

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MASTERS WATER POLO ASSOCIATION, HELD AT NEWLANDS SWIMMING POOL, CAPE TOWN, ON WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH 2003

IN ATTENDANCE:

AS PER THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER

1. WELCOME

The Chairman, Mr Neville Clarence, welcomed all persons attending the Annual General Meeting and extended a vote of thanks to the host province for arranging the 2003 South African Masters Water Polo Championships.

2. APOLOGIES/ ATTENDANCE

2.1 Vaughan McClaren tendered his apologies

2.2 Attendance was as per the attendance register attached hereto.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATED 20TH MARCH 2002

3.1 There being no matters arising were proposed by Paul Semple of KZN and seconded by Mike Renwick from Gauteng.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4.1 As tabled, copy annexed hereto.

4.2 There being no matters arising acceptance was proposed by Paul Semple of Gauteng and seconded by Eddie Wepener of Easterns.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

5.1 As tabled.

5.2 Issues arising from the financials:

5.2.1 10 Year costumes:

- 73 in stock before the tournament.
- Approximately 40 will be left after awarding costumes at the tournament.
- The specified colour of the costumes may not be the same in new batches.
- Neville Clarence purchased all remaining items, therefore, increased stock holding.
- Cost of the costumes is between R75 and R80 each.

5.2.2 Trophies:

- Needed to replace a trophy which was taken home by one of the Croatian players.
- This necessitated the acquiring of miniature trophies for distribution to winning teams.
- The reported cost (R830) is well below the actual cost, which was reduced by donations from various clubs and individuals.
- Donations received from:
 - The late Alan Dickie's family
 - Keith van der Spuy
 - Central Gauteng who donated a trophy on behalf of John Wells

5.2.3 Income:

- Does not include the R30 per player from this tournament.
- The Croatian side had and one of the Gauteng sides had not paid as yet.

5.3 Acceptance was proposed by Ian Hamilton of SWD and seconded by Mike Renwick of Gauteng.

6. SOUTH AFRICAN MASTERS WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004

6.1 Jamie de Jager of Border put a strong bid in for the tournament to be held at East London.

6.2 Floodlights have been added to the pool thereby allowing games to be played over a longer period.

6.3 Border advised that the SA Masters Swimming tournament is due to be held in East London and this would dovetail very well with SA Masters Water Polo tournament.

6.4 The tournament would be held the weekend after the Argus cycle tour.

6.5 A potential problem may be the availability of flights in-and-out of East London.

6.6 Proposed dates for the tournament need to be resolved.

6.7 Border indicated that they would be able to secure more favourable sponsorship for the event if they were able to secure the rights to stage the tournament for two consecutive years.

6.8 A business plan as to the viability of staging the tournament for two years in East London would have to be submitted to Neville Clarence for consideration within six months of the end of this year's tournament – end September 2003.

- 6.9 SWD indicated that they would be interested in staging the next SA Masters Water Polo tournament in Knysna after Border's tenure had lapsed.
- 6.10 Everyone was in favour of East London as the next venue – for a one-year period.

7. NOMINATIONS FOR NEW OFFICE BEARERS

7.1 The following members were elected: -

Executive

Neville Clarence	-	Chairman	
Ian van Zyl	-	Secretary	
Vaughan McClaren	-	Treasurer	Ralph Heath (understudy)

Representatives

Central Gauteng	-	Ralph Heath
Western Province	-	Neville Davies
South Western Districts	-	Malcom Ausling
Border	-	Athol Trollip
Eastern Province	-	Rob Rowles
Natal	-	Paul Semple
Northerns	-	Gavin Robertson
Easterns	-	Chris Beale
Zimbabwe	-	Rob Beare

7.2 Updated details of provincial representatives are attached hereto.

8. GENERAL

- 8.1 Neville Clarence stated that any recipient of a 10-year costume award may purchase additional costumes.
- 8.2 Neville Clarence introduced a once-off 15-year loyalty award, which would be award to those members who had a 100% attendance record at all previous SA Masters Water Polo tournaments.
- 8.3 Memorial Trophy:
- Paul Semple informed everyone that the Des Foster Memorial Trophy was designated to hold the names of deceased players.
 - This action had fallen behind and would need to be rectified by the next tournament.
 - Action: Masters Executive.
- 8.4 Neville Davies indicated that spot awards / random awards would be done throughout the tournament.

- 8.5 The disciplinary committee would consist of:
- Neville Davies
 - Neville Clarence
 - Wally Voges
- 8.6 Selectors for the various age groups would rest with the local committee and hosting province.
- 8.7 New Age Groups:
- Neville Clarence informed everyone that there was only one side that officially qualified in the over-25 age group.
 - It would take a while for the new age group sections to filter through the system.
 - Certain teams complained about their seedings. Notification was sent out early and they had time to respond to the seedings.
 - Neville Clarence stressed the importance of feedback from the Provincial representatives.
- 8.8 Neville Davies reminded all present of the strict discipline in forced at Newlands pool and asked all members to ensure that their players adhere and respect this.
- 8.9 A concern was raised over the web site. Ian van Zyl to address this issue with John Wells and Neville Clarence.
- 8.10 The SA Masters Games are due to be held in Pretoria from 11th – 19th October 2003. Attached please find a copy of the minutes from the first meeting that Ian van Zyl attended. Those interested can contact Gavin Robertson, the Northerns representative.
- 8.11 Next years Masters fees have been set at R30.00 per player.
- 8.12 Trophy winners – see attached schedule.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 9.1 The date of the next Annual General Meeting is to be arranged.

10. CLOSURE

- 10.1 There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 19h15.

CHAIRMAN

DATE