



# DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION SOUTH AFRICA

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## Ordinary General Meeting Minutes

**Date : 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Time: 19h00**

**Venue : ZOOM link**

Present

Representing

Cindy Radomsky (CR)	Acting President
Dirk Potgieter	VP Gauctra
Emma Platt	Kouga Club (treasurer)
Maret van Rensburg	Wectra
Lida Stander	Freestate
Paula Leaver	Eastern Cape
Petronell Vorster	Nominee
Paul Radomsky	Club member
Laura Redford	Nominee
Sheena Pettit	timekeeper
Preller van der Merwe	Member
Calista Kelly	Member
Narina Uys	Member
Inge Rall	Member
Adone Lourens	Member
Elsabe Potgieter	Chair person Suikerbos
Adone Lourens	Member
Lee-Ann Rossouw	Member

Apologies

Representing



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Laura Redford	Member
Annemarie Kayne	President Gautra

### **DRASA OGM 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

**VENUE : ZOOM( meeting according to email link)**

**TIME : 7:00pm**

1. Opening and Welcome
  - a. Cindy opened the meeting and thanks the delegates for their attendance.
2. Apologies
  - a. Laura Redford
  - b. Anne Marie Kayne
3. Read Notice of Meeting
  - a. The reasons for holding the meeting were discussed in some detail and agreed.
4. Confirmation of Voting Delegates
  - a. Voting delegates confirmed
5. Read Minutes of previous SGM May 2020
  - a. This was not applicable to this OGM



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### **6. Nationals 2021 – July - August**

- a. Discussion of nationals – virtual nationals were proposed where each club runs a three day event to prevent the need to travel.
- b. It reduces the risk of events being prevented due to lockdown restrictions.
- c. Paula proposed that the officials(judges) possibly travel between venues to prevent bias, which was agreed.
- d. Petronel observed that the track needs to be relatively similar to ensure a fair competition across each venue and province. After some discussion this was agreed with the proviso that a National Course Master approve each venue based on provincial venue submissions.
- e. It was also agreed that technical course be set using guidelines to avoid issues of riders passing each other from the front in a potentially dangerous manner and creating timing problems.
- f. It was agreed that the various National events will be held over different weekends to allow key officials to travel.
- g. Courses need to be approved by a Course Master (Dirk Potgieter offered to be course master and was accepted)



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Provinces will submit a google map of the course, course distances, photos etc.

- h. It was agreed that Dirk would provide guidelines to assist venues in developing a suitable course.
- i. Venue
  - i. Venues will be chosen for best cost, best course and sanctioned by National via Dirk.
- j. Timing: Any time between July and August; dates to be approved by National.
- k. Budget: To be submitted to National for approval for each venue.
- l. Funding
  - i. Entry fees for Nationals will come to National and then split between provinces.
  - ii. It was proposed that entry fees for Nationals are all the same although each province will receive funding to match their needs.
  - iii. Vets are biggest cost (R2200 for a full day) will need to have two or three vets over three days.
  - iv. Venue charge
  - v. Officials – feeding and accommodation



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- vi. Petronel indicated that she has budgeted +- R7000 for a Day ride, however this is dependent on the various costs indicated above.
- vii. Each province will have a ride committee for each ride and have a budget approved for the different national events.
- m. Awards Qualifications and description
- n. Awards
  - i. Different awards at each ride,
  - ii. Need a National award for overall winners in each category
    - 1. Best of breed,
    - 2. Champion of each division
  - iii. Various ideas were suggested for the various awards.
  - iv. It was suggested that the items be useful and branded so that people can use them, branded mugs, bale bags, buffs, embroidered numnahs? Framed photos.
- o. Entries
  - i. It was agreed that due to the limited events possible during covid members can enter one day of a



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National competition, with no access to prizes etc. this would be on any day of the competition. Their scores will count toward following year's scores. Thus enabling more people to enter a National in 2022.

- ii. Provincial teams must be chosen in the months leading up to Nationals. The team will consist of four members, who can come from different levels, based on the best scoring rider from the various levels.
- iii. Qualification period is from June to July
- iv. Will separate Juniors and Open but currently don't have many Juniors (under 12)

### **7. Motions**

- a. It was brought to the meeting's attention that the Council had approved three key rules over the past three months. These were presented for ratification to the meeting and they were ratified.



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- i. Rule 4.6 - in regard to horse tack equipment considered as training aids is now forbidden.
- ii. Rule 9.8 – Complaint process included in rules
- iii. Rule 11.1.10 – have added in no bareback or bridle less riding allowed

### 8. SAEF issues

- a. An breakaway Group has initiated a motion of no confidence in the management of SAEF. Cindy was approached by the Vice Chairman of SAEF in this regard as part of their process of dealing with the matter.
- b. Drasa have been asked what we would like done in terms of settling our original dispute, the following was agreed:
  - i. We want to ask for a public apology, (we must ask to craft the apology)
  - ii. Repayment of the R2000 dispute deposit
  - iii. Cindy is proposing that we use this opportunity to negotiate around a possible associate membership, which could possibly have a reduced fee, reduced insurance costs, but give our rides SAEF approval and gives us a seat on their board. It would also give us access to the Sanesa market. It was agreed to proceed in this action with some caution.



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- iv. Remain as an associate member until we have a club in each province.
9. Closure of Meeting.
- a. Cindy drew the meeting to a close at 20:48 and thanked all the delegates for their attendance.