



**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON FRIDAY 29
OCTOBER 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. Website

A number of updates were required to the website to bring it up to date, which were requested either by Louise or the provincial chairs where it was information about their province. Some updates still outstanding, eg Exco and AGM minutes and changes to Exco. Louise to liaise with the provincial chairs to ensure that they are happy with the information about each province and compile a list of required changes. Mike to assist with follow up.

4. Cape Open

The invitation for the Cape Open has been drafted and sent to Patrick for checking and publication.



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The junior event the Friday before shall be run and administered by FWC as an FWX event.

Pursuant to the decision at the last meeting that PDI sponsorship applications be received properly in advance, Tony has already sent out correspondence to the provinces.

5. KZN Open Outstanding issues

5.1 Tony reports a dispute with KZN over claiming of excess development fencer entry fees in the competition financials. Tony has attempted to explain the policy of a maximum of 15 are subsidised by FFSA, others are met by general competition incomes. The decision by council in this respect is clear in the 2019 AGM Minutes: "Propose sponsoring subsidised entry fees for a max of 15 fencers. Based on combination of top 10 national ranking, top 3 provincial and top 1 district rankings. No subsidising of "home" fencers, only travelling. No objections made"

Mike to liaise with Stuart in this regard.

5.2 Tony queried whether there was any resolution regarding a series of emails from Mrs Tarfur ahead of the KZN Open, which inter alia threatened legal action over the changes in the schedule, despite the schedule clearly stating that it was subject to change. We note the clear opposition to these claims from a number of provinces and the statement that it would set a dangerous precedent to have rules and deviate from them. This remains contentious in Exco.

To ensure that the matter is fully ventilated before FFSA becomes embroiled in further legal battles, to obtain opinions from Competition and Athlete's Commissions and share to council for written input as well.

6. Calendar 2022

Rhea reports that the Competition Commission has been hard at work on the calendar for 2022 and are consulting with the Team Management and Coaching

Commission regarding selection cut-offs. It is likely to be published to Exco for initial comment, followed by council for approval in the upcoming week.

7. U23 International Events for selection

We have received a query from the Team Management & Coaches Commission regarding a fencer who wishes to enter an international U23 event and have their points used in the national ranking lists. It is noted that this event will feature much younger fencers from U17 through to senior, so it would be difficult to match like with like to quantify the points. To refer to Athlete's Commission for recommendation, although we largely feel that events should match our re-existing ranking and selection age groups to be substituted in this way.

8. RPL Refund

Despite now 2 years of written and telephonic requests, first from Gunter, then from Louise to the CEO, SASCO has not yet refunded some R43 000 paid for the RPL process, which now falls under SASCA. It was resolved for the President to take this matter up personally with the SASCO President. We were then requested to forward the history in writing to him, which was duly done.

Resolved that if there is no action from 2 weeks of forwarding of the correspondence, then the President shall pursue it again.

To request the Team Management & Coaching commission to put together a budget and/or suggestions on spending on both this money and DSAC funding applied for.

9. Selection policy

Mike to liaise with Patrick in this regard as typically the selection policy is written or amended by the Team Management & Coaches Commission.

10. DSAC

We have attempted to follow up on progress with our DSAC grant, but have received no feedback. We have not heard of other federations receiving feedback either.

11. Competition Commission

It is reported that Mitchum Blakeman has been stepping up as leader within the Competition Commission since the chair was suspended. We are grateful for him to this and would like to formally appoint him as Acting Chair until the Disciplinary matters are finalised. Rhea to discuss with them regarding his availability and capacity to accommodate this.

12. SASCOC AGM

Notice has been received that this meeting is to take place in hybrid form in 20 November 2021. Louise to attend via zoom Mike possibly to attend in person.

13. Close

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for 12 November 2021.