beck thanked everyone for all the support during the period that he was president.

Helen Thrush (Mpumalanga) thanked Richard for the approval of the remote access, otherwise they would not have been able to attend the AGM and thanked Richard for his hard work during his time as President. This was seconded.

9. Budget 2015, membership fees and levies

Richard Beck suggested that he would like the board to consider a 50% reduction of levies for Remote Provinces. (EC, Mpumalanga and Free State), but that needs a separate discussion.

Membership fees and Levies were discussed together with the Financial report – Item 7 on the Agenda.

10. Changes to the Constitution

Changes to the Constitution had not been finalised at the time of the meeting, and will have to have a special General Meeting in the future to finalise this.

11. Reports from Provincial Chairs

Gauteng – No additional information

Western Cape – No additional information

Eastern Cape - No additional information

Mpumalanga – Positive feedback regarding a new Venue.

Free State – Requested technical assistance with building new courses and assistance with training of Officials.

KZN – Report will follow

12. IT – Colin Crafford – Online system

Colin explained what the online system offers at the moment, and where we want to go.

He explained the urgency of an online scoring system that will also assist with Qualifying Rounds for further and reversed Qualifying Rounds. It was confirmed that the policy for reverse qualifications is in place.

General questions and answers regarding the website followed. Advertising on the website being one.

It is noted that a decision must be made regarding Sponsorship levies.

13. Election of President

Candidates: Peter Evans – Gauteng AND Peter Thomas – KZN

14. AOB

Votes were counted in favour of Peter Thomas - 33 Votes with Peter Evans - 22 Votes.

Richard Welcomed Peter Thomas as the new President of Eventing SA.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Not discussed