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*Mpumalanga Dressage Meeting OGM Minutes*

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**12 JANUARY 2019**

**VENUE: BADPLAAS FOREVER RESORTS**

**1. ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

- Schulita Koster – President - SK
- Elzabet Mohammed – Vice - EM
- Loura van den Heever - Treasurer - LVH
- Friederika Koep – Development & Transformation - FK

**ORDINARY MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Tracy South – Lowveld Equestrian Club - TS
- Helen Thrush – Ehlanzeni District Club - HT
- Marjorie Greyling – Highveld Club - MG
- Venessa Van Niekerk - Nkangala Club - VVN

**APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

- Sandra Kruger
- Selma Van Den Berg
- Kraai Kamffer

**OBSERVERS**

- James Thrush – Observer – Ehlanzeni Equestrian Club
- Sean Eggerglutz – Observer - Ponderosa Ranch Show Holding Venue
- Liezel Maritz – Observer – attended last 30 minutes of meeting

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**Quorum was met 50% plus 1 Ordinary members present**

**Meeting started 13.20pm**

**2. WELCOME**

SK welcomes everyone

Thanked everyone for coming

Few points for the meeting to move forward

- Voting when taken place raised hand
- Meetings recorded for the minutes



### 3. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- TS – AGM & SGM minutes were sent out
- WhatsApp council group has been compiled for the round robin minutes discussions
  - o WhatsApp round robin discussion document will be passed through SK before we send out to council for record purposes. Internal document.
- HT hasn't received any objections from Enhlanzeni Equestrian Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> by EM
- Previous meeting minutes accepted.

### 4. 2019 MP DRESSAGE BUDGET

- We still have a R12 000 odd of bad debt – has not been written off and DSA is in process of collection of these funds. Budget was sent out that was done together with Pierre & Carol from DSA
- Budget presented was a 15 month budget
- LVH sent budget to all council for input and was then sent to DSA for approval.
- Budget was accepted by DSA
- HT required a copy of budget sent & HT requested prior years to compare - all was provided in meeting
- LVH explained that the system is great - Treasurer is able to see all transactions – Treasurer can pull up invoices or monies spent by the province so if any transactions get questioned – the system allows to see who signed for it and for what purpose.
- HT – noted that there is a reduction in income for 2019
- LVH explained - DSA 60 / 40 % has changed to 40 / 60% as DSA is taking national development costs as well as more costs involved for the DSA challenge.
- HT noted the change is huge.
- LVH agreed but explained DSA is subsidising national funds on a project to project basis and the weight of these costs won't be on the provinces individually so the expenses even themselves out and would be a benefit to the provinces to have bigger development funds available with the province utilising a National pool of funds.
- Council to note that 25% of past years' expenditure should be put in a non distributable reserves account as per the constitution

### 5. TEAM SELECTION SUB COMMITTEE

- Team Selection document was sent out to council for input
- Sandra was the only input received before the meeting. Team Selection committee to look at her input on the final document for more details on specifics – Sandra agreed to team selection criteria to be introduced.
- LVH Proposed – All the clubs to propose a person for this team selection subcommittee – clubs given 7 days from today. TS will send out a nomination form for team selection selector's nominations
- Council decided that it would be fair if there is 1 rep per club to be voted in to be selectors.
- MP Dressage Secretary to be the convenor.
  - Was concern if there was more than 2 reps per district it would make subcommittee top heavy so was decided 1 rep per district.
  - We don't have selector options in MP that are not connected to clients or riders for conflict of interest.
  - Selectors would require to excuse themselves when it comes to members that cause conflict of interest and the remaining 2 selectors will vote on behalf of the nomination for those members team placement.
  - Selectors would require to sign a conflict of interest agreement.

Team Selection criteria document was discussed with those present – Accepted by council

- 2<sup>nd</sup> by EM



#### 6. MP DRESSAGE 2019 CALENDAR

- All venues happy with dates submitted in the Lowveld Venues with Fiona Ross.
- Stunoverian submitted a date to be added for Dressage to Music Show
- Date accepted was 18 – 19 May 2018 with no clashes

#### 7. MP DRESSAGE SERIES

Require to let riders know clearly in the start of the year of what is required for the dressage series

- Didn't find compulsory events worked in favour of the series as we lost a lot of riders when they missed a compulsory
- All dressage events in MP would count towards the series
- Results from each show to be sent to secretary to keep an updated score card of how the riders are ranking in the series. This keeps riders excited about series and will encourage to complete.
- Top 3 score for the year will be averaged for a final score
- Rider's parents were concerned about being forced to travel to be part of the series.
- Economically travelling is difficult
- Use full year dressage calendar shows
- FK suggested to brain storm with SHB to better ideas and draws to make series be more attractive to riders.
  - Decided to have a round robin to get input from SHB and finalise ASAP to start off the year.
  - Set the perimeters of how the MP Dressage Series will follow for the year to inform riders to not swop and change as we lose riders interest.
  - Need an answer by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019
  - MP Dressage series would be used for Team Selections as all scores are recorded.

#### 8. MP DRESSAGE CHAMPS

- **Date finalised – 18-21 July 2019**
- MP Dressage Council offered help MG where needed.
- So if she requires help we all here

#### 9. MP DRESSAGE FUND RAISING & SUPPORT

- TS proposed – Having supporter / team clothing dressage riders that can be purchased with a small mark up and the profits made can go towards our Team riders expenses going to champs
- EM – will take charge of getting supporters / team clothing together.
- Need a separate clothing range for supporter and a separate range for teams
- SK proposed – Printing Dressage Diaries – costings would need to be established
- LVH Proposed we allocate budget to teams going to SA Champs
- Fred proposed we come up with a fund raising that each SHB can do at the Dressage shows that can be added to the MP teams going to SA champs
- EM proposed a raffle and each SHB would get a booklet to sell.
- Council would try contact sponsorships prizes for this raffle
- SHB would need to sign a contract that they accept responsibility for the number of tickets they take to sell.



#### **10. MP DRESSAGE SHB VENUES**

- TS – Previously MP Dressage relied on Show Jumping venue reports.
- Suggested that council establish a criteria on what is required and have dressage venues send separate reports that are more specific to dressage and dressage needs as the Show Jumping reports don't go into detail enough for the requirements of Dressage.
- It was suggested that it is outsourced to an individual who is not paid or connected to any of the venues, but has a wealth of knowledge on what is required for a dressage. Oom Jaap was suggested as he knows multi disciplines so venues don't have to get multiple individuals to cover the different requirements.
- MP Dressage council wanted to compile a contact list of all MP Dressage Venues.
- TS - Emailed DSA for a form for Dressage grading criteria – waiting for Debbie to reply with document that was being compiled.
- FK – suggested Surveys get sent to riders after dressage events on feedback from riders on venues. As they are the end point of who needs to be happy at MP Dressage events.
- SK – will take it on that a survey get sent out the Monday of the show to get feedback.
- A mail will be sent out to members to expect to fill in a quick survey so they aware that there is a direct reporting platform available to them for any problems a venue is having from a riders perspective. Surveys to be anonymous
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#### **11. MP DRESSAGE PORTFOLIO GOALS AND BUDGET REQUIREMENTS 2019**

- Portfolio goals & budget requirements are to still be emailed to council to discuss.
- Hadn't received any portfolio goals from current portfolios holders for the meeting
- National Development programs now supported by DSA national funds. They have some great programs in the pipe line with more funding available to run these national programs.

#### **12. SUBMITTED MOTIONS RECEIVED FROM CLUB MANDATES- Club motions from EDEC**

- Club representatives are reminded that motions must be submitted as Club approved mandates
- Motions submitted by EDEC did not attach club mandate – council agreed to answer all club questions. In future for all motions to be accompanied by club mandate from members.
- Motion Submitted: EDEC. See attached notice of motion Inc meeting answers.

#### **13. MP DRESSAGE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULING FOR 2019**

- LH suggested conference call meetings be held every 2 months
- Round robin communication on a regular basis with council - Club reps to please engage with council on discussions and matters discussed in round robin.
- TS request another physical face to face meeting later in the year as we get through a lot and there are no misunderstandings on issues raised.
- TS will have a look at the calendar and inform Council of next meeting date.
- Clubs to please submit updated Club reps contact details as well as Club Secretary details to ensure communications are received.

TS to consult with schedule and send to council that doesn't clash with shows – was requested that meetings with SJ council stay on same dates as members are similar on both councils and is covenant and cost effective.



#### **14. GENERAL**

- MG – had very exciting news – SANESA and DSA national have decided to run a very exciting program aimed at riders between 10 – 16 years of age. Program is called LEAD.
- Aimed a riders from prelim – elementary level.
- Top 20 riders from 2017 SANESA results will qualify to be part of this program for free.
- Mpumalanga & Limpopo are joined together.
- There will be boot camp programs for each province throughout the year with qualified dressage specialised coaches.
- Rider's private coaches are encouraged to get involved and benefit from the program boot camps.
- Full details to be released soon – MP dressage council was very excited and motivated by the development program as for a small province this is a great opportunity of our riders to get involved in and work towards.

#### **15. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Ts – To be announced.

#### **16. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

Schulita thanked everyone for a productive meeting – a lot of the matters got handled and council & clubs have a better idea of how to move forward together for the benefit of the province.

15h50 meeting closed.

Drive safe see you soon.