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Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date : 18th May 2020.

Time: 19h30

Venue : ZOOM link

Present

Representing

Cindy Radomsky (CR)	President
Dirk Potgieter	VP GAUCTRA
Laura Redford (LR)	Vice President
Emma Platt	Treasurer
Anne- Marie Kayne	President GAUCTRA
Maret van Rensburg	President WECTRA
Lizel Sieberhagen	Vice President WECTRA
Paula Leaver	President Eastern Cape
Elsabe Potgieter	Suikerbos Club
Petronell Vorster	Athletes Rep
Paul Radomsky	Club member
Preller Van Der Merwe	Member
Hazel Roberston	Member

Apologies

Representing

Jennifer Smith	National Secretary
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DRASA SGM 18TH MAY 2020

VENUE : ZOOM(meeting according to email link)

TIME : 7:30pm

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

Cindy opened the meeting and welcomed all the committee members, members of provincial councils and guests.

2. APOLOGIES

Jennifer Smith, the national secretary was the only apology

3. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING DELEGATES

Anne-Mare Kayne; Guactra, Maret van Rensburg; Wectra, Paula Lever; Eastern Cape, Full exco except JHS,

Full quorum available

4. READ NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice of meeting was sent out on 16th April, indicating meeting of SGM followed by AGM. Accepted by meeting.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF CONSTITUTION



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Cindy asked if everyone had had an opportunity to view constitution, and asked for feedback. No objections were lodged. Unanimous acceptance of Constitution. Copies will be signed post meeting. Will allow for digital meetings post Covid19.

6. **CLOSURE OF SGM**

SGM closed

AGENDA

DRASA AGM 18TH MAY 2020

VENUE: ZOOM (meeting according to email link)

TIME: DIRECTLY AFTER SGM

1. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Cindy read President's report. Available on website.

2. **MOTIONS AS PRESENTED IN SEPARATE ANNEXURE**



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Cindy requested all mandates be forwarded to her by email. Cindy discussed each motion in detail and then asked for the vote. The results are set out below:

VOTING ON MOTIONS 1 - 10

Motion 1: New Constitution

Accepted and to be sent out to be signed by Exco - Yes - unanimous

Motion 2: Club structure and Responsibilities

1. Send new and annual Club re-affiliation form (including all compulsory attachments) with SLA to Provincial Council - Yes (unanimous)
2. Administer membership of Club for events, mandates, provincial council and National Council and Exco directives and communications to club members – Yes (unanimous)
3. Organise events - calendar, sanction forms to Provincial Council – Yes (unanimous)

Motion 4: Provincial Council Structure and Responsibilities

1. Handle Club affiliations, check and forward to National - Yes (unanimous)
2. Check and approve Event Sanctions and forward to National - Yes (unanimous)
3. Administer and forward to Head Judges and Head Vet and National all Event post ride reports - Yes (unanimous)
4. Control and forward annual calendar to National to be finalised by Mid-January (Don't need to include all details, just prelim dates and venues) in order to indicate what is planned, and then



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- get feedback from member clubs etc.. Each province should take account of the ERASA dates as we use similar resources. - Yes (unanimous)
5. Provincial, District Colours and Team selections - Yes (unanimous)
 6. Handle Disciplinary and disputes with notification to and assistance of National.
If it is a member of an Exco, the province still has to deal with the investigation using a judicial council, preferably someone with some sort of legal experience. Then it is brought to National for assistance if Provincial is unable to deal with it. - Yes (unanimous)
 7. Control and Promote DRASA Club, District and Provincial Events. This is in terms of marketing, finding venues etc.. These can be delegated - Yes (unanimous)
 8. Disseminate and Administer all mandates, communications and Directives from National Exco and Council. - Yes (unanimous)
 9. Update and forward all Provincial documentation timeously (constitutions, logos, reports, club affiliations) - Yes (unanimous)
 10. Update list of Provincial Officials to National - Yes (unanimous)

Motion 5: Time Keeping/Scoring

1. Software licenced to DRASA, to be sent to Clubs or Province to be controlled and trained. - Yes (unanimous)
 - a. Petronell indicated that they have been training within the club as opposed to at a provincial level. They've purchased the hardware required and would like to acquire the software.
 - b. Cindy indicated that it is fine at either a provincial or club level, but it must be done through an approval process, and there must be officially appointed time keepers. It



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is difficult to have a centralised person as a head time keeper due to the distances involved in some provinces.

- c. Maret requested that it would need to be in the hands of someone at either club or provincial level. Cindy indicated that Alan would need to do training of each elected person.
 - d. Petronel requested that the trained timekeeper sign a NDA in order to retain the confidentiality of the time keeping system.
 - e. Cindy indicated that they will develop a licencing agreement to be signed by the trained time keepers.
2. List of approved and trained Timekeepers on National website at all times - Yes (unanimous)
 3. Standardised maximum Fee set by National for trained time keeper, but fee for Club member doing timekeeping negotiable by Club - Yes (unanimous)
 4. Timekeeping equipment (small printer and/or scanner) to be held centrally at Province or Clubs to be decided by Provincial Council - Yes (unanimous)

Motion 6: National Championships

1. Season ends June 2020 and awards for this season held via Zoom or Facebook – Yes (unanimous)
 - a. Cindy raised the issue of awards.
 - b. It was suggested that awards are made public on facebook.
 - c. Petronell suggested a photo award and include the award which can be digitally sent.
 - d. Cindy is collecting floating trophies for when we are able to meet physically again, to be handed out at ceremonies.
 - e. CR proposes that we do facebook recognition this year, and possibly include discounts on a ride or membership as part of the award. – Yes (unanimous)
 - f. Emma recommended certificates as well, which was Agreed.



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- g. Various other suggestions were made which will be followed up in email and Whatsapp discussions amongst Exco and Council members.
2. New season starts June 2020 until May 2021 - Yes (unanimous)
- 2. National Champs can be virtual or central venue depending on Covid19 as at next year, as voted on by Council, when decision can be made – Carry over
 - a. CR proposed that this motion remains open until there is greater clarity about the Covid situation – Yes (unanimous)
 - 3. National Champs to be organised on Rotational basis by Provinces in conjunction with National? – See decision in (i)
 - a. Paula – all yes
 - b. Gauteng – Majority No – would like to suggest a central venue as rotational nationals are expensive to host, also only members from each province will attend
 - c. Maret (WC) – yes
 - d. Emma (EC) – yes
 - e. WECTRA – yes
 - f. Cindy indicated that it would be the province organising the competition and carrying the costs.
 - g. It was indicated that it takes up to 3 years to set up a suitable club ride and rotating the rides means that the glitches are not ironed out, which then impacts on the reputation of the venue and the sport.
 - h. Moolmanshoek – Cindy proposes using this course and asked whether this is where we hold the first Nationals next year. Most comments indicate that there will be a number of issues; it will be expensive, it is a difficult course, new riders will have difficulties with the course. It will not be a course that will inspire the riders, especially as we don't have sufficient experienced riders. Cindy indicated that the 80km is very difficult, but the 40km has nice footing with some climbs. The second leg is very difficult, goat tracks up vertical cliffs. But we could stick to the flatter ground, which could be considered equal to Suikerbos terrain. 10km and 20km riders will find this more manageable. The 2nd leg is 27 Km which could be used for



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Summit riders. For 80km rides over 2 days it will be too difficult for the same horse although there is no one who would enter at that level at the moment.

- i. CR asked that we agree in principle that our next Nationals will be held at a Central venue for next year. If there are alternatives to Moolmanshoek, then people must propose them. Question : how central Moolmanshoek is to Natal and WC. Perhaps someone can look at Eastern Free State to find the most central venue with sufficiently manageable, yet challenging terrain.

Motion 7: Finances

1. Approval of 2019 Financials and Budget 2020 – Yes
 - a. Emma reported on the financials, certified by retired Chartered Accountant. Enough money in bank, no regular expenses currently.
 - b. CR reported that the new bank Business account with Nedbank has been opened, Emma has access but CR doesn't yet.
 - c. Budget and fees discussion will happen in November for 2021. Meeting asked to consider levels of fees charged, how provinces will make money, levies at rides, members or clubs etc. to be discussed at AGM in November.
2. Appointment of Accountants to certify accounts – Completed, no fee charged.
3. Provincial Finances and National fees and budget to be on agenda for AGM Nov 2020 – Yes

Motion 8: Star Grading of Events included

1. Accept the star grading of events in order to cut costs for the season affected by Covid19? – yes, accepted
 - a. A few suggestions were raised by Suikerbos Club which will need to be included in the system.
 - b. Safety issues were raised, these cannot be compromised in order to reduce costs.
 - c. CR showed her recommended additions to the system.
 - d. Star grading system will be evaluated further by members in order to finalise system



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- e. Issue of Vets at lower level rides was debated. Vets increase the cost of each ride, but are necessary for the health of the horses and to measure the horse's metabolics.
- f. It was suggested to keep a score regardless of which level is being ridden in order to inspire riders at a lower level.
- g. Cindy shared some of the history of running Drasa rides to date and indicated that we have already been running level one and two rides as they are currently described.

Motion 9: Election of 1 Provincial Council member to sit on National Exco as per Constitution

Cindy called for nominations of provincial council members, to be selected at the November AGM. This will be called for 60 days before the AGM. – yes accepted

Motion 10: Current Rules accepted

Rules accepted and understood that they only change once a year.

3. CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting was closed and the next AGM will be held in November at a venue to be confirmed but most likely on Zoom.