



**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON FRIDAY 7
JANUARY 2022**

1. Welcome

The president welcomed the members.

2. Present and apologies

Present:

Mike Stafford – President

Rhea Morar – Deputy-president

Louise Lombard – Secretary General

3. Treasurer

A moment's silence was called by the President for our recently deceased colleague, Treasurer Tony Rademeyer.

We arranged for flowers to be sent to Tony's wife on behalf of the federation and are awaiting funeral details.

Tony had informed us shortly before his death that we had received our DSAC grant for 2021/2. Thus we do have a positive going into the new year.

The appointment of new Treasurer must be in line with the Constitution. Rhea to study the Constitution in this regard. In the interim, we shall work together to deal with financial issues and applications.



Additionally, Louise has compiled a list of issues, payments due, funds received and the like, which will be added to over time. This should assist with handover to the new treasurer when the time comes.

We have already commenced discussions with the bank and Tony's family in respect of handover of the bank accounts, but unfortunately this may not be a quick process.

4. Development fencer sponsorship

Regarding development fencer sponsorship, provinces are reminded of the existing parameters, summarised:

- Max of 15 fencers per national competition.
- Top 10 national and/or top 3 provincial ranking.
- Economic status to be investigated by the provinces against government housing guidelines.
- Applications 30 days before the competition.

5. EC Open

Arrangements are being made to transport 2 FFSA pistes from KZN to EC for the competition.

After refereeing difficulties at the Cape Open due to insufficient referees or referees turning up late, it is deemed necessary to use Andrei to assist with refereeing, especially of foil and sabre.

Per requests from EC, to meet with their committee and discuss their concerns ahead of the competition. Rhea to liaise with Jessica regarding time and date.

6. Safeguarding Policy

Shortly before the commencement of this meeting, we received the updated Safeguarding policy from the Commission. Legal to assess the policy next, then

back to council for final approval. There is now urgency as SASCO has asked for federations to submit their safeguarding policies.

Once this policy is complete, to begin process for council to nominate and elect the members of the permanent commission in terms of the Constitution and discussions at the 2021 AGM.

7. Referee Training

Having received the DSAC grant, we have R30 000 for referee training. To utilise local FIE referees for this to stretch the money further.

To survey provinces as to their needs eg zoom vs in person, which weapons, fencer knowledge vs national referee certificate.

8. Junior African Championships

We have still not received any formal documents about this competition and are concerned that the time frame is becoming tight. Louise and Mike are using their various CAE contacts to chase this down and voice our concerns.

Question of sponsorship of PDI fencers to this competition – we have received recommendations from the Team Management & Coaches Commission of Tshepo Phakisi and Mpho Mohlala. We accept these recommendations subject to a costs calculation being received and the fencers urgently obtaining their passports. To be further discussed as information becomes available.

It appears that Patrick Collings will need to be Team Manager due to the larger than previously expected size of the team and the anticipated difficulties with Nigerian authorities and the business of the competition itself. We thank him for his continual service.

9. GFA

The judgements have been drafted and should be distributed in the next week or so. Thereafter we hope to move GFA to an AGM.

10. Previous minutes

We accept comments from Patrick Collings regarding the selection policy. We simply intended to enquire as to his possible involvement in the drafting of the amendments to the policy. However, as per checking of the zoom recording of the meeting, the SG was assigned this task and has subsequently done this and sent to Legal. Exco apologies to Patrick Collings and the NTMCC for incorrectly capturing, in the minutes of 13 November 2021, that they had declined to be involved in the drafting of the Policy and for not clarifying that the task had not been assigned to them upon checking of the Zoom recording.

11. Social media posts

We have received a formal request by Dr. Tyshler to approve a post including a video of Tony discussing his pistes. As this appears more of a business promotion than a memorial the post will be declined out of respect for Tony's family.

12. Selection policy

Rhea is working on this for Legal and will be able to distribute to council shortly.

13. Close

Next meeting to be scheduled later in the month.