

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MASTERS WATER POLO ASSOCIATION, HELD AT KINGS PARK POOL, DURBAN, ON FRIDAY 17TH MARCH 2006

IN ATTENDANCE:

AS PER THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER

1. WELCOME

1.1 The Chairman, Mr Neville Clarence, welcomed all persons attending the Annual General Meeting.

2. APOLOGIES/ ATTENDANCE

2.1 Gavin Robertson & Carl Dyason - Northerns

2.2 Mike Renwick & Antonio Lopes - Central Gauteng

2.3 Colin Woodcock - Natal

2.4 Attendance was as per the attendance register attached hereto.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATED 18TH MARCH 2005

3.1 There being no matters arising were proposed by Neville Davies of Western Province and seconded by Rob Rowles from Eastern Province.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4.1 No electronic copy available.

4.2 There being no matters arising acceptance was proposed by Rob Rowles of Eastern Province and seconded by Neville Davies of Western Province.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

5.1 Neville Clarence presented the treasurer's report.

5.2 The financial report was still at the auditors being finalised, however, the salient points are:

5.2.1 Expenses included:

- Replaced one set of caps.

5.2.2 Income:

- There was a very late (previous week) payment from Border for the 2005 Masters tournament.
- Provinces were reminded that they should not leave tournament payments to such a late degree.
- SA Masters are in a sound financial state and thus could absolve Border's late payment.

5.3 Future expenses

- Need to replace the other two sets.
- The old sets that have been replaced will be donated to a worthy school.

5.4 Acceptance was proposed by Mike Samuel of Natal and seconded by Steve Douglas of SWD.

6. NOMINATIONS FOR NEW OFFICE BEARERS

6.1 The following members were elected: -

Executive

Neville Clarence	-	Chairman (*)
Ian van Zyl	-	Secretary
Neville Clarence	-	Treasurer

Representatives

Central Gauteng	-	Ralph Heath & Deon Willis
Western Province	-	Neville Davies & Emile Furno
South Western Districts	-	Steve Douglas & Craig Nancarrow
Border	-	Michael Ryan & Stanley Kircher
Eastern Province	-	Rob Rowles & Howard Robertson
Natal	-	Mike Samuel & Colin Woodcock
Northerns	-	Gavin Robertson & Carl Dyason
Easterns	-	Chris Beale & Lynton Keel
Zimbabwe	-	Rob Hammond & Warrick Smith

6.2 Neville Clarence (*) indicated that the 2006-2007 term would be his last as he had now been in the chair for 10 years.

6.3 At the 2007 AGM, a new chairman will have to be selected and provinces were asked to consider who they would propose for this role.

6.4 Updated details of provincial representatives are attached hereto.

7. SOUTH AFRICAN MASTERS WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007

7.1 Criteria for hosting SA Masters was again emphasised

- Ideally three (3) pools at the same venue.
- Venues satisfying the above are Durban, Cape Town, East London & Knysna.

7.2 Neville Davies (Western Province) stated that they had not discussed the option of hosting the 2007 SA Masters and thus would not be submitting a bid.

7.3 Two bids were considered.

- South Western Districts to host at Knysna.
- Border to host at East London

- 7.4 East London bid proposal. (Done in abstention. Border arrived after the award had been done)
- 7.4.1 Neville Clarence stated that East London have gained experience from past Masters tournaments and that they have always put up a good tournament.
- 7.4.2 SA Masters is satisfied that they are capable of hosting the 2007 tournament.
- 7.5 South Western Districts bid proposal
- 7.5.1 Knysna cannot control the temperature of the water and as thus it is not seen as an issue.
- 7.5.2 Fifty five (55) kids in the Knysna area have started to play water polo who are trained and assisted by SWD Masters players.
- 7.5.3 SWD have the backing of the Knysna Tourism Department as well local restaurants and establishments in the area to host the tournament.
- 7.5.4 The restaurant owner of 34° South is supportive of the bid but has some concerns with what happened in 2001.
- 7.5.5 SWD promise a better tournament than in 2001.
- 7.5.6 Issues / Queries from Provincial representatives
- Neville Davies – Western Province
- Overall happiness of all the players - playing conditions were not the greatest.
 - What do the players get out of it?
 - Knysna is at the wrong end of the world.
 - Wish to note the sacrifice of water temperature.
- Neville Clarence – Central Gauteng.
- CG have a quorum from their players to support SWD.
 - CG will in all essence submit thirteen (13) teams.
 - Need a break from East London.
- Ian van Zyl – Eastern Gauteng.
- Some players ended up with ear, nose & throat infections from the water.
 - Request that restaurants cater for late revellers.
- Mike Samuel – Natal.
- If the weather turns bad, Knysna is not a happy place.
 - Emphasise that it must then be a good Masters tournament.
- Warrick Smith – Zimbabwe.
- Limited spectator visibility.
- 7.6 Voting.
- 7.6.1 Knysna – in favour 6, against 2
- 7.6.2 East London – no votes

7.6.3 Thus, by majority vote, the 2007 SA Masters Water Polo tournament will be hosted by South Western Districts in Knysna.

7.6.4 SWD to supply dates of the 2007 tournament.

8. GENERAL

8.1 Zimbabwe asked for a possible extension to host the tournament over three (3) days instead of two (2) for a venue with only two (2) pools.

8.1.1 Neville Clarence stated that Zimbabwe should do the calculations and submit a proposal for consideration.

8.2 Age groupings.

8.2.1 The 25, 35 and 45 age groups adopted in 2003 has not faired very well as was evidence in the lead up to the 2006 tournament.

8.2.2 A proposal was put forward to re-align the age groups to over 30, over 40 and over 50 year groupings.

8.2.3 Easterns raised the problem of the *quality* of players available to play in the different age groups.

8.2.4 The standard age grouping rule would still apply:- the average age of the seven (7) youngest players in a team will determine which section they qualify to play in.

8.2.5 If a team felt that they could not play in that section due to the *quality* of their players, they could make a request to the tournament organisers to be accommodated in another section.

8.2.6 The tournament organisers in conjunction with the SA Masters chairman would consider the team's request to be accommodated in another section and advise them of the outcome.

8.2.7 Voting on the over 30, over 40 and over 50 age groupings

- In favour 9
- Against 0
- Abstentions 0

8.2.8 The 2007 tournament would adopt the new age groupings of over 30, over 40 and over 50.

8.3 The disciplinary committee would consist of:

- A provincial representative – not the province(s) involved
- The chairman of SA Masters Water Polo
- The referee from the game concerned

8.4 The Paul Semple Shield of deceased players was to be updated. Provinces to please forward via email the names of deceased players to John Wells (janputte@gmail.com) for inclusion on the web site.

8.5 Neville Clarence thanked John & Marilyn Wells for all their hard work in setting up and maintaining a great web site in leading up to the 2006 tournament.

- 8.6 Natal have arranged for an official photographer to take photos during the tournament. Please visit their website for details www.bigdot.co.za
- 8.7 Referees for the games would be nominated as follows:
- 8.7.1 Referees are to come from the water (players) – ideally the previous game.
- 8.7.2 It was stated the game should be refereed at the level that the game is played at – not at International level but rather at Masters or club league level.
- 8.7.3 The game must be refereed within the FINA rules of the game – but keeping with the spirit of Masters.
- 8.7.4 The hosting province would provide referees for the first event.
- 8.8 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 19h30.

CHAIRMAN

DATE

Attendance Register:

Chairman	Neville Clarence	Present	Neville.clarence@wyndev.co.za
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