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Memorandum to all Equestrians

On the 6th of August an Executive meeting of the SAEF was held in Johannesburg at the Equidome This was a very productive meeting were the following points were discussed and reports and resolutions were concluded:-

1. Financial Report

The SAEF auditors have almost finalised the financial statements and there has been a major turnaround in the finances of the SAEF. As soon as the draft financial statements have been received, an AGM will be called as per the constitution and all members (athletes, clubs, Districts, Disciplines and Provinces) will be notified and invited to attend.

2. Election report: Provincial Elections and National Elections

A report was presented by the SG of all the various elections that were held in the various provinces regarding the election of the DA Provincial structures and from this rapport we wish to thank those disciplines who went out of their way to implement their provincial DA Associations. However, it is unfortunate that there were some DAs where the correct processes were not followed in some Provinces and these provinces will be informed shortly of the a process to be implemented for the re-election of their structures.

Nine Provincial presidents were elected in 2014 under the supervision of SASCOC and facilitated by Mr Mubarak Mahomed. This was done in terms of the Sport Act. Subsequently, 4 the provinces have had their elected presidents resigning. In these 4 provinces, by-elections will be held as soon as possible to elect new Provincial Federation Presidents and committees and in other Provincial Federations to fill vacancies, where required. The term of office for these officials will be until the next Provincial elections scheduled to be held in 2018.

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3. Traditional Horse Racing Association Eastern Cape

The SG was recently contacted by the Traditional Horse Racing Association of the Eastern Cape who has shown their interest to join the Federation. Various meetings with different stake holders, such as Racing South Africa, have been held with regards to this new venture. Meetings with the Sport Confederation of the Eastern Cape and all the different groups of Traditional Horse racing in the EC and other Provinces involved, will be held very soon.

4. Coaches Program: SASCOC

SASCOC is fast on the move with their Coaches' accreditation program whereby all coaches in all Federations in South Africa will have to obtain a license to coach from SASCOC. Ms Rosemary Bartlett is the official representative of the SAEF who has been attending all the coaches' meetings in this regard at SASCOC and she will be attending another very important meeting in this regard during August. We will keep our coaches informed of the way forward after this meeting.

5. Database

In terms of a directive from SASCOC, all Sport Federations are instructed to maintain a comprehensive database of their respective Federations. The SAEF is in the process of implementing its own database. All equestrians will have to obtain a system generated SAEF number.

A request for tenders to data programmers will be sent out shortly and we will keep you posted on this very exciting way forward.

6. Communication

Communication from the SAEF offices has been lacking and we will be striving to implement more productive communication systems to all Equestrians. We hereby request all athletes and members to send the SG written comments, suggestions, recommendations and problems experienced, so that the SAEF can become aware of the situation on the ground and attempt to handle matters accordingly. Please mail your comments to sg@saef.org.za

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7. Insurance policies renewal

The Events Liability and Personal accident Policies has been renewed and these policies are available for all to view on the SAEF web page www.saef.org.za. As far as the events liability policy is concerned, we have a higher cover and more items to be covered, which is an improvement from the previous policy and we managed to negotiate this better cover with no increase in the premium. However, it is unfortunate that Dressage and Show Jumping have decided, despite the fact that they indicated before renewal of the policies that they will be participating in this joint insurance as in the past, not to participate any further and that they will source their own insurance. This will result that the remaining disciplines who are part of the joint insurance, will now have to pay a portion more for their cover, as the premium is divided pro-rata amongst all members. We can however assure you, that despite the withdrawal of these two disciplines, your annual contribution will still be lower than what it would be if you have to obtain your own insurance.

8. International Licenses

SANEF and SAEA implemented many years ago, an International license fee for all athletes wishing to participate overseas. This has created confusion, as some discipline athletes have never paid such a fee when participating overseas. A resolution was taken that all equestrian athletes who wish to participate in whatever manner, in any overseas country, will be required to inform the SAEF of their intention to participate out of country and they will be required to pay a admin fee to obtain permission to participate overseas. All athletes, coaches and officials, irrespective of their discipline, will also be required to sign a code of conduct before going aboard.

9. Constitution

Recently, a proposed amendment to the constitution was sent to all disciplines. A resolution was taken by EXCO that the current SAEF constitution, which is not fully compatible with the prescriptions as per the Sport and Recreation Act, be presented to the SASCOC CEO and his constitutional experts, to determine whether they are satisfied with this constitution, or if some amendments are required to align the current SAEF constitution with necessary legal requirements.

I take this opportunity in congratulating the following disciplines:

Saddle seat has done us proud by recently winning the Five Gated World Championships which were held in Cape Town.

The Junior Tent Pegging team won the World Championships held in Pakistan. They join the adult team in holding the World Championship title.

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With Polocrosse, we now have three world titles to defend.

I am proud of all our equestrians when I congratulate our athletes in Rio who are flying our flag proudly. Good luck, bring home your medals.

I hereby request all DAs and Provincial Federations to circulate this report to ground level and post on their respective web and face book pages

Regards

Andre Truter
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