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FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

As we start the New Year, I take this opportunity to wish all our members a very happy, safe and prosperous 2017.

As you know the SAEF and the administration of our sport in general, has undergone tremendous turmoil and havoc over the past two years. Towards the final quarter of 2016, we eventually started moving into a positive situation, which brought about amendments to the SAEF constitution, this being the 3rd time since 2014.

The SAEF Provincial Federations were once again included on Council and Clubs, in your area of residence, to be the portal of entry to equestrian sport in South Africa. This is in terms of SASCOC guidelines and requirements. The SAEF Council now consists of the Executive committee, the 17 DA Presidents, the 9 Provincial Federation Presidents, 2 Associate members and a member of the athletes' committee.

It is important to note that members must join clubs in the area (town) in which they reside. Should there not be a club in this area, they are encouraged to establish clubs. If this is not possible, then the member is expected to join a club in the nearest neighbouring town, but within the same District in which they reside. Only if this option is also not possible, will a special dispensation be granted to join a club in a different District. In the event of a club then subsequently being established in their town of residence or home District, then the member is must join the said club.

As per the requirement of SASCOC and the Sport Act, the SAEF has also implemented their own database where all Equestrians must register directly with the SAEF. Upon registration, you will receive a SAEF number, which must be supplied to all Disciplines you wish to register with. No riders will be able to compete in affiliated shows unless they are registered with the SAEF. This entitles all members to inter alia several benefits i.e. public liability insurance at shows, accessibility to District, Provincial and National Shows, Colours (District, Provincial and National) and funding, as well as a possibility to qualify for grants and Lotto funding.

The SAEF membership fees are R 300.00 per Senior rider (above 18 years of age as at 1st January 2017) and R 210.00 per Junior rider (under 18 years of age as at 1st January 2017). This includes VAT and is payable on an annual basis. This is a set fee and is irrespective of how many disciplines in which you wish to participate. When making payment, please ensure that you use your SAEF number and Surname as reference.

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Secretary General:	Wessel Strauss
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Upon implementing a new system one has to accept that there will be some unforeseen technical glitches and issues. Our programmers are continuously working on solving these problems. We request you to be patient and invite you to send any comments, problems experienced and suggestions to our Liaison Officer, who is tasked with the resolving of all issues, **Sharlene Venter** at admin@saef.org.za. We will assist to resolve all issues as speedily and as efficiently as possible.

One of the recurring problems we have picked up is when requesting a temporary password, the programmed automatic email does not always reach some of our members. At this stage, there seems to be a common problem with specific service providers. We would like to advise our members to make sure they run their browsers off Google Chrome, Firefox or Safari. Also, clear the cookies on your system and check your firewall settings.

We request that when you experience this type of problem, that you contact the office immediately and we will assist you to solve the problem. If at first you do not succeed, please let us know and we will endeavour to resolve the issue at hand.

Another concern that some members have, is the fact that you can only register once with your email address as the system does not accept more than one person per email address for registration. The reason for this is that the SAEF is trying its utmost to protect the privacy of every member and to be compliant with the requirements of the pending implementation of the POPI Act. The programmers are currently working on the system to overcome this problem and we will keep you updated with progress hereof.

The development of our online system is in its 1st phase of rollout. All said issues have been discussed with the programmers and we should have a solution for this issue by the roll out of phase 2, which is early March.

Please note that since 5 of the 9 Provincial Federations Presidents have resigned since they were elected in 2014, elections will be conducted to regularise the situation and to fill any vacancies that have occurred.

Election Dates:

- **The cut off dates for clubs to register with SAEF, in order to be eligible to vote, for Provincial Discipline Associations and District and Provincial Federations, will be 28 February 2017.**
- **In order for members to be considered bona fide members, with voting rights, the cut-off date for membership fees to be paid to SAEF is 15 March 2017. Members are welcome to pay their fees after this date, but will then be ineligible to vote in this round of elections.**
- **All Provincial Discipline Associations and District Federations elections will be concluded before 31 March 2017.**

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- **All Provincial Federation and National Discipline elections, will be concluded before 30 April 2017**

We trust that all members in every Province will participate actively in these elections and elect people who will actively help grow your discipline in your Province.

Should you have questions regarding your Provincial Federations, please feel free to contact your Provincial Federation President, who will gladly assist you with all questions you may have.

Their contact details are as follow:

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Kind Regards

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Secretary General

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