

South African Orienteering Federation



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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT HAERNETSBERG, LIMPOPO PROVINCE, ON SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2018

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 2018 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 Carl Holmes
Rand Orienteering Club	–	Eugene Botha and Steve Spottiswoode
Polokwane Orienteering Club	–	Ephraim Chuene and Madimane Montjane

No apologies were received.

b) Associate Members :

Big 5 Orienteering	-	Ian Bratt
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3. **Establishment of the number of voting members present**

PRESENT :

a) **SAOF Management Committee**

President	:	Garry Morrison
Vice President Technical	:	Absent – Apology received
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
Polokwane Orienteering Club (POC) - 2

Four (4) of the Six (6) currently active Clubs were represented at the AGM
Thus 12 voting members of the total voting strength of 17 members was present. Hence the meeting had a quorum.

4. Election of Vote Counters

Klaus Kreft (RACO) and Karin Spottiswoode (ROC) were elected vote counters

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

No extra items were added to the Agenda

The Agenda was Approved.

Proposed by Eugene Botha (ROC), Seconded by Ephraim Chuene (POC)

6. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on the 24th September 2017

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on the 24th September 2017 were approved.

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

Matters arising from the Previous Minutes

- a) Orienteering in the Hilton area. Sam Hubble has been holding some orienteering events in conjunction with Cordwallis School. She seems keen to start a Club and has been given all the information, but the pull needs to come from her.
- b) Eugene Botha (ROC) had asked for a breakdown of the SRSA Expansion Plan budgeted amount. This was sent to the Clubs late September last year
- c) A clause agreeing that members will abide by the SAOF Rules & Regulations and Code of Conduct was sent to the Clubs for inclusion in their 2018 and subsequent years membership forms
- d) Changing the Federations financial year end was investigated. Contact was made with 4 Federations whose financial year end corresponded with that of the Department of Sport & Recreation. It was found that they experience the same delay in receiving their funding as we experience. There is therefore no advantage in changing our financial year end.
- e) Paul Wimberley (RACO) asked about there being a requirement to host the AGM on a specific day of SA champs and about splitting the AGM and Social as was being done this year. This decision is one that can be made by the Club organizing the SA Champs as there is no set format.

7. Annual Report, Resolutions, Budget 2017

Annual Report

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 there is a decline in Club membership, Club activity levels are good.

Penoc is in a rebuilding phase. The SAOF wishes them well and note that we are available to help if requested.

Overall, activity levels are up. The Annual Report contains a graph listing all the development activities. In new areas the challenge is to make the activities sustainable. In existing areas the challenge is to translate participation levels into club participation.

Two of our athletes achieved some notable performances at international competitions. Christie Courtnage at both JWOC and WOC and Timothy Chambers at WOC. We congratulate both athletes on some excellent results.

The annual report contains a list of strategic maps approach over the past 6 years. Many have successfully met the requirements of the strategic maps concept, especially those around the Kaapsehoop area. The portion of our SRSA grant towards funding of maps has increased. It is becoming more challenging as we are receiving more funding requests than we can accommodate. It is important that the Clubs need to also fund the making of new maps.

The SAOF has not yet received confirmation of funding from the Department of Sport & Recreation (SRSA) although we are almost 6 months into their financial year. The SAOF has submitted their first quarterly report to SRSA with the second one due at the end of this month. Contact was made with SRSA, but we were told that the government has no money so funding might not materialize. In light of this the SAOF will need to review spending plans for 2018/19.

On the subject of Development Eugene Botha (ROC) requested that their development initiative Scatter Run be recognized as development. He volunteered to provide SAOF with participation numbers at these events.

Activities and Resolutions

The High Performance selection policies were reviewed this year. The bar has been raised with clear technical and fitness performance targets specified in the season selection policy.

The JWOC Coach / manager was, this year, funded by the parents (flight) and in-country expenses funded by the SAOF. This is in line with our High Performance efforts to raise performance standards.

SAOF 2018/2019 Budget

In order to maintain the electronic timing system, equipment needs to be purchased every 5 – 8 year. This being the warranty limit and the expected battery life. This together with Big Five requirements means that the SAOF needs to purchase 50 EMIT bricks and 100 runner tags in 2018 and 2019.

The SAOF has agreed to fund the maps for the next Big Five event. This means an expenditure of R146 000 over two financial years.

However, spending needs to be carefully monitored pending the receipt of the SRSA funding.

Acceptance of the Budget and Annual Report was proposed by Eugene Botha (ROC) 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 2018 were presented to the meeting by Ken Robinson (VP Administration)

The 2018 Audited Financial statements were approved.

Proposed by Eugene Botha (ROC) and Seconded by Madimane Montjane (POC)

9. Appointment of the Auditor

Duncan Eriksson was nominated to be the official auditor. This nomination was accepted. In response to a comment by Eugene Botha (ROC), It was reiterated that SRSA were comfortable with our not rotating to a new auditor.

Proposed by Carl Holmes (RACO) and Seconded by Steve Spottiswoode (ROC)

10. 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 : Paul Wimberley elected unopposed
- d) Vice President Marketing : Mark Vernon elected unopposed
- e) Vice President Administration : Ken Robinson re-elected unopposed

It must be noted that Paul Wimberley accepted the nomination as Vice President Technical on the condition that he doesn't have to deal with High Performance. This was accepted by the Meeting. Garry Morrison stated the Management Committee would seek to co-opt someone to cover this aspect of the portfolio.

All nominations were unanimously accepted

Garry Morrison welcomed the 2018/19 Management Committee.

11. Election of the National Selection Committee

The following members were nominated prior to the AGM:

Timothy Chambers
Nicholas Mulder
Michele Botha
Margaret Archibald

Carl Holmes was nominated on the day

All 5 candidates accepted their nominations.

The Meeting approved the nominations for the Selection Committee

12. Honorary Members

There were no nominations

13. Silva Award

There were 2 nominations for this award:

Tania Wimberley - nominated by RACO
Anna Leputu – nominated by POC

After the counting of votes, Tania Wimberley was recorded as the recipient of the 2018 Silva Award.

14. General

14.1 PRESENTATION BY POLOKWANE ORIENTEERING CLUB

Ephraim Chuene gave an overview of the progression of the Club and their vision for the future :

- Attain a membership 450 athletes
- Map every school in Limpopo
- Get more POC members into the national squad
- Develop more young female athletes

Ken Robinson said the Meeting needed to recognize the work that

POC is doing. The meeting applauded the efforts of Ephraim and his team. Ian Bratt commented on POC's use of Facebook as an excellent tool to extend the reach of Orienteering.

14.2 FEE INCREASE

The intended annual fee increase was presented.

Glen Terry (PENOC) said that Scatter Run should be included. Eugene Botha (ROC) said that it is a development event. Emit is used but they don't need the SAOF Event Liability. Scatter Run events should pay the Emit fee. However, the SAOF will meet with ROC to agree whether or not the Event Levy is payable.

The SAOF will need to make specific note of events on the calendar, which are not covered by the SAOF event liability insurance.

The fee increase proposal was approved by Carl Holmes (RACO) and seconded by Eugene Botha (ROC)

14.3 SAOF FUNDING OF MAPS

This was discussed in the Annual Report. It was reiterated that the SAOF can only fund maps to a limited degree.

14.4 AWARDING OF MEDALS TO NON-SOUTH AFRICANS

This motion was raised by PENOC. 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 decision was made that the SAOF would provide additional SA medals for foreigners at SA Champs. Additional medals at Provincial Champs would be supplied by the Event organizer.

In this way South Africans would not lose out on their medals.

The Meeting agreed that the following new wording for clause 4.3. of the SAOF Rules of Foot Orienteering would be adopted: "In lieu of point 4.2 all competitors that are South African Citizens or Residents, competing on the Championship courses at the South African Championships, are eligible for trophies and medals. The one exception is visiting (overseas) orienteers or recent arrivals in South Africa (less than 3 months) who may compete on championship courses, but who are not eligible for trophies."

The acceptance of this motion was proposed by Carl Holmes (RACO) and seconded by Ephraim Chuene (POC).

14.5 POSSIBLE FUTURE ROGAINING WORLD SERIES

This was just to let the membership know of possible rogaining developments. Ian Bratt mentioned that he and Lisa de Speville are

observers of the IRF (international rogaine federation) and would keep the orienteering community informed as to developments.

Garry Morrison thanked everyone for attending the AGM

Ian Bratt (BIG5) thanked the SAOF outgoing Management Committee members as well as the ongoing members for all their time and effort