

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MASTERS WATER POLO ASSOCIATION, HELD AT SELBOURNE OLD BOYS CLUB, EAST LONDON, ON FRIDAY 19TH MARCH 2004

IN ATTENDANCE:

AS PER THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER

1. WELCOME

- 1.1 The Chairman, Mr Neville Clarence, welcomed all persons attending the Annual General Meeting.
- 1.2 Before extending a vote of thanks to the host province for arranging the 2004 South African Masters Water Polo Championships, Mr Clarence called for a minute's silence in memory of Arthur Gower who passed away in Bulawayo on Tuesday before the games.

2. APOLOGIES/ ATTENDANCE

- 2.1 Vaughan McClaren tended his apologies.
- 2.2 Zimbabwe representatives tended their apologies.
- 2.3 Attendance was as per the attendance register attached hereto.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATED 19TH MARCH 2003

- 3.1 There being no matters arising were proposed by Eddie Wepener of Easterns and seconded by Rob Rowles from Eastern Province.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 4.1 As tabled, copy annexed hereto.
- 4.2 There being no matters arising acceptance was proposed by Eddie Wepener of Easterns and seconded by Mike Renwick of Central Gauteng.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

- 5.1 Mr Vaughan McClaren has indicated that he will stand down as Treasurer.

5.2 In so doing, he has confirmed the following financial information with Mr Neville Clarence:-

5.2.1 Balance in Account was R11,559 favourable as at 19 March 2004.

5.2.2 Expenses incurred during the year totalled R1,048.

5.3 Issues arising from the financials

5.3.1 Expenses included:

- 50% cost of Mr Neville Clarence's air ticket to attend the Board Meeting of SA Masters Water Polo Association held in East London on 27th February 2004.
- The replacement of miniature trophies for the 2004 tournament.

5.3.2 Sufficient stock exists of 10 Year costumes.

5.3.3 No donations were received during the financial year.

5.3.4 Income:

- The current cost of R30 per player payable by the host province was still in effect.
- However, since the SA Masters Water Polo Association is not a money-making business, Mr Neville Clarence suggested that the host province determine what cost per player they would submit after accounting for the 2004 tournament.

5.4 Replacement of the Financial Officer for SA Masters Water Polo Association.

5.4.1 As mentioned earlier, Mr Vaughan McClaren is unavaibale to serve as financial officer for the SA Masters Water Polo Association.

5.4.2 Mr Neville Clarence suggested that he would take over the banking details of the Association because very few financial transactions are done during the course of the financial year and these transactions may be conducted via internet banking.

5.4.3 Mr Clarence informed everyone that all financial transactions would be audited by an independent auditor who would check the authenticity of the data and ensure that correct account principles are adhered to.

5.4.4 Everyone was in agreement with this.

5.5 Acceptance was proposed by Mike Renwick of Central Gauteng and seconded by Charl Wessels of Border.

6. NOMINATIONS FOR NEW OFFICE BEARERS

6.1 The following members were elected: -

Executive

Neville Clarence	-	Chairman
Ian van Zyl	-	Secretary
Neville Clarence (ref: 5.4.2-4)	-	Treasurer

Representatives

Central Gauteng	-	Ralph Heath & Mike Renwick
Western Province	-	Neville Davies & Gerry Croxford
South Western Districts	-	Malcom Ausling & Malcom Butlin
Border	-	Charl Wessels & Jamie de Jager
Eastern Province	-	Rob Rowles & A.N. Other
Natal	-	Mike Samuel & Colin Woodcock
Northerns	-	Gavin Robertson & Carl Dyason
Easterns	-	Chris Beale & Eddie Wepener
Zimbabwe	-	Rob Beare & Warrick Smith

6.2 Updated details of provincial representatives are attached hereto.

7. SOUTH AFRICAN MASTERS WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004

7.1 Three bids were submitted for consideration. They were:-

- Easterns to host at Boksburg
- SWD to host at Knysna
- Border to host at East London

7.2 The Easterns bid:

7.2.1 Boksburg would host the tournament at their indoor pool.

7.2.2 The pool would set up so that two (2) games could be played simultaneously. The same setup as in 1996 when Easterns last hosted the tournament.

7.2.3 Games could start early and end late as there was no problem with lighting or weather conditions.

7.3 After discussing the Easterns bid at length, the following criteria was laid down for consideration for hosting future SA Masters Water Polo tournaments:

7.3.1 The maximum number of days over which the tournament is to run should not exceed three (3) days.

7.3.2 The proposed venue should have three (3) or more pools capable of playing water polo in – preferably all at the same venue.

7.3.3 Each game length should consist of two (2) twelve minute chukkas with a one to two (1-2) minute break between chukkas. The total duration of a game should not exceed thirty (30) minutes.

7.4 The SWD bid to host at Knysna:

7.4.1 SWD proposed hosting the tournament approximately three to four (3-4) weeks earlier to combat the cold water conditions.

- 7.4.2 Mr Neville Clarence commented that by earlier hosting of the tournament, they could not guarantee warmer water.
- 7.4.3 Mr Neville Davies stated that there are other large regional and national tournaments that are held around the earlier proposed dates. These included the Cape Argus cycle race, the Midmar Mile, and the 94.7 Cycle Challenge to mention a few.
- 7.5 The Border bid to re-host at East London:
- 7.5.1 East London would be able to show case corporate exposure.
- 7.5.2 Their facilities have recently been upgraded and now boast lighting at all pools.
- 7.5.3 They suggested hosting the tournament over the same period next next.
- 7.6 Voting.
- 7.6.1 Prior to voting, Easterns withdrew their bid based on the limitation of a two (2) pool venue.
- 7.6.2 Easterns asked if they re-submit a bid, could they propose using either Boksborg Lake or Cinderella Dam.
- 7.6.3 Mr Neville Clarence suggested that all proposals would be considered – even if the venue was not a formal swimming pool.
- 7.6.4 Votes were cast and the results recorded as follows:
- East London (Border) Five (5) in favour
 - Kynsna (SWD) Three (3) in favour
 - Abstentions One (1)
- 7.6.5 Thus the 2005 SA Masters Water Polo Championships will be hosted by Border in East London.
- 7.6.6 The Border organisers for the 2005 Masters tournament are Steve Haynes and Nick Kitsopolous.
- 7.6.7 Contact details are: Steve Haynes shaynes@intekom.co.za 082-490-1042
Nick Kitsopolous 043-748-3333

8. GENERAL

- 8.1 Mr Neville Clarence stated that the criteria for hosting the SA Masters Water Polo championships would be reviewed and voted on each year.
- 8.2 The 25+ section.
- 8.2.1 This year there were only four (4) teams that submitted entries into the 25-35 section.

- 8.2.2 In order to give these teams games over the tournament, the 35+ “A” section would be merged with the 25-35 section.
- 8.2.3 The new combined group would be split in two and a round robin format would be applied.
- 8.2.4 Points are to be awarded on the basis of the original submission (25-35, or 35+ “A”). The results of cross divisions would not influence the standings in the original sections.
- 8.2.5 A suggestion was put forward to abolish the 25+ section in favour of two sections: an under-30 and an over-30 section.
- 8.2.6 The results of the vote are recorded as follows:
- In favour of retaining the 25+ section Six (6) in favour
 - Against retaining the 25+ section Two (2) not in favour
- 8.3 Mr Charl Wessels stated that the start times indicated on the programme are to be adhered to and not the times as published on the internet.
- 8.4 Memorial Trophy. (carry over from 2003 AGM minutes)
- 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 – Mr Neville Clarence
- 8.5 No disciplinary committee was defined.
- 8.6 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 19h00.

CHAIRMAN

DATE

Attendance Register:

Chairman	Neville Clarence	Present	
Secretary	Ian van Zyl	Present	
Finance	Vaughan McClaren		Apologies
Border	Charl Wessels	Present	
	Wayne Scott	Present	
Central Gauteng	Mike Renwick	Present	
	Ralph Heath		
Eastern Province	Rob Rowles	Present	
Easterns	Chris Beale	Present	
	Eddie Wepener	Present	
Natal	Mike Samuel	Present	
Northerns	Gavin Robertson	Present	
	Carl Dyason	Present	
SWD	Malcom Aushling	Present	
	Malcom Butlin	Present	
Western Province	Neville Davies	Present	
	Shaun Povey	Present	Stand-in for Gerry Croxford
Zimbabwe	Rob Beare		Apologies
	Warrick Smith		Apologies