

Minutes of the TRA Technical Assembly meeting

held at the Korfball hall in Gezina Pretoria on 3 October 2018 at 18:00

1. Welcome & Overview

Cheryl welcomes everyone and apologies for starting the meeting late due to a prior meeting. She welcomes the SAGF exco and all attendees

Attendance & Apologies -

2. Attendance and apologies

Cheryl asks that all attendees sign the attendance register. No apologies were received

3. Transformation (SAGF EXCO)

Clive:

- we only got 2 approvals according to the 22 assessments
- 22 sections we could not submit data. We need to keep record of all courses and workshops and competition
- Everyone needs to play their role
- Clubs will need to plan for the transformation
- Judging and coaches are the two priority areas that need to be looked at

Tseko

- We are required to set target we will be sanctioned from international events if we do not receive our 50% targets
- SAGF has set a 10-year target
- Team selection: Region 5 (1 in 3) Next year 1 in 2
- For officials and coaches, we need to reach the target of 50% PDI
- Brevet preparation program is required – we need candidates seriously
- FIG will revise their judging policy
- At world championships we will be required to have 1 in 5 and a PDI coach
- Training squads - 40% PDI
- Gym games – provinces must contribute to 20% PDI gymnasts and officials

Adri asks how will SAGF financially help clubs to get the gymnasts to gym games. Tseko says it is the club's responsibility! Adri says competitions are costing the clubs too much and real PDI must be distinguished

Cheryl adds that their club has PDI gymnasts which are fully assisted. Central Gauteng gets Lotto funding and they assist with funding from local to national competitions - provinces need to tap into that source

Dimitry – FIG does not have a quota system? Clubs cannot be expected to do this job for free they rather leave the SAGF then be expected to transform

Derick feels that it is discrimination against the gymnast, the best will not be selected?

Clive, we live in SA, so we have to abide by the countries policy. Furthermore, he adds that we need to think about this or we will not achieve it!!

Elizabeth

- states that with this policy it is only to make this wonderful sport available for 58 million
- Benefit fitness and health and social interaction – just change your mind set – tap into the emerging class – the more business you will get
- SAGF has stated 9 centres in every province and training and getting them involved – these schools will develop the clubs
- Amazing results in 1 year – our discipline must cater for this

Adri asked if the trampoline is involved?

Elizabeth says at this stage it is rope skipping and general fitness that has been introduced and there is a great scope for tumbling to enter this market.

4. TRA Finances

Cheryl gives the balances for the trampoline and tumbling accounts and asks if there are any questions.

Lee states he does not understand the documents submitted to him and wants to see the bank statements in order to have full transparency of the banking accounts – and would like to know how the monies are been spend

Cheryl

- states that the SAGF does not have separate banking accounts for all the disciplines – the SAGF pays out the expenses, collects the income and provides the disciplines with copies of the detailed ledgers.
- Everything is transparent, all information provided in the documents provided.
- Full set of financials is presented at the AGM every year including the TC budgets
- Ask your province for this information they receive it

Clive confirms that this is the working of the SAGF and Lee must request the financials through his province directly from the SAGF

Lee asks if the officials for Gym Games can be subsidised? Clive says that at the SAGF AGM a proposal must be summited.

Lee complains the gym games is held in Gauteng and therefore negatively affects the bank balance of other provinces, Clive explains this is a SAGF decision and nothing to do with the TC.

Level 1,2,3

Cheryl adds that in North Zone the event is well developed and has raised R63 000

Lee complains that SAGF now receives the funds and not the province. How can this be solved – as the smaller provinces are unable to pay for their officials. Cheryl asks if the Eastern Cape supported the Zone event and is advised that only one or two gymnasts competed. Cheryl acknowledges that it is a probem and is not sure of how to solve the problem, other than applying for lotto funding to assist with the transportation of coaches, judges and gymnasts to local competitions.

5. Calendar 2019

SAGF calendar was send out. The TRA dates will be determined at the Indaba on Saturday and will be sent to the SAGF for distribution.

6. High Performance Program & Planning (Tiaan van der Walt)

Tiaan

- Clubs need to look internally at their own structures
- No performance – no funding provided
- African champs no senior synchro, no female senior trampoline participants – even in the junior section – this is a problem
- Senior males won all their sections
- Senior double mini male won gold silver and bronze – these trampolinists are from 2 different clubs and regions which is positive.
- Junior females are needed.
- We are not the only country with concerns about the funding of these teams.
- We need to work on synchro.
- The junior boys did well at Africa Champs – synchro achieved third place
- Onke only just missed out on selection for the youth olympic games
- How do we keep people in the sport? Why are we losing our competitive base?
- There should be training camps - 2 in the north and 2 in the south and one joint one
- 3 - fold training session for coach's judges and competitors
- Trampolinists should be tested (strength/flexibility and skills)

Offering asks who the priority gymnasts are – and what budget is available for them? He feels that athletes are not staying in the sport and that there is favouritism going on and definitely not fair opportunities for all gymnasts?

Tiaan responds that Offering was one of the priority gymnasts! And that the SAGF did support him, despite his constant declining performance.

Lee says the selection criteria does not help the trampolinists qualify. It is pointed out that selection criteria decisions are made in the technical meetings by the committee and is not really a discussion for the general meeting.

The meeting breaks down and Elizabeth steps in and asks that the Members should work together and must listen and respond with respect.

Offering asks who the priority gymnasts are and what is the budget for high performance? Cheryl responds that ranking list has been maintained for the past three years, and that there is only a very small budget for high performance, because fundign income has reduced drastically. She mentions that this is why support for the mass participation programs like the Zone festival should be supported by everyone, but especially those involved in high performance.

Lee complains that the correct trampolinists are not selected?

Cheryl explains that Star beat Onke at the trials. Cheryl reminds Lee that she did talk to him about the selection of Offering, and that he felt as she did – that he had not been jumping or competed in any competitions, so he wasn't included in the team.

Lee says that 3 routines where been used for selection. Double mini no one qualified on that criteria as the criteria is to high and must be changed.

Offering has been struggling with an injury. Gymnasts rehab is not been put into the selection process so that they can be selected.

Dimitri asks what does SAGF want out of international events? Allan explains that the result are very poor and so the SAGF wants to see SA Gymnasts ranking in the top 50% of the field and that the selection criteria must be based on the same. Set the score and live and die by it!!

Clive insist that the Selection criteria must be followed to the t!!! we can not after selection voice our concerns or try to change it. All discipline must submit which competitions you want to go to what is the selection process what is the target to be obtained. Priority gymnasts must also have a selection criteria. And once again set appropriate criteria!

7. Judges & Coaches Training (Judges Dmitry Demianenko & Coaches Lee Budler)

Dmitry reports:

- 2 years ago, was the last time that judges were developed in the country
- On a positive note we had a judge's course – however only 1 in the country
- 25 officials attended 8 passed.
- Courses should be held after Gym games and be held around the country and we need more facilitators this will make it cheaper for all
- Solution we need sponsors for our sport – SAGF confirms that there is not sponsorship at present
- Findings: the portfolio of a TC member should be a paid job as it is a very time-consuming job
- Mark was requested to compile a judge's system to record the coming and goings of all judges
- Course attendees have voiced their frustrations of not receiving certificate after courses
- Dmitry assisted Mark with the problem – the system currently in-use is only compiled for MAG and WAG. It can not differentiation between if you passed double mini and or tramp and the percentage cannot be added. This problem is been looked into and will be resolved before the next course

Cheryl suggests that the certificate be send directly to the individual

- TRA try to generate judges then when competitions are held the qualified judges do not attend?
- It is always the same old judges that are always at the competitions – financially payment for judging needs to be revised
- TRA need to computerize the results and showing of the marks – and marks will be online. Each judge works on a tablet or on their phone. Your name will be linked to the competition and record will be kept

Derick asks will Free State be able to use the same system. Dimitry says yes! the clubs or provinces will be able to rent the system from the developer.

- When putting in your results you can or confirm the result and then when entered it cannot be changed - everyone agrees that this is a fabulous idea. Only problem is children jumping out of order!

Tseko asks that Dmitry please prioritize his funding list

Coaches training (Lee Budler)

- what he has found is that we do not have depth and he believes that it is due to the fact that coaches do not know how to coach.
- Lee has drawn up a manual for all the basic shapes to be taught to beginner coaches. it includes: progressions, common faults, resolutions

Cheryl says that it sounds good and asks will the manual show how to teach each skill and can a video be added?

- Lee will have the manual 1 and 2 ready by the end of November

Allan says the lack of coaches education is the disciplines fault that their skills development courses are not up and running. If you want to improve your qualifications, you need to have more contact by improving and RPL. Everything fits into the system

Dmitry reminds the meeting what the procedure for coaches training is: GL course, then level 1 generic course, folled by a level 1 sports specific. SAGF asks: Why are provinces and disciplines not following the same protocols? Martie Marie is in charge of education and training – Louis courses is not accredited by SAGF. She has 50 facilitators right over the country – there are requests that coaches courses must be bridged before attending FIG 1. SAGF has a paid employee to present and arrange these.

Dmitry adds that trampoline can present TRA workshops and clinics – Disciplines must register their courses online this way coaches will gain points and recognition for this

Adri asks – is the course presented by Louis null and void? Tseko has looked if the course is valid but has to date not received validation yet?

Cheryl thanks Lee and Dmitry for their work and effort

9. Communication protocols

Cheryl insists that all individuals and provinces abide by the SAGF communication protocol

Any queries must be sent via the club to the province to the TC and not cc the SAGF exco!

The TRA TC is responsible to run the discipline. Inhouse fighting is only breaking our sport down and we can agree to disagree – but still remain friends – we need to be mindful of what we say to each other and how we say it - do not point fingers at any one.

11. No points received from provinces

No points were received

12. Questions and Answers

12.1 Lee asks again who are the official owners of the trampolines purchased by SAGF for Indo Pacific? Cheryl says she will ask the SAGF to respond and says that once they have done so, that this matter should not be raised agan. Tseko explains that 9 provinces voted that the trampolines will be given to Helen van der Walt and Tiaan van der Walt (as organisers of the competition). It includes 2 trampolines and 2 double mini and no landing mats. A great amount of thought was given to this matter and then put to the vote. Tseko stated firmly that this case is now finally closed.

12.2 Lee complains that the issue was not made public. Elizabeth explains that the decision was sent to the provinces and that Eastern Cape should have received notification about this decision in June

12.3 Lee states that level 4 should not have competed synchro - Cheryl says she is not sure what happened, she stated that the Gauteng coaches submitted the synchro pairs and is not sure why the error was not picked up at the online entries. She apologises profusely and says she will investigate to see what happened. Her explanation and apology are accepted by the floor.

12.4 Lee complains about the gymnast falling on this mother during Gym Games and the fact that SAGF was not assisting her and that she was affected by this. She has incurred a medical bill of R8000 and wants to withdraw from SAGF. SAGF reply's that if they set a standard, then they would have to be prepared to do this for everyone! They insist that additional sports cover must be taken if gymnasts/coaches have none

Cheryl states that – TRA is a high-risk sport and that safety is a problem – children & officials must sign an indemnity form – the organizers are not held responsible. At gym games SAGF must provide a medic and if hospital is needed then a state hospital must be provided

Tiaan states that SAGF did want to provide the insurance service to all members a year or so ago and that it was rejected by provinces? - Tiaan says he also broke his wrist and never received any reimbursement

Mandy mentions that Mandy Zoonekynd does a lot for the sport but she has no equipment or gym, as it had burned down. Cheryl says that many people in South Africa contributed to assist Mandy's Gym in any way they could.

12.5 Dimitry asks SAGF to assist in getting schools to give gymnasts more recognition for their achievements in our sports?

Elizabeth says we need to open our mind – but wants to ask – we need bigger number in federation and we would like to have bigger club numbers, can we implement gymnastics as a sport where schools give them accreditation?

Tseko – Marthie does understand the everyone in the country must do gymnastics – gymnastics is part of the caps system – this is a big development. Sports and recreation have also recognized that gymnastics is invaluable

12.6 Offering asks – Is there an independent appeal board? Cheryl did include Shirley (Chairperson of Gauteng in correspondance) – she answered Offerings questions and when it seemed as though the conversation was not getting anywhere – She referred the matter to Gauteng, who she says if they felt they needed to take the matter further they could have

12.7 Follow up age group training camp will be held in 30 Nov – 2 Dec at Mat Sport with FIG experts. All must please attend even if you have not attended the previous camps

12.8 Helen requests that Judges need to attend the refreshers course at the beginning of the Gym Games or summit at least an email asking to be excused, as it is a requirement. Mariette v d Merwe mentions that it is necessary to take into consideration that some judges will not be able to be present as they are involved with tumbling and acro which clashes

13. Closing statements

Cheryl thanks all present for a successful year and trusts that in the year ahead that everyone can work together for the good of the sport.