



**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 25
AUGUST 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. Limpopo PDI request

We have received a request from Limpopo regarding the registration of a large number of PDI fencers. Approved. Louise to advise Limpopo of the requirements for PDI registration.

4. Tyshler email

We have received a long email request from Gennady Tyshler requesting that he be nominated for the FIE coaching council. As he is currently suspended, nothing can be done until the disciplinary is finalised. Exco cannot and will not undo a suspension voted by council. Louise to reply to this effect.



5. GFA matters

Rhea informs us that the disciplinary tribunal has been set and communications will be forwarded to the parties shortly. It should be noted that constituting a tribunal has been particularly difficult as legal persons who are outside of these matters and willing to work for free are difficult to find we have all exhausted out contacts.

Per the email to council, we are most disappointed to note that Chris Mostert has instituted an application out of the Gauteng High Court against the FFSA. He has cited the GFA as the Second Applicant. He seeks to:

1. Declare the FFSA AGM invalid;
2. Obtain an order that bars FFSA from having involvement in GFA administration or their AGM and bars an administrator from being appointed
3. FFSA to pay the costs of the legal action

We have sought legal opinion and there are grounds to oppose this. There are several technical points that warrant us opposing the application. Further, certain information was not contained the papers and we will speak to that. Finally, we had every right to appoint an administrator and therefore it was not unlawful as alleged.

We thank the other provinces for their verbal support to oppose this matter.

The various merits of the matter were discussed and shall not be discussed unnecessarily so as to reduce prejudice in this matter.

To investigate our public liability insurance to address the costs in this matter.

6. Competitions 2021

The programme for the KZN Open has gone out and we thank Sonja from Ophardt for her assistance herein.

We have received an offer in writing from Ophardt to make Ophardt competition software available to all of the provinces in South Africa effectively for free under the national license. Provinces can liaise with us to set this up.

7. FIE Equipment

We have received the shipping notice that the equipment is due to arrive shortly. This is a much quicker turn around on previous years of more than 6 months, so we commend the FIE for the new system they have used this year.

8. NPO status

We have received a response from the Department of Social Development regarding our application for registration as an NPO requiring further specifics of the winding up/dissolution of the federation to be included.

Louise to research options to present to council on this point and then a Special General Meeting of council to be called specifically for the purpose and approving this and completing our NPO registration.

9. Close

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for 3 September 2021.