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## AGM meeting held at Evermore Stables on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2018 @ 10:00

### 1. OPENING

1. Jaap Heesterbeek opened in prayer.
2. William Bondesio welcomed all present especially Lida Stander and Susan Steynberg who are the newest Provincial Presidents
3. Thank you to Jaap, Wilma and Neil for hosting RWPHSA
4. Thank you Ronel for admin

### 2. PRESENT / APOLOGIES (see attached signed register)

#### 1. Present

- 1.1. William Bondesio
- 1.2. Dianne Debbo
- 1.3. Jaap Heesterbeek
- 1.4. Wilma Heesterbeek
- 1.5. Neil Dougall
- 1.6. Gary Kemp
- 1.7. Ronel Gillan-Breedt
- 1.8. Tanya Thorp
- 1.9. Tamryn Thorp
- 1.10. Claire Beard
- 1.11. David Beard
- 1.12. Bonnita Bondesio
- 1.13. Lida Stander
- 1.14. Susan Steynberg
- 1.15. Jeanette Keppler

#### 2. Apologies

- 2.1. Alberts family
- 2.2. Carol Greyling
- 2.3. Elize King
- 2.4. Nicole Sanders

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- 2.5. Cheryl McCrindle
- 2.6. Sarah-Jane McCrindle Vermeulen
- 2.7. Steven Vermeulen
- 2.8. Marcia de Bruto
- 2.9. Kathrine Burgess
- 2.10. Gregory Garland
- 2.11. Lizelle Garland
- 2.12. Lynn Muller
- 2.13. Stephanie Stoltz
- 2.14. Michelle Fouche
- 2.15. Marie-Louise
- 2.16. Erna Jacobs
- 2.17. Bridget Vosloo
- 2.18. Lynn Galliers
- 2.19. Adele Pretorius

## 3. CONSTITUTING OF THIS MEETING

- 3.1 16 members of the current paid up 30 members present so all voting will count
- 3.2 We need to get to a point and make final decisions about this discipline
- 3.3 Reining is the pinnacle of Western riding and an Olympic Discipline
- 3.4 What is wrong? Why has the discipline not grown?
  - 3.4.1 Lack of commitment
  - 3.4.2 Devisions between RWPHSA, SAQHA, EETO, NRHA etc.
- 3.5 How can we fix it?
  - 3.5.1 Achievement
  - 3.5.2 Make it available to even the poorest
  - 3.5.3 Make it affordable to all
  - 3.5.4 Make it easily Do-able
  - 3.5.5 Educate the public
  - 3.5.6 Identify our market (hackers, endurance riders, western games, working equitation, schools)

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3.5.7 Make it FUN

3.5.8 More activities like barn dances, clinics etc.

3.6 What attracts the youth?

3.6.1 Dress / attire

3.6.2 More achievable

3.6.3 For all horse breeds

3.6.4 Safer

3.6.5 More do-able, anyone can learn to do it

## 4. LEVELS

4.1 Novice needs to be the most accessible and broad level we offer

4.2 Reining is the pinnacle of our discipline but it is not that easy and not every horse or rider can do it.

4.3 Reining must be run on International FEI rules as is

4.4 Showmanship, Ranch Riding, Horsemanship and Trail must be fun and include going back to grass roots level.

## 5. SAEF

5.1 SAEF cannot force recreational riders to pay memberships

5.2 Recreational riders to pay a day membership fee to Clubs if they want to compete at shows

5.3 SAEF very clear that Development riders are under privileged people and not just people of colour

5.4 The insurance is the motivation point for all riders to join SAEF

5.5 SAEF offers us the opportunity to apply for LOTTO money

5.6 SAEF offers riders the opportunity to compete internationally

5.7 SAEF will offer us the opportunity to get provincial and protea colours

5.8 It was unanimously decided by all present to stay with SAEF

## 6. MISSION

6.1 Grow membership to 100

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- 6.1.1 Old databases
- 6.1.2 Approach non club members
- 6.1.3 Activities like barn dances, fund raisers and clinics
- 6.1.4 Pony Camps
- 6.1.5 Schools
- 6.1.6 Host demos for other disciplines and teachers

6.2 Marketing

6.3 Breeders associations

6.4 Other disciplines (working equitation, western mounted games, hunters hack etc.)

6.5 Club initiatives

6.6 Para Reining

6.7 "Ride and try" to change to "Development classes"

## 7. SHORTAGES

7.1 Marketing

Permission was given by all present to design a standard business card, flyer and to get quotes from web developer to make the site more interactive. Facebook to be updated regularly

## 8. COMMUNICATION

William encouraged all present to not do everything themselves but instead to involve others.

## 9. QUALIFIERS

9.1 Each Club has the opportunity to host their own qualifiers

9.2 Each Club to host 4 qualifiers

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- 9.3 The Provinces must then hold inter-district championships in order to select a provincial team to participate at Nationals.

## 10. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - CRI

- 10.1 RWPHSA + SAQHA must share the sponsorship received as a whole and not just for CRI
- 10.2 RWPHSA cannot afford to pay for the CRI again. Many of the CRI riders did not ride qualifiers at club level so made no contribution to RWPHSA throughout the year.
- 10.3 RWPHSA has committed to a date and will be receiving an invoice from FEI shortly
- 10.4 David suggested a 50% deposit from all who want to compete in the CRI
- 10.5 Riders have to nominate themselves and give notice of their intent to ride in the CRI
- 10.6 Permission was given by all present to send out an urgent communication to all members to notify RWPHSA of their intent to ride in the CRI by no later than 15 February 2018. 50% deposit is to be paid by 31 March 2018. If there is an insufficient number of entries to cover the cost of the CRI, all monies will be refunded in total.
- 10.7 Wilma reported on the progress so far for 2018 Nationals
- The Afridome in Parys has been booked for the 9th, 10th and 11th of August 2018
  - The indoor arena should be accessible to all riders prior to the event
  - Most clubs have had their first qualifiers
  - Clubs should use the same entry forms with just their logo and relevant information
  - Wilma to meet with Ian shortly
  - Wednesday should be clinics for riders, judges, scribes etc.
  - Wilma would like to book Jan Bogaart
- 10.8 "Best rookie of the year" for Novice division suggestion to be evaluated on by Wilma

## 11. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 11.1 Lizelle Garland's letter was read and thoroughly discussed

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- 11.2 One hand in a curb bit will remain the National Standard for RWPHSA
- 11.3 The rule regarding stallions being ridden by youth riders between the ages of 12 and 18 will be revised by the board at the next Board meeting.
- 11.4 Hard hats - William Bondesio read out the letter from Wessel Strauss at SAEF giving permission for the use of Stetsons by persons older than 18 at our National Championships in 2017. SAEF wants all riders to wear hard hats regardless of their age. FEI rule states that Stetsons may be worn by riders old enough to do so. Permission was given by all present for Victoria Conlan to discuss the matter further with SAEF. Diane stated that Dressage riders earn the right to wear a top hat at a certain level and the same should be afforded to the Western Disciplines. All present agree.

## 12. JUDGES REPORT

- 12.1 Elize presented a training clinic. Martie, Bonnita, Lida and Erica attended
- 12.2 Next phase is practical which Elize is organising
- 12.3 Shirley to redo the theory test, but since she has qualified in the past, she can continue to judge
- 12.4 Bonnita recommended that refresher courses be done every 2 years
- 12.5 Wilma suggested that each Judge should judge a specific amount of shows to stay accredited and should be tested every 2 years

## 13. SANESA

- 13.1 Reining was born through SANESA in the Free State
- 13.2 Membership is free
- 13.3 Entry fees are R160 per class (R27 SANESA, R9 Development, R50 ground levy)
- 13.4 Levels are 0 = development, 1 = novice, 4 = intermediate, 7 = open
- 13.5 All entries are paid to SANESA. Budget is to be given to SANESA for the balance of the monies

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- 13.6 RWPHSA has unanimously decided to take hands with SANESA
- 13.7 Nomination forms for the RWPHSA SANESA representative for 2018 - 2019 season
- 13.8 Patterns must stay the same as the Club patterns for the specific levels and not made easier

## 14. PROMOTION VIDEO

- 41.1 needs to be more specific to each class
- 14.2 video voice over needs to be in Afrikaans, English and Zulu
- 14.3 Suggested that Wisdom Sebangá be used as the rider for the Zulu videos
- 14.4 Ronel to get video material from Limpopo and Free State
- 14.5 Complete manoeuvres to be showcased
- 14.6 Reining classes to be kept showcased from Performance classes

## 15. VISION STATEMENT

Diane Debbo to compile the Vision Statement for Board approval

## 16. MISSION

To increase memberships to 100 for this season

## 17. TROPHIES

- 17.1 Certificates and Buckles where suggested
- 17.2 David said costs need to be considered
- 17.3 Permission was granted by all present that Show Committee has the final say on the 2018 trophies.
- 17.4 Claire took it upon herself to collect as many of the floating trophies as possible.
- 17.5 Floating trophies to be revamped and made smaller

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- 17.6 Claire and Tanya will get offcuts of marble for the foot pieces of the new revamped trophies

## 18. UPGRADING BETWEEN LEVELS

### 18.1 Novice to Intermediate if:

18.1.1 A rider and horse combination has ridden Novice 2 years consecutively. In their 3rd year they should move to Intermediate level

18.1.2 A rider and horse combination achieve 1st places for all 4 qualifiers with 3 or more competitors in the class

18.1.3 A rider and horse combination achieves scores above 65 for all 4 qualifiers

18.1.4 Should a horse or rider not have the athletic ability to advance to Intermediate from Novice, a letter of motivation should be addressed to the board for further investigation and consideration.

18.1.5 A rider and horse combination will be allowed to advance from Novice to Intermediate sooner if they are ready to do so

18.1.6 Trainers are only allowed to ride their clients horses in Intermediate for 1 year

### 18.2 A rider and horse combination that has been riding in the Intermediate level should move up to Open when:

18.2.1 A rider and horse combination has ridden Intermediate 3 years consecutively. In their 4th year they should move to Open level.

18.2.2 A rider and horse combination achieve 1st places for all 4 qualifiers with 3 or more competitors in the class

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18.2.5 A rider and horse combination will be allowed to advance from Intermediate to Open sooner if they are ready to do so

## 19. NRHA

- 19.1 David is to establish from NRHA what the ruling would be in South Africa because RWPHSA is already the established Reining body.
- 19.2 David to pursue the proposal of sending Neil Dougall and Julia Stoppel to be accredited by NRHA with the assistance of Steve Ross

## 20. COACHES

- 20.1 SASCOC has set the criteria for Coaches
- 20.2 SAEF is onboard with SASCOC
- 20.3 All trainers need to apply for a licence
- 20.4 All applicants need to be in ASAP
- 20.5 All clubs have to have an accredited Coach
- 20.6 Diane, Lynn Muller and Neil has been appointed as the panel to facilitate and oversee the process
- 20.7 Basic First Aid required
- 20.8 2 tiers of qualifications recognised: RPL (recognised prior learning) or EQASA modules

## 21. JUDGES AND JUDGES TRAINING

- 21.1 Neil to hand in report
- 21.2 Exams will not be held at Nationals
- 21.3 Junior training Judges to start at the age of 25 but younger candidates will be evaluated by the Board

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21.4 Permission has been granted for Junior Learner Judges to participate in the judging system in order to involve the youth

## 22. PROVINCIAL COLOURS

Neil to put final proposal on paper for discussion and evaluation by the board

## 23. LOCAL BREEDERS FUTURITY

David to put forward a proposal

## 24. WORKING EQUITATION

Meeting was informed by William regarding Working Equitation

## 25. SECRETARIAL FEE

R5000 was agreed by all present (printing and stationary, designing and collecting of marketing material)

## 26. CO-OPTATIONS

26.1 Paul Botha indicated via WhatsApp conversation that he no longer wanted to continue with his duty as head of Transformation and Development

26.2 Nomination forms need to be sent out for the portfolio of Development and Transformation. Jaap is currently standing in for this portfolio

26.3 In order to create a broader participation level from the clubs, co-optations will be done on the names being nominated by clubs and only if an equal amount of nominations of a single name have been received, will voting take place

26.4 Nomination forms need to be sent out for the SANESA portfolio. SJ is currently standing in as co-opted member

26.5 Tamryn Thorp elected as Junior Development & Transformation Commission and to speak for the youth riders

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26.6 The following portfolios will be up for election next: Judges Forum, Marketing & Communication and Vice Chairman/President

## 27. DATE FOR THE NEXT AGM

26 & 27 January 2019

## 28. DATE FOR THE NEXT OGM AND WORKSHOP

22 September 2018

## 29. HALTERS

Judges Committee to look at allowing rope halters to be used in the ride and try classes as

Bosals are quiet difficult for Novice riders to use

## 30. CLOSURE

William thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.