

**MINUTES OF THE TUMBLING TECHNICAL ASSEMBLY
HELD AT JONI BACH SPORTS COMPLEX, PRETORIA NORTH
FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2017.**

Andre van der Merwe welcomes everyone and thanks him or her for giving up their time to attend the meeting, especially while the tumblers are warming up. He mentions that he received an apology from Lebo who has not been receiving much assistance from his Province and will only travel down on Saturday with his tumblers. Andre also acknowledges that we have our first ever tumbler from Kwa Zulu Natal taking part in the Gym Games and hopes that this is a positive sign that tumbling in this Province will start to grow. He asks everyone present to please sign the register.

Andre reads through the agenda and asks for approval Mandy proposes and Mariette seconds.

Andre then welcomes Tseko from the SAGF and invites him to present his three SAGF points as shown on the agenda. Tseko says that as we only meet once a year, it's important to make sure that everyone is working to the same plan.

He states that we have a new development manager, Marti. He says that sometimes we are so inward focused, instead of being outward focused and that it is important to draw more people into the sport. He explains that Marti want to relook at the GL course or perhaps incorporate another course before the GL course which is found to be to advanced for school teachers. She also wants to revive reward schemes etc. and interaction will be made with some of the municipalities and government departments to try and align ourselves with what they expect from us.

The Gauteng Sports Department phoned the SAGF to discuss how we can go about this and have started with one of the hubs – Tseko says that if we have government support it will open up doors. He says that schools are limited in what they can offer and that although this is only her 2nd month in the job, she has been thrown into the deep end – She is the manager who will work with all the disciplines development officers and that the 1st event will be a development indaba which will be held on the 21st & 22nd October – He says sometimes we are so focused on HP that we tend to forget about development.

The next item he discusses is the SAGF registration fee which he says we can expect an increase of between 7% to 10%, with the most drastic increase being applied to lifetime membership fees which will now be increased to at least x10 times the category A rate. Tseko says that in the past we needed two registration deadlines, as we used the numbers to determine the voting strength of provinces. He says that as this is no longer applicable and that because the competition season starts earlier for the lower levels that there will be only one registration date set in April. All gymnasts who were previously registered must be registered by this date, or else penalties will be incurred – this will not apply to new members.

Somebody mentions that they have in the past been charged penalties when registering a new member - Tseko suggests that any problems etc. are put in writing when the problem occurs.

His final point was to relay that the SAGF rules and regulations have been updated – and that the new updated copy will be distributed during this month. One of the changes is for trampoline, which has been adapted to allow for the changes incorporated in our committee structure. – Mandy asks why and Cheryl explains districts need finances.

Derrick questions an age group – his question is answered by Van

Andre states that the participation numbers for these years Gym Games are 261 gymnasts for levels and 22 in age groups and 41 doing region 5 trials – he says this is a drop in participation numbers of about 30 gymnasts. It was felt that this was not too bad considering that many of the Gauteng clubs did not send their gymnasts to Gym Games.

Derrick states that there was only one judges course held this year. Andre responds that two were held one in Eastern Cape and one in Western Cape. He says that Districts must apply for a course, the question is asked how many participants must register for the course, Lee states that he will facilitate a course where 5 or more people are entered and that the costs of the course will be dependent on the number of people who attend. Mandy asks why some facilitators charge different rates and Tseko says that the daily rate for facilitators should be standardised. Lee states that only he and Andre can host judges course at the moment, as they are the only ones remaining who were taught how to facilitate a course. Cheryl disagrees and says we need to train up facilitators in each Province and or District – Mandy asks who will be responsible to train up these facilitators and Cheryl says it should be Lee's job, for tumbling.

Lee questions why we sent people who don't judge locally on the FIG international judging course – Andre answers that we sent the highest qualified judges. A debate follows regarding why trampoline paid for two trampoline judges to attend the judging course and yet they aren't present at the Gym Games and aren't available to judge at any local events. Cheryl explains that are away which is the reason they are not available to judge at Gym Games. Michelle states that they do judge at other events such as provincial etc.

Andre asks that coaches adhere to the warm up time and that the higher levels need to submit their competition cards. He states that the tumbling sub committee relooked at level 4 – 8 routines and that once these are sent out that clubs should send in their comments ASAP.

Cheryl asks do the lower level routines have to be so boring and couldn't a voluntary routine be included for these gymnasts. Lee likes the idea but Tseko's recommendations is committee must look at it and be clear about what they want and don't lose the building steps. It is agreed that any proposed changes

will be distributed by the end of November at the latest for comment from the clubs.

Michelle requests that the Africa Champs selection criteria are distributed ASAP, as clubs need to start preparing the gymnasts. Tseko says that the SAGF is struggling to get information, but that it appears that trampoline will be held as early as April in Egypt but that it could also be March – Mandy states that the criteria should remain the same and that it is normally less than what is required for the WAG competition. Cheryl asks Michelle to send her the last Africa Champs criteria, so that the PM can just update it if necessary as she says she doesn't have a copy of file. Michelle agrees to send it.

Michelle states that correspondence is always received just before closing dates and asks if information can't be submitted earlier - Cheryl agrees that the new distribution process is a problem but responds that once the SAGF has released the information that she now send directly to the tumbling and trampoline clubs in the North.

Michelle states that the lack of a Judges manual, training manual & video material is a problem and asked when this will be sent out with new routines, tests, video material etc and asks if a training manual is available, Andre says yes that all this information is available – Michelle asks if she can be trained as a facilitator so she can present courses – Cheryl says she must make arrangements with Lee to attend a facilitators course.

Tseko asks for another word just before closing and explains that the Under 20 Youth Games – started in Angola where tumbling was introduced because Angola had a tumbling floor – He says the next one will be held in Botswana and warns that the Government has stated that they don't want us participating in our normal Region 5 competition when it is the Region 5 Youth Games. Mariette feels that this is unfair as trampoline is not at the Region 5 Youth Games. Cheryl asks if it this Government who has actually requested this or if this is the idea of the SAGF, as she knows that last year in Zimbabwe they were already trying to change the period of hosting. Tseko says that Region 5 does present a challenge financially; Cheryl states that we charge the gymnasts more and more and yet offer them less and less.

Cheryl reminds everyone of the FIG level 2 coaches academy in January – It must still be approved by the FIG – but is on the calendar we next year. Cheryl states that preference will first be given to coaches who qualified first as level one coaches as they have been waiting the longest for a level 2 course. Mandy disagrees and says it should be based on who is producing high level gymnasts or actively involved in the sport. Cheryl and Tseko feel that it is fairer to select the participants based on Cheryl's recommendation then on a grey area, which can't really be determined by anyone.

Andre calls the meeting closed and wishes everyone a successful Gym Games.