

TUMBLING MINUTES
MONDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2018
MATSPORT CENTRE.

1. Welcome

Michelle welcomes everybody and thanks them for attending and especially the provinces that have travelled from far. She states that she only received credentials from Limpopo and Central Gauteng. She also welcomes and thanks Elizabeth, Tseko, Clive and Allan from the SAGF for attending.

2. Attendance & Apologies

Michelle says she received no apologies and asks Cheryl if she did, Cheryl responds that she didn't.

3. Approval of Agenda

Approved by Belinda Moneron (Gauteng) and Seconded by Leandri Bezuidenhout (Free State)

4. Transformation (SAGF EXCO)

Clive states the transformation plan for the Federation will be presented to the Exco shortly. He points out that based on the forms that are completed and submitted to Sport & Recreation annually that they have only found the Federation to be compliant on 2 sections out of 18. He says it is imperative when we are running competitions and courses that we send the information to the office. He states that the compliance is against the Federation and not a Discipline, which is why everyone must play their part to help us turn these non-compliant sections into compliant sections.

Clive calls on Tseko to further explain. Tseko states that it is imperative to have representation of black African officials at international competitions. He says the department of sport and recreation evaluate us every year and then give us targets – they look at the national population compared to how many are involved in our sport. He says we must give attention to black African as much as Generic Participants and states that Black Africans are prioritized above other groupings. For example at Region 5, African Champs, World Champs one in three must be black (33%) and then 50% for officials. He says that it is important for disciplines to start preparing our black Africans for the Brevet judging courses – the preparation courses should happen not to prepare them to pass and as such should be put into the disciplines calendars and budgets. He says the national squads need 40% black Africans and that they should be identified and invited into the squads – At Gym Games we should have at least 20% in the team, and should have a PDI coach and judge. Clive says he was happy when Mandy mentioned squads – he says this is important. He says the UAG president stated that they were looking at

the judging system, and Clive says he hopes it is changed for the next cycle. Elizabeth excuses herself to get ready for the opening ceremony and thanks Michelle, for coming in half way through the year and with tumbling Gym Games preparations.

Tseko asks if there are questions. Western Cape asks who is going to pay for the PDI gymnasts if they qualify for international competitions such as the region 5 competition, as she feels that there is no way they can get together the money to participate. Tseko says we need to give this matter thought, as finances are always a challenge but that the TC also has to pay attention to their budgets.

5. TUM Finances

Michelle presents a quick statement on the tumbling finances and reminds everybody that the only place where disciplines can raise money, is at the Gym Games and Zone Competitions – which is why we need to focus on these events to make them bigger and better.

6. Calendar 2019

Michelle states that the SAGF distributed the 2019 calendar earlier in the year and that she has included a few of the Gauteng events. She states that the calendar will be distributed earlier this year to ensure proper planning. Allan asks if there is any International events next year, Michelle responds that there is, Allan says that teams must be selected at least a month before the numbers and/or names are required.

Mandy asks why the calendar states that the first trials will be a bid and yet no bid is necessary for the 2nd trials which it stipulates will be held in Gauteng. Cheryl states that due to the poor planning of the trials in Eastern Cape such as the lack of a scorer, no qualified judges etc. – that it will still be discussed and decided going forward if the trials will be held in Eastern Cape. Mandy states that the TC never requested that Eastern Cape does the scoring and questions why this wasn't done on the National computer, Cheryl explains that there is no national computer and that the computer used belongs to Gauteng North, she says that they shouldn't have to request that Eastern Cape attends to the scoring, as it should be obvious, that those hosting the trials should take care of all aspects involved in the planning to run a successful trials. Lee states that Eastern Cape has the majority in the team and that he has a number of PDI gymnasts for who they must find funding, he says only a handful of Gauteng gymnasts attend trials. Clive agrees that the process should be fair. Cheryl points out that for the past three years that one trial has been held in the South and one in the North, but that the suitability of the venue must be taken into consideration, for safety reasons.

New Level 1-3 Program feedback

Michelle asks for feedback from Western Cape, A van der Merwe says no problems were experienced and that they had about 150 gymnasts

participating in the zone challenge. Free State didn't participate in the North Zone, and Eastern Cape states that they only had 8 entries, Michelle states that Gauteng had 71 entries, which was an improvement on the previous years figures – however she did find that the bulk of the competitors were level 2 competitors and says that the Gauteng coaches experienced a problem with parents not wanting to pay full registration fees for only a few elements. Cheryl asks if the routines are too easy, Michelle says this is not the problem, but that the gymnasts just perform too little elements. Michelle says that variety is needed. Mandy says it is too expensive, Cheryl says most disciplines pay the same amount. Michelle says that the level 1-3 must be renewed in the new cycle. Leandri asks for a set approx. date for North Zone and is told that this is scheduled for August.

7. SAGF Agenda Items

7.1 Development Plan

7.2 2019 SAGF Membership Fees

The SAGF membership fees are due on the 31st March – Tseko says there will be an increase of 5 or 10% . Michelle states that clubs must make sure that all gymnasts details online are correct. Elizabeth makes an appeal, that clubs register all their gymnasts even if they are non competitive. Especially as disciplines need funding – Michelle also mentions that the system helps with collecting outstanding club funds

7.3 SAGF Rules and Regulations

Mandy pointed out an error on page 17 – She says she sent this to Michelle and Allan, but not Andre – Michelle says she will have page 17 amended.

8. High Performance Stream

Mandy presents her high performance plan which is on a power point presentation, but points out that it still needs the TC to sit together to fine tune. She feels that the teams should be selected in November & December – and that this should be a provincial selection of approx. 6 boys and 6 girls per age group. She has put together suggested skill requirements for each age group. Mandy says we need consistent gymnasts and not lucky gymnasts but does acknowledge that there is a problem with equipment and venues. Michelle says there have been so many coaches' courses but that not enough coaches attend – Tseko says Region 5, can contribute towards the costs to bring in an outside coach who has experience in all levels.

9. Education & Training (Judges & Coaches)

Lebo states that we should have a facilitator's course, to train up judges in each district or province. Lee agrees and says we must plan. Allan asks if all info will be the same, video's etc., André says they have this information

already. Van to provide a date by the middle of October, to host a facilitator's course in the New Year.

Cheryl reminds Lebo that he needs to put together the information for the skills and routine workshops. Lebo says he has done it. Cheryl asks him to please submit it, so that it can be distributed to all provinces.

Andre reports that he hosted a course in Western Cape and Eastern Cape in 2017 and then one for Gauteng – he says it will be good to have more judges and reminds those present that provinces must apply for courses. Mandy asks if there is a set fee for judging courses, Allan states that there is – Mandy states that she was told by the trampoline facilitator that he could charge what he wanted. Allan says the onus rests with the province to check with the SAGF that they are not being over charged.

10. Points submitted by Districts (On or before 21st September)

Hettie states that the amount of R5500.00 for a proxy judge cost is too high for small provinces. Allan says the solution could be a two-step process; the province could approach someone to judge on their behalf and negotiate a fee. Hettie says that in this case the TC must provide the names of judges; Allan says no, that the problem can't be thrown back to the TC and if it is that they will find a proxy judge for the set fee. Lee states that the smaller districts are battling financially, especially with having to travel every year. Cheryl says the problems are noted which is why no penalty has been imposed on Eastern Cape and neither will it be if Gauteng is able to assist with judges to meet the requirements.

The manual at this point is not in a good state and it's difficult to update, as it has to be changed in a number of places – Each Province must give suggestions of how to streamline the manual, before we start in the New Year. These suggestions must be sent in by the end of November.

Lee – Eastern Cape

Patrick – North West

Tommy - Gauteng

Leandri – Free State.

Regarding the level 1-3 routines - Michelle says that we must be careful of not being monogamous – Lee says he wanted to give coaches freedom to do what they wanted. Mandy says we don't want a million rules – It is agreed that no repetitions will be allowed for any level. tion

11. Closure

Michelle thanks everybody for attending and to the SAGF and to Cheryl for minutes and hopes everything goes well this year and good luck for worlds.