



DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION SOUTH AFRICA

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Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date : 20th July 2019.

Time: 14h00

Venue : 251 B Pommel Road, Bridle Park AH

Present

Representing

Cindy Radomsky (CR)	Acting President
Elizabeth Smit (ES)	Chief Vet
Laura Redford (LR)	Nominee
Emma Platt	Kouga Club
Janeen V D Walt	Equidreme Club
Nici Carr	RMEC
Debbie Boeyens	Nominee
Ravin Singh	Horsemanship Judge
Elsabe Potgieter	Midvaal Club
Petronell Vorster	Nominee
Paul Radomsky	Club member
Laura Redford	Nominee
Sonja Smit	Spectator
Eddie Smit	Spectator
Norman Smit	Spectator
Melissa Smit	Spectator
Ruth Haigh	Spectator
Lawrence Haigh	Spectator
Sharleen Venter	SAEF Representative



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Apologies

Representing

Ryno Verster	Swartland Club
Christine De Beer	Member
Inge Rall	Member
Bernice Mclean	Member

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

Cindy Radomsky opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, with a special mention of Emma Platt who flew up from E Cape specifically for the AGM, and for Sharlene Venter representing SAEF.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies from Ryno Verster (Swartland Club) were received due to expenses of travelling from W Cape, Inge Rall (medical procedure), Christine De Beer (work related)and Bernice Mclean (work related)

3. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING DELEGATES

DRASA has 5 affiliated clubs with affiliated members. Representatives of four of the Clubs were present with mandates from those clubs. Swartland Club (not present) also forwarded a mandate for proof

4. READ NOTICE OF MEETING

Everybody confirmed they had received Notice of the meeting timeously and had read such

5. ACCEPTANCE OF CONSTITUTION



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No comments or changes were received by Clubs regarding the Constitution and it was accepted unanimously by all members

6. ELECTION OF EXCO

Nominations were correctly signed and noted by all nominees and as one nomination was received per position, the voting was unanimous for all positions.

The Exco consists of

Position	Nominee
President	Cindy Radomsky
Vice President	Laura Redford
Treasurer	Emma Platt
Secretary	Debra Boeyens
Athletes Representative	Petronell vorster

7. ACCEPTANCE OF COLOURS CRITERIA (Provincial and National)

The colours criteria were discussed and explained and some discussion occurred around questions raised regarding colours for the lower distances. As all team selections are based on the rider/horse combinations scores throughout the year the criteria are relatively simple. The criteria have been submitted to SAEF for approval by the Colours Committee and will be further discussed with them. The criteria were unanimously approved for submission to SAEF and discussion

8. VOTING ON MOTIONS 1 -7



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Motion 1: Drasa approach the FEI to get recognition for our 40km rides as FEI accredited novice rides

The decision to raise this motion with SAEF and possibly ERASA and/or FEI was unanimously approved with the understanding that this is not a done deal and relies on higher authority to approve and discuss

Motion 2: A Pinnacle Division (distance 60km - 80km) which must be done in 3 legs with a maximum of 40km for one leg. **Motivation:** .Adding extra divisions will firstly inspire riders in Pleasure and Trail divisions who have horses capable of riding longer distances to enter these new divisions. Secondly it will bring more riders to the sport that is in the sport of long distance riding already but do not want to ride for speed. These extra riders will help to fund rides as currently we pay vets a full day's pay for a 40km ride where everyone is finished at 12pm. Thirdly , should Drasa in future aim to liaise with other international long distance riders to host international rides we need to be able to host longer rides than 40km.

This motion was passed unanimously by all members. Cindy Radomsky has confirmed with CTR bodies in the USA that there is no limit on distances CTR can offer provided the Criteria (Speed , Vet Criteria and Horsemanship Criteria) remain consistent and the Welfare of the Horse remains paramount and ensured by the Vets and rules. The decision was to create a new division and to incorporate these distances into a Summit Division and to set up new rules for this division that will limit speed to minimum 10km/h and maximum 18km/hr with 3 legs of which the last is no longer than 20kms (which falls into the FEI rules currently proposed). The rest periods will be adjusted for these horses and ALL other criteria will apply. This will be the highest ranking division in the Sport and will then satisfy those riders who wish to do the longer distances but at the slower regulated maximum speeds and still obtain recognition and awards.

Motion 4: Change of wording of Rule 3.4 (red text inserted) 3.4. Open Members: Open members must be a member of a club affiliated to DRASA and must be paid up members of SAEF and DRASA.



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Membership is valid for one year (January to December) and they will be allowed to participate in all rides under the auspices of DRASA with the payment of an entry fee as determined by the ride committee and subject to rules and regulations as set by DRASA. Open members **18 years and older** are entitled to vote on all DRASA organization matters.

Unanimously Accepted

Motion 5: Change of wording of Rule 7.1.1 (age of horse changed (red text inserted) All horses of age **4** and above that have a passport suitably filled in and signed and stamped by SAEF as well as proof of necessary vaccinations may enter for the Pleasure level. **Motivation** : To limit distance and speed of young horses which are already being ridden in fun rides and non DRASA organised events.

Unanimously accepted providing these horses only compete in the Pleasure Division (maximum 20kms distance at speeds lower than 14km/h) until they are 5 years of age.

Motion 6: Change of wording of Rule 14.8. Red text inserted . No lack of forward motion will be allowed within **3km** of the finish line. A board/marker will demarcate the **3 km** zone and any rider ceasing forward motion in that zone will be disqualified.

Unanimously accepted

Motion 7: Change of wording of Rule 13.1. Red text inserted . 16.1. All horses shall, after completion of a ride, and before they are allowed to leave the venue, be presented to the vet for a release inspection. The release inspection must be done in the time period of no less than **one (1) hour to no more than three (3) hours** from finishing the last vet check of their ride.

With the inclusion of the longer distances of 60km and 80km into the Rules this had been unanimously accepted by all, but the decision was taken at the AGM to change the proposed times to “no less than 2 hours and no more than 3 hours” as any metabolic condition for the longer distance horses will more than likely only present after more than an hour of finishing the ride



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10. ACCEPTANCE OF RULES

The Rules (both Veterinary and General) were accepted but have to have the changes as passed in the above motions included. They will be adjusted and forwarded to EXCO to approve before submission to SAEF

11. CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting was closed and the next AGM will be held on the 18th June 2020 at the National Championships at Moolmanshoek