

South African Orienteering Federation



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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT MARETLWANE, NORTH WEST PROVINCE, ON SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2017

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 2017 SA Championships.

2. Roll Call of Delegates

a) Affiliated Members :

Peninsula Orienteering Club	-	Peter King and Glen Terry
Rand Athletic Club Orienteers	-	Paul Wimberley and Tania Wimberley
Rand Orienteering Club	-	Eugene Botha and Ian Bratt
UCTMSC	-	Rory Ellis
Polokwane Orienteering Club	-	Ephraim Chuene and Thapelo Thaba
Wits Orienteering Club	-	No delegates

No apologies were received.

b) Associate Members :

Big 5 Orienteering	-	Nicholas Mulder and Stephanie Mulder
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3. Establishment of the number of voting members present

PRESENT :

a) **SAOF Management Committee**

President	:	Garry Morrison
Vice President Technical	:	Sarah Pope
Vice President Marketing	:	Richard Lund

Vice President Development : Karen Chambers
Vice President Administration : Ken Robinson

b) Affiliated Members

Peninsula Orienteering Club (PenOC) - 2
Rand Athletic Club Orienteers (RACO) - 2
Rand Orienteering Club (ROC) - 2
University of Cape Town Mountain & Ski Club (UCTMSC) - 1
Polokwane Orienteering Club (POC) - 2

Five (5) of the Six (6) currently active Clubs were represented at the AGM
Thus 14 voting members of the total voting strength of 17 members was present. Hence the meeting had a quorum.

4. Election of Vote Counters

Carl Holmes (RACO) and Alex Pope (ROC) were elected vote counters.

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

Two extra items were approved to be added under General.

The Agenda was Approved.

Proposed by Ian Bratt (ROC), Seconded by Eugene Botha (ROC).

Garry Morrison requested that the agenda items dealing with the Annual Report and the Audited Financial Statements be swapped to enable VP Administration, Ken Robinson, to depart early. This was approved.

6. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on the 24th September 2016

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on the 24th September 2016 were approved.

Ian Bratt (ROC) requested that Matters Arising from the previous Minutes be included.

Proposed by Ian Bratt (ROC), Seconded by Ephraim Chuene (POC)

7. Matters arising from the Previous Minutes

a) Appointment of the Auditor

Ian Bratt (ROC) asked if the status of the appointment of a new auditor had been sent to the Clubs. Garry Morrison (President) responded that it hadn't but that the SAOF had investigated various avenues regarding a new auditor and that the costs we had received were more than double what was being paid at the moment. The SAOF recommends staying with the current auditor. SRSA expressed happiness with this arrangement for a small sport such as the SAOF.

b) Ian Bratt (ROC) asked if the DOC efforts had been documented. Garry Morrison said that the SAOF strategy reflects what has been learned from various development efforts. Any queries regarding the DOC effort could

be addressed by himself, Karen Chambers (VP Development) and Richard Lund (VP Marketing).

- c) Nicholas Mulder (Big 5) noted that he was aware of orienteering events being held in the Hilton area and asked about the status of orienteering in Natal. Garry Morrison noted that the SAOF was aware of some activity at a few schools like Cordwalles (Pietermaritzburg). It was requested that Nicholas Mulder communicate with Karen Chambers to enable her to follow-up his leads.

8. 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 and is available on the SAOF website.

Although the membership and participation statistics don't look too bad the President is concerned that the growth is from Development and not from the Clubs. The Clubs are encouraged to find ways to increase their numbers and participation levels at club events.

Eugene Botha (ROC) said that ROC was looking at having an international orienteering tour for their members and asked if the SAOF would look at supporting the initiative. Garry Morrison encouraged clubs to submit proposals to the SAOF aimed at growing club membership and participation levels.

The biggest challenge is to transfer people from the School's League to Club events. Clubs in Gauteng are encouraged to find ways to take advantage of such activities to attract members.

Glen Terry (PenOC) asked why small areas like Gotland (Sweden) had so many participants when they hosted an event and suggested that the SAOF find out what is done to attract the numbers.

All members are encouraged to read the SAOF Strategy 2016-2020 document which is available on the Federation's website.

The SAOF and a number of other small sports Federations were involved in the submission of a document to SASCOC regarding the proposed Coaching Association of South Africa (CASA). In particular this submission spelled out the concern that the proposal to create legislation around coaching in South Africa will be extremely detrimental to small sports.

The level of funding from the Department of Sport & Recreation (SRSA) has increased from R 300 000 to R 400 000. R 150 000 of this amount is for Administration and the balance (R250 000) is for Conditional projects that must align with SRSA's priority areas. The SAOF has submitted their business plan to SRSA and we have signed a Service Level Agreement with SRSA. We are awaiting the funds, which must be spent on approved projects by end March 2018.

Orienteers from Switzerland are once again to be thanked for supporting our development efforts in Limpopo with the Polokwane orienteering club.

The second World Orienteering Day, an IOF initiative, was held this year. The IOF are considering introducing a World Orienteering Week next year to give countries more event hosting flexibility. Clubs are encouraged to find ways to leverage this opportunity to market our sport.

The SAOF and the Big Five Orienteering NPC are working together to involve POC in this year's Big Five event in Limpopo. They are also working to create participation opportunities for POC members. At this year's Big 5, Polokwane Orienteering Club (POC) will be hosting an event on the rest day.

SAOF support for High Performance activities is limited. The majority of support is through holding local training camps. In 2018 the SAOF will also be supporting an overseas tour by the Youth Squad to Sweden.

The SAOF 2017/2018 Budget was presented.

Eugene Botha (ROC) asked for a breakdown of the SRSA Expansion Plan budgeted amount.

Acceptance of the Budget and Annual Report was proposed by Tania Wimberley (RACO) and Seconded by Eugene Botha (ROC).

9. Annual Financial Statements and Auditor's report

The audited Annual Financial statements of the Federation for the year to 30th June 2017 were presented to the Meeting by Ken Robinson (VP Administration)

Eugene Botha (ROC) asked for a more detailed breakdown on how the SRSA funds were spent – this is included in the full audited financial document.

The 2017 Audited Financial statements were approved.

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

10. Appointment of the Auditor

Duncan Eriksson was nominated to be the official auditor. This nomination was accepted.

Proposed by Tania Wimberley (RACO) and Seconded by Paul Wimberley (RACO)

11. Election of the SAOF Management Committee for 2017/2018

a) President : Garry Morrison, re-elected unopposed

- b) Vice President Development : Karen Chambers re-elected unopposed
- c) Vice President Technical : Sarah Pope re-elected unopposed
- d) Vice President Marketing : Richard Lund, re-elected unopposed
- e) Vice President Administration : Ken Robinson re-elected unopposed

The nominations were proposed by Glen Terry (PENOC) and Seconded by Ian Bratt (ROC).

Garry Morrison welcomed the 2017/18 Management Committee.

12. Election of the National Selection Committee

The following members were nominated prior to the AGM:

Tania Wimberley
Timothy Chambers
Nicholas Mulder
Michele Botha
Margaret Archibald

All 5 candidates accepted their nominations.

The Meeting approved the nominations for the Selection Committee.

13. Honorary Members

No nominations were received.

14. Silva Award

There were 3 nominations for this award:

Val Brentano - nominated by RACO
Richard Lund – nominated by ROC
Anna Leputu – nominated by POC

After the counting of votes, Val Brentano was recorded as the recipient of the 2017 Silva Award.

Ian Bratt (ROC) asked that Silva be informed each year of the winner of the award.

15. General

15.1 Club Memberships Forms to include a Clause Agreeing to Regulations of the SAOF and to the SAOF's Code of Conduct

Garry Morrison explained that this is a requirement of SRSA and closes a loophole. The SAOF is to send a link to the URL to the location on the SAOF website containing the documents to the Clubs and this is to be inserted into all Club's Membership forms. Nicholas Mulder (Big 5) suggested that the SAOF look at the document that Canoeing SA uses.

15.2 Presentation on O-Ventures

Richard Lund (VP Marketing) gave an overview of the business that he and Karen Chambers (VP Development) have started. This is aimed at promoting the sport. The general sentiment was one of support. However, there was a discussion cautioning about a potential conflict of interest. Garry Morrison noted that the SAOF Management Committee are aware of this and have discussed this issue and will continue to so as the need arises. There will be full separation between SRSA funded activities and other development activities.

15.3 SA Championships Schedule

A) Combined POC/GOC Club Venture

Possibility of POC joining up with a Gauteng based Club to host a Championships much like RACO did with DOC in Hilton in 2014.

B) WCOC/GOC and SAOC be Replaced by an Annual SAOC

Peter King (PENOC) was not aware of the proposal submitted by PenOC. Although Provincial Champs are sanctioned by the SAOF it is up to the individual Province to decide if they wish to host a Provincial Champs or not.

15.4 WRE Change of Fees

The IOF has revised the sanctioning fees for WREs. The details are contained in the Annual Report. The SAOF will engage with clubs during the course of the year to decide whether or not we change our approach to WREs.

15.5 Fee Increases

The proposed fee increase for 2018 was approved.

15.6 Holding of the AGM at SA Championships

Paul Wimberley (RACO) proposed that the SAOF AGM not be held at SA Champs as he feels that it is not given the due input and discussion that it deserves. Garry Morrison (President) said that SRSA would like all sports federations to align their financial year with that of SRSA, i.e. March. This needs to be investigated as it would require an amendment to our constitution. There are pros and cons to the proposal, which will need further consideration.

The SAOF will compile a discussion document for circulation to the member clubs.

15.7 Awarding of Medals to non-South Africans

Peter King (PenOC) raised the issue of non-South Africans not being eligible for Provincial and SA Championship medals. It was suggested that a special medal be introduced that can be given to foreigners who come in medal position on a Championship course.

A discussion document on this matter will be circulated to clubs for consideration.

Garry Morrison thanked everyone for attending the AGM

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

The AGM was closed at 6:30pm by Garry Morrison