

South African Orienteering Federation



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SABIE COUNTRY CLUB, SABIE, ON SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2015

The meeting was opened by the President of the SAOF, Garry Morrison

1. **Opening of the Annual General Meeting**

The President welcomed all present and thanked RACO for hosting the 2015 SA Championships.

2. **Roll Call of Delegates**

Peninsula Orienteering Club – Peter King and Ricky Raine
Rand Athletic Club Orienteers – Paul Wimberley and Jenny Saunders
Rand Orienteering Club – Nicholas Mulder and Eugene Botha
Wits University Orienteering Club – Sarah Pope and Dylan Barry
Tuks O Club – Bradley Lund and Clinton Molepo
Polokwane Orienteering Club – Ephraim Chuene and Boitumelo Maja
Durban Orienteering Club – Matthew Siepman and Dave Mercer

Apologies – Adventure Racing Club
- Karen Chambers - Vice-President Development

3. **Establishment of the number of voting members present**

PRESENT :

a) **SAOF Management Committee**

President : G Morrison
Vice President Technical : N van Hoepen
Vice President Marketing : R Lund
Vice President Development :
Vice President Administration : S Mills

b) **Affiliated Members**

Peninsula Orienteering Club (Penoc)
Rand Athletic Club Orienteers (Raco)
Rand Orienteering Club (Roc)
Wits University orienteering Club (Witsoc)
Tuks Orienteering Club (TuksO)
Polokwane Orienteering Club (POC)

Durban Orienteering Club (DOC)

Seven (7) of the Nine (9) currently active Clubs were represented at the AGM

4. Election of Vote Counters

Carl Holmes (RACO) and Sarah Roffe (WitsOC) were elected vote counters

5. Approval of the Agenda and ruling on urgency of any items not included

The Agenda was Approved.

Proposed by Paul Wimberley (Raco), Seconded by Sarah Pope (Witsoc)

6. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on the 5th October 2014

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on the 4th October 2014 were approved

Proposed by Paul Wimberley (Raco), Seconded by Nicholas Mulder (Roc)

7. Annual Report, Resolutions, Budget 2016

Highlights of The Presidents Report were read out by Garry Morrison. The Annual Report will be available on the SAOF website.

A request was made by Glen Terry that the Annual Report is made available on the website prior to the AGM.

Garry Morrison expressed concerns regarding the decline in membership over the past few years.

The SAOF projects over the last 5 years aimed at increasing in participation levels need to be reviewed.

The SAOF aims to hold a strategy meeting before the end of 2015 to discuss the way forward. Clubs and members are invited to contribute to this process.

Glen Terry asked if there was anything that we could learn from overseas about increasing numbers.

The SAOF aims to make the process of reviewing our strategy and inclusive process.

The presented participation statistics don't include events such as the Metrogaine and Summer Series. This will be addressed. Participation statistics should include all events that attract levies. These numbers need to portray an accurate picture of the participation levels in orienteering.

Events such as the night, golf course events held in Gauteng were extremely popular.

Eugene Botha (Roc) commented that the logo for Coaching was fantastic.

The management committee resolution on the price of compass resale was presented. Both members and non-members receive a discount, with the member discount being greater. This was highlighted as another benefit of membership.

A suggestion was made that non-members be made to pay the full price.

The SAOF 2015/2016 Budget was presented.

Eugene Botha (Roc) asked that a certain percentage of the SAOF's own funds be spent each year irrespective of the SRSA funding. The president responded that the SAOF would do so and would continue with the most important projects in the absence of external funding.

Acceptance of the Budget and Annual Report was proposed by Nicholas Mulder (Roc) and Seconded by Eugene Botha (Roc)

8. Annual Financial Statements and Auditor's report

The audited Annual Financial statements of the Federation for the year to 30th June 2015 were presented to the Meeting.

Eugene Botha (Roc) requested that more detail of what is covered by the insurance policy be circulated to Clubs.

The graphs on the last page of the Financials need to be corrected.

The 2015 Audited Financial statements were approved.

Proposed by Ephraim Chuene (Poc) and Seconded by Eugene Botha (Roc)

9. Appointment of the Auditor

Duncan Eriksson was nominated to be the official auditor. This nomination was accepted for one more year.

Proposed by Paul Wimberley (Raco) and Seconded by Sarah Pope (Witsoc)

Eugene Botha (Roc) stated that as far as he knows the SAOF are only allowed to stay with 1 auditor for a limited time period. This will be looked into and acted upon.

10. Election of the SAOF Management Committee for 2015/2016

- a) President : Garry Morrison, re-elected unopposed
- b) Vice President Development : Karen Chambers re-elected unopposed.
- c) Vice President Technical : Nico van Hoepen, re-elected unopposed
- d) Vice President Marketing : Richard Lund, re-elected unopposed
- e) Vice President Administration : Stephen Mills stood down from the Management Committee. There were no nominations for this position. According to the constitution, the management committee can co-opt someone into this position at a later date.

The nominations were proposed by Nicholas Mulder (Roc) and Seconded by Paul Wimberley (Raco).

Garry Morrison welcomed the 2015/16 Management Committee.

Eugene Botha (Roc) requested that members of the Management Committee give a year's notice of their intention to step down so that adequate time is given to find replacements.

11. Election of the National Selection Committee

The following members were nominated:

Tania Wimberley
Nicholas Mulder
Michele Botha
Margaret Archibald
Mike Hall – stepped down and Bruce Meier was nominated on the day by PenOC.

All candidates accepted their nominations.

The Meeting approved all the nominations for the Selection Committee

12. Silva Award

There were 3 nominations for this award :

Karen Chambers – nominated by AR
Bruce Meier – nominated by Penoc
Paul Wimberley - nominated by Raco and Witsoc

After the counting of votes, the Paul Wimberley was recorded as the recipient of the 2015 Silva Award.

13. General

13.1 SAOF Logo

As discussed at the 2014 AGM 4 colour logos were presented to the Clubs, the selected colour logo would be used in conjunction with the current black and white logo. The 5th option was to stay with only the black and white logo.

By a show of hands it was agreed that the colour version of the SAOF would be option 3.

The meeting requested that the SAOF looks into a redesign of the current logo. The Coaching logo was offered as something more preferable. A suggestion was made that an open competition could be considered.

13.2 SAOF Constitution

An amendment to the Constitution extending the Powers and Duties of the Management Committee was proposed by outgoing VP Administration, Steve Mills.

The proposal was accepted but needs to be applied with caution. The amendment makes provision for the management committee to set affiliation fees for defined classes of associate Membership to be ratified at the next general meeting. So caution is required in case the fees set by the management committee are not ratified at the general meeting.

13.3 Sanctioned Events

This pertains to the formation of a commission to propose updates to the rules and regulations around sanctioned events in the interests of promoting fairness. VP Technical, Nico van Hoepen reported that representatives from each Club had been nominated. Any proposed changes will be circulated to all Clubs before adoption.

13.4 Emit Resale

The conditions of Emit sale to members needs to be made more explicit. Members need to be told what the actual cost to the SAOF of new emits is and what the warranty terms are. A proposal by VP Administration, Steve Mills, will be the basis for this.

13.5 SA Champs Schedule

The SA Champs Schedule until 2020 was distributed to clubs and is included in the Annual Report. The focus was on the SA Middle, Long and Relay Championships. The proposed schedule is to be used to enable longer-term planning. Modifications to the schedule can be made in consultation with the SAOF and the proposed organizing clubs. The host for the SA Sprint Championships will still occur on a short-term basis. Negotiations will be led by the SAOF.

ROC will be putting on the 2016 SA Championships on the weekend after the 24th September public holiday, which falls on a Wednesday. The Champs will be in the Magaliesburg area and will, due to venue

availability, have the following format : Day 1 Friday – Middle, Day 2 Saturday – Relay, Day 3 Sunday – long.

13.6 **WRE**

Three applications have been made to the IOF for WREs in 2016. The SAOF would like to invite the great orienteering community to contribute to a review of the value of WREs to orienteering in South Africa. This will be one of the topics for discussion at the upcoming SAOF Strategy session.

13.7 **Fee Increase**

The new fee structure was presented for implementation from the 1st November 2015.

The proposed fee increase was approved unanimously.

Eugene Botha asked about the School's League contribution to the Event Levies. This should be raised at the upcoming SAOF Strategy review meeting.

Eugene Botha requested that the fee increase is done on an annual basis instead of every 3/4 years. It was agreed that this should be implemented.

13.8 **WMBTOC**

The application of two MTBO athletes for selection to represent South Africa at the World Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships (WMTBOC) in 2015 highlighted some short-comings in the SAOF's selection policies with respect to disciplines other than foot O. The SAOF management committee had to reject the application and a position statement this decision was sent to the athletes. This statement was included in the AGM pack.

The current management committee does not have the capacity to address the issues highlighted in the position statement. To address the requirements to enable selection of MTBO athletes to represent South Africa at the WMBTOC will require an MTBO representative to be co-opted onto the SAOF Management Committee.

Eugene Botha (Roc) asked if the SAOF had approached anyone since the position statement was issued.

Garry Morrison apologised that the SAOF had not progressed this matter forward. This would be corrected as soon as possible.

13.9 **Jack Cheetham Award**

VP Marketing, Richard Lund, expanded on what was presented in the SAOF Annual Report. This was a potential avenue to apply for an alternative source of funding for our Limpopo development project.

Although we were unsuccessful, we received valuable information on how to approach our application in 2016.

Eugene Botha (ROC) requested that the call for applications documentation be shared with the Clubs.

13.10 **SAOF Strategy**

This was a theme during the AGM and was discussed in the Annual Report. The SAOF management committee intends to invite all interested orienteers to contribute to the generation of a strategy for the next 5-year period.

Garry Morrison thanked everyone for attending the AGM

Glen Terry thanked the SAOF Management Committee for all the hard work they do.

Eugene Botha (Roc) said that the SAOF Management Committee needed to be commended on their capacity building efforts

The AGM closed at 18h30