



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 2011 REPORT

The first report will focus on the challenges of the SAOF executive for 2011. It has become clear that Good Governance and governance structures are not only recommended tools, but also the underlying requirement for fundraising. We must get our governance in place in order to procure funding for our projects.

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Introduction

The Expansion Plan is now a reality and a draft Implementation plan has been prepared. The SAOF as we know it is a thing of the past and progress has been thrust upon us. Leaders are always judged by the way they handle tough situations. This situation has benefits for the sport, but creates a harsh environment for the SAOF committee. Managing the Committee now becomes important as we now have financial resources it is our human resources that will determine our success or failure.

Financials

I propose that the sum of R2750, which has been made available by SRSA for Tel & Fax and Printing be paid directly to Val Brentano as the Administrator and that she be made responsible for printing all necessary documents and sufficient quantities for SAOF meetings.

George van Jaarsveld has tendered his resignation as Bookkeeper. The SAOF should consider an appropriate response.

Cyberstream has offered to keep the books at the sum of R800 per month on Quickbooks. A resolution must be passed to give effect to this, if accepted.

SRSA has increased our annual grant and it now includes a R100 000-00 grant for Administration. I propose that this money be used to cover the salary of the SAOF administrator. The SAOF's money which it was using to pay the administrator can then be freed up for other purposes such as HP.

OUR FOCUS:

We must become more professional in order to achieve our stated vision -

Development Growth

Excellence - and if

this requires good

structures and paid

employees, than that

is our goal for 2011.

The Bank account is still looking healthy as we have not spent our entire lottery grant and the money remains available for the intended purposes. This money can be added to the SRSA grant to increase the development budget to about R450 000-00.

ES Forms are now sent to the committee. The relevant committee members must indicate their acceptance by completing their name in the appropriate slot before it will be transacted.

IOF affiliation fees are due and payable, but we need a second signatory to sign the transfer forms. I will arrange for this signature to be obtained at the next event.

SRSA

Without making any application, but after several discussions with SRSA we have finally been awarded a budget for development of our sport. We have received a grant of R348 000-00 to be spent in 2011/2012 on Development Projects. An expansion plan has been developed and all the required SRSA documents must be submitted by no later than 29 April 2011. This is achievable.

SASCOC

Communication has been much improved this year and we are at least aware of when meetings will be taking place and the calendar days have been booked.

The last meeting was attended by Val Brentano (SAOF Administrator) and her report will detail what was discussed and what she learned. Presentations have been emailed to me and if anyone is interested I will forward them, however they do not prima facie appear to have any impact or benefit to the SAOF at this time.

I will be attending the next conference, being the President's conference on 14 May 2011 at Birchwood conference centre. It is a two day seminar starting on Saturday 14 May 2011.

NLDTF

We have had no response to our previous application yet, despite sending through the report that they were seeking. I would actually be shocked to receive this money as we would then have double the funds for the Expansion Plan – another double edged sword.

Expansion Plan.

The Expansion Plan has been drafted and is available for comment. We should identify key individuals to participate in commentary. It should be made available on Website as soon as basic grammar and spelling is resolved.

Rules

The Rules related to eligibility for SAOF sanctioned events have to be clarified and I wish to make it clear that the SAOF executive can change rules and they need only be ratified at the AGM.

Conclusion

The focus of the committee must be the expansion plan. We have the money, we now need to identify skilled helpers. We have improved our governance somewhat already and I feel like I will be leaving the Presidency in a very healthy position this year. Many issues must be discussed and properly ventilated, but the committee must never stand in the way of progress. Where there is a will there is a way.



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