



**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON FRIDAY 17  
SEPTEMBER 2021**

**1. Welcome**

The president welcomed the members.

**2. Present and apologies**

Present:

Mike Stafford – President

Rhea Morar – Deputy-president

Louise Lombard – Secretary General

Tony Rademeyer – Treasurer

**3. KZN Open**

Most provinces have finally supplied their referee lists. Mike to liaise with those outstanding.

Last minute chasing of printers, test equipment etc in hand.

Rhea has received a request from Neill Bester of ProMotion to Livestream the event. We have agreed, subject to certain conditions:

1. Streaming of any particular bout will stop/not commence, as applicable, if asked to by the parent of any minor or by an adult who does not wish to be identified on video.
2. It has been agreed that no persons involved in the video streaming will make any derogatory remarks on video about the fencers.
3. The video streaming is solely for educational and entertainment purposes and FFSA renounce any liability for the contents thereof.



4. The streaming video has nothing to do with refereeing and will not be consulted on refereeing decisions.

Such conditions would apply to any private video at competitions.

These shall be distributed with the final schedule on Monday next.

#### **4. PDI Sponsorship**

We have received a last minute application for PDI sponsorship for the KZN Open in respect of Christel House fencers. There is precedent for these fencers to attend, thus we will support the application, however, this will leave limited funds for the December competition.

It is difficult to plan and/or assist provinces and fencers with these costs when applications are dealt with piecemeal. Going forward, we request that the applications for sponsorship be as follows:

- Must be received no later than 1 month before the date of the competition.
- A single, clear, properly budgeted and motivated application to be received per province.

#### **5. NPO registration**

Louise has researched and drafted the change required by the Department of Social welfare and circulated it for Exco discussion. Agreed upon. To set SGM date, 7 days' notice required for council. Very simple agenda of this one item and can be a 5 minute meeting. To liaise via WhatsApp after this meeting to confirm availability for weekend starting 30 September 2021.

#### **6. DSAC Business Plan**

First draft agreed as below, to put to council for discussion. No request for business plan has been received from DSAC yet, but we must be ready.

- 1) Admin – R100,000
- 2) Domestic competition support – R150,000
- 3) Overseas competition support – R80,000
- 4) Coaches training – R50,000

- 5) Coaches support (other than training) – R80,000
- 6) Replacement blades for PDI fencers – R50,000

Total R510,000

## **7. GFA**

We have finally received formal service of the court documents regarding the administration matter. We shall now proceed to file our Notice to Oppose. We shall also choose attorneys to act on our behalf.

In respect of the suspension, notices of the disciplinary hearing have been served and the process is underway.

Gennady Tyshler has enquired about nomination to the FIE Coaching Commission, however as he is suspended, we must wait for this matter to be finalised.

Nominations close after the scheduled date of the disciplinary matter, so there can be no prejudice in this respect. Tony wishes to record that he objects to this wait and considers it unnecessary.

## **8. Wheelchair fencing**

Louise met virtually with the CEO of Wheelchair Sport and they would like to start slowly with an educational seminar for all levels of SA Fencing where they educate us about wheelchair fencing. This seminar would be at IWAS cost, and there is potential for sponsorship of a wheelchair athlete to Commonwealth 2022. Agreed to take baby steps forward.

## **9. Awards**

Louise raised the issue that we used to have an awards dinner with Senior Nationals where everyone was able to dress up and the old SAAFA trophies were awarded. This was a nice way to recognise the efforts of our fencers, both in national and international arenas. Whilst a dinner may not be feasible going forward, we should find a way to recognise our athletes going forward. All to consider options.

**10. Close**

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for 8 October 2021.