

South African Orienteering Federation



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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT A CANDEIA RESTAURANT, BROEDERSTROOM, ON SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2016

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 ROC for hosting the 2016 SA Championships.

2. **Roll Call of Delegates**

Peninsula Orienteering Club – Peter King and Glen Terry
Rand Athletic Club Orienteers – Paul Wimberley and Carl Holmes
Rand Orienteering Club – Stephanie Mulder and Ian Bratt
Wits University Orienteering Club – Anthony Stott
Polokwane Orienteering Club – Ephraim Chuene and Thapelo Thaba
No apologies were received.

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

PRESENT :

a) **SAOF Management Committee**

President	:	Garry Morrison
Vice President Technical	:	Nico van Hoepen
Vice President Marketing	:	Richard Lund
Vice President Development	:	Karen Chambers
Vice President Administration	:	Sarah Pope

b) **Affiliated Members**

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

Five (5) of the Eight (8) currently active Clubs were represented at the AGM

Thus 14 voting members of the total voting strength of 21 members was present. Hence the meeting has a quorum.

4. Election of Vote Counters

Bev Holmes (RACO) and Sheila Terry (Penoc) 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 Ephraim Chuene (Poc)

6. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on the 4th October 2015

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on the 4th October 2015 were approved

Proposed by Glen Terry (Penoc), Seconded by Ephraim Chuene (Poc)

7. Annual Report, Resolutions, Budget 2017

Highlights of The President's Report were read out by Garry Morrison. The Annual Report was sent out to all Clubs prior to the AGM (as requested at the 2015 AGM) and is available on the SAOF website.

The highlight of Participation is the growth in participation at Johannesburg Schools' League Events and at Events held in Polokwane.

Participation levels spikes during Big Five O years compared to other years.

The SAOF Development Plan and five year Strategy have been reviewed based on experience gained over the last 5 years.

The SAOF held a strategy meeting early in 2016 to discuss the way forward. Clubs and members were invited to contribute to this process. A clear set of long term objectives were agreed on.

Garry Morrison, Tania Wimberley and Karen Chambers are heavily involved in the SASCOC Coaching Framework.

The Schools Mapping Project where the aim is to map all Schools in South Africa is under way with members being paid for remotely mapping Schools that have shown an interest. Glen Terry asked how Schools are identified to be mapped. Richard Lund responded that Schools are sent e-mails asking them if they are interested, if they respond positively the school is mapped remotely and the map sent to them. Glen Terry also asked what the response from Schools was to running orienteering events at these mapped schools.

Karen Chambers responded that work was in progress to run training and to educate teachers at interested schools

The level of funding from the Department of Sport & Recreation (SRSA) has decreased from R 400 000.00 to R 300 000.00. The SAOF has signed a Service Level Agreement with SRSA and are awaiting the funds.

The SAOF has registered as a Non-Profit Organization.

Orienteers from Switzerland are to be thanked for supporting our Polokwane orienteers

The first ever World Orienteering day, an IOF initiative, was held this year. This is to become an annual event and will afford an excellent marketing opportunity.

Unfortunately orienteering in KwaZulu-Natal is not sustainable at this stage. Anthony Stott and Ian Bratt requested that the DOC efforts be documented especially what worked and what didn't. Richard Lund is holding a Mapping course in Durban in November so hopefully something more might come from this. Glen Terry said that Peter Hemer needs to be commended for all his efforts in KZN.

SAOF supports the Big Five and will continue to support participation by development members.

High Performance will be supported by the SAOF holding local training camps.

The SAOF Development Plan has been updated. Glen Terry requested that the Development Plan needs to include the development of people over the age of 25.

The SAOF 2016/2017 Budget was presented.

Acceptance of the Budget and Annual Report was proposed by Paul Wimberley (Raco) and Seconded by Ephraim Chuene (Poc)

8. Annual Financial Statements and Auditor's report

The audited Annual Financial statements of the Federation for the year to 30th June 2016 were presented to the Meeting.

The 2016 Audited Financial statements were approved.

Proposed by Ian Bratt (Roc) and Seconded by Carl Holmes (Raco)

9. Appointment of the Auditor

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

Proposed by Glen Terry (Penoc) and Seconded by Ian Bratt (Roc)

Following on last year's request that the SAOF change their Auditor every 5 years it was requested that the SAOF report back to the Members in 6 months as to the status of the appointment of a new auditor for the 2017/2018 financial year. This was proposed by Paul Wimberley (Raco) and Seconded by Ian Bratt (Roc)

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 stood down from the Management Committee. There were no nominations but Sarah Pope, Vice President Administration, agreed to move to Vice President Technical. This move was accepted by the Meeting
- d) Vice President Marketing : Richard Lund, re-elected unopposed
- e) Vice President Administration : With the move of Sarah Pope to Vice President Technical this portfolio was open. There were no prior nominations for this position. Ken Robinson (Roc) was nominated on the day. This nomination was accepted

The nominations were proposed by Paul Wimberley (Raco) and Seconded by Anthony Stott (Witsoc).

Garry Morrison welcomed the 2016/17 Management Committee.

11. Election of the National Selection Committee

The following members were nominated prior to the AGM:

Tania Wimberley
Sarah Pope
Timothy Chambers

The following members were nominated at the AGM :

Nicholas Mulder
Michele Botha
Bruce Meier

Sarah Pope withdrew her availability due to her new position as Vice President Technical.

All 5 remaining candidates accepted their nominations.

The Meeting approved the nominations for the Selection Committee

12. Honorary Members

Dr Ricky Raine was nominated by Penoc to receive Honorary Membership. This was unanimously accepted.

13. Silva Award

There were 3 nominations for this award:

Karen Chambers – nominated by Witsoc
Richard Lund – nominated by Poc
Garry Morrison - nominated by Raco

After the counting of votes, Karen Chambers was recorded as the recipient of the 2016 Silva Award.

14. General

14.1 **SANCTIONED EVENTS** (Status of updates to Rules)

This is ongoing and will be tackled by the new Vice President Technical Sarah Pope

14.2 **EMIT RESALE**

An Emit Warranty proposal was presented to the Meeting. This warranty will be provided to all buyers of emit cards in the future. The new emits purchased by the SAOF will not be put into circulation and are only available for resale at the moment. The proposal was unanimously accepted

14.3 **SA CHAMPS SCHEDULE**

This was covered in the Annual Report. It was requested that a date be set for the acceptance of hosting the SA Champs to allow time for another Club to step in if necessary. Peter King (Penoc) said that Penoc would confirm their ability to host the 2018 SA Champs by the end of August 2017.

14.4 **WRE** (Review of SAOF position on hosting WRE's)

Ian Bratt (Roc) raised the following concerns :

- a) Ian Bratt, Garry Morrison and Paul Wimberley, the 3 South African Event Advisors would not be able to retain their accreditation if WRE's were only held at Big Five Events. The time frame for retaining accreditation with the IOF needs to be checked.

- b) Possibility of 1 of the days at SA Champs to be a WRE, this would be alternated on an annual basis between the Middle and the Long
- c) The IOF would need to be informed as to why we have decided minimize the number of WREs that we apply to host.
- d) If local athletes do not participate in WRE's we will not be able to move up the ranking list
- e) Money saved by not hosting WRE's to be spent on subsidizing High Performance.

The Meeting agreed that the WRE proposal document needs to be amended and then circulated to Clubs

14.5 **FEE INCREASES**

As requested at last year's AGM a small (~10%) annual fee increase has been proposed. The new fees would be applicable from the 1st October 2016. The proposed fee increase was approved unanimously

14.6 **MTBO**

Sarah Pope as Vice President Administration has circulated a preliminary document regarding hosting MTO Events. This document will be finalized based on feedback from Members. Of concern is that no MTBO Events have taken place this year.

14.7 **SAOF STRATEGY**

The revised SAOF Strategy for the five year period to 2020 was distributed to all Clubs. The 5-year goals and strategic elements were presented. The meeting unanimously agreed to adopt the new SAOF strategy.

15. **GENERAL**

Anthony Stott (Witsoc) asked if a Committee could be formed to discuss the image of Orienteering in South Africa. Garry Morrison responded that it was up to the Member clubs to find ways to attract and retain new participants to the sport.

Ian Bratt (Roc) asked about the chance of participation in the World Games. Garry Morrison said that as we were not in the top 8 in the world (SASCOC qualification criterion) there was no chance. We were allowed to send Michael Crone to the last World Games as he had made an A Final in the Sprint at WOC.

Glen Terry (Penoc) proposed that non-championship courses shouldn't use the same controls as Championship courses. The issue of non-championship courses during championship events will be included in the review of the Sanctioned Events Guidelines to be undertaken by the VP Technical. Ian Bratt commented that we merely need to run championship courses before non-championship entries are allowed to start.

Garry Morrison thanked everyone for attending the AGM

Ian Bratt (Roc) thanked the SAOF Management Committee for all their time and effort

The AGM closed at 15h35