

Martial Arts South Africa

(Martial Art & Games Committee)



MASA AGM MINUTES

28 February 2015

09H00

Venue: Manzine Game Farm, Potchestroom

ATTENDANCE

Charlie Ndlovu (Kickboxing/Saka), Andries Douglas (MASA WC Rep), Dirk Nel (CHR/TKD), Etienne Engelbrecht (ISKA), Gerd Hummel (ITF/CHR, EP Rep), Richard West (ISKA), Dr. Ismail Mia (Koshiki), Hennie Wolmarans (SAMBO), Pierre Maritz (Kurash), Tjolla Louw (ATA), Norman Magua (ITF/CHR), Warren Ho (Kendo), Fernando Witbooi (Kendo), Nick Savvides (MMA), Raymond Phillips (IMMA), Johan Enslin (Aikido/JMA), Umesh Bodalina (Aikido/AFSA), Ameldia van Zyl (TTSDSA), Prakash Roopa (Exco), Gerrie Martin (MASA FS Rep), James Vermaak (SARMAF), Shorne Moorcroft (Kickboxing), Justin Glanville (CHR/TKD), Mario Da Silva (Muaythai Boran), Gregory Hart (Secretary), Louise Viviers (President), Pat Carney (Kickboxing).

APOLOGIES

Abdullah Bayete (Coaching Rep), Paul Cave (ISKA), Phil Anderson (ISKA)

- 1) Welcome and President's Report. Please see attached
- 2) Minutes AGM 2014
The Minutes of the 2014 AGM were accepted, Nominated by Pat Carney; Seconded by James Vermaak.
- 3) Financial Report. Sent by Email, Was accepted, Nominated by James and Seconded by Mario.

The assembly voted to keep the current auditors.

Lotto – Backlog prevented application for 2015, we are only now receiving monies applied for in 2012 and need to submit financials for those grants before we can apply for new funding

NPO – Prakash still busy on that.

Acquisitions: Purchased trailer and mats: Deposit fee of R500 per floor and R500 additional deposit in case of road fine fee that will be returned if no road fine is received after the use of the trailer, approximately 2 to 3 months after use of trailer. And R500 rental per floor and R500 for use of trailer by MASA members. Rental exclude any additional equipment.

Stored with Master Louise, in Potchefstroom.

- 4) Block Reports.
All Blocks (Sent by email to General Secretary before AGM)
- 5) New membership applications
Ring Contact Fighting Art International; A presentation was made by Master Joe Viljoen to have RCFAI be accepted as a separate Block within MASA. It was decided that it is very similar to Kickboxing and must therefore be managed under the Kickboxing Block. The first year serves as a year of probation where after the Chairperson of the Kickboxing Block must give feedback to MASA regarding future inclusion. Master Viljoen inquired about the issuing of national colours for RCFAI. This matter will be confirmed with SASCOC where after the issue must be attended to within the Block without creating a negative precedent towards the other Styles within the Block. Please note that members cannot apply for national colours during their first years probation



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6) Masa Provincial Structures & Provincial Liason

Subom Gerd noted that one of the major issues with setting up provincial structures for MASA was that the NGB's (National Governing Bodies) were not relaying down to their instructors in the provinces the urgent need for them to participate in these structures.

MASA is the National Federation that affiliates to SASCOC and gives our 12+ Styles and 20+ organisations legitimacy in their eyes.

They require us to 'transform' i.e be present in all provinces, districts and as many regions as possible. No martial art style, never mind organisation can come close to achieving this alone. We need to work together on this one like never before. All NGB's are urged to communicate this need and its importance to all in the various provinces so we can get MASA up and running in all nine.

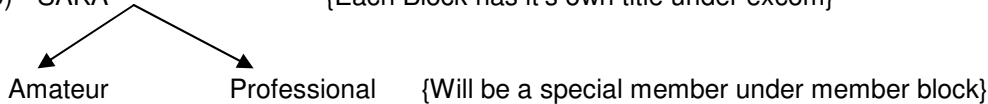
7) SAKA Name change

The word `Amateur` will be removed from SAKA (SA Amateur Kickboxing Association) to read SAKA (SA Kickboxing Association). The reason being that SAKA will in future be hosting and sanctioning professional events too.

8) Professional Martial Arts

Pat Carney noted that the situation regarding professional Martial Arts was taken up with Patience from SASCOC. She said that MASA is an affiliated member of SASCOC and may sanction / present professional martial arts similar to Soccer, Rugby etc. She also noted that the amateur and professional divisions be separate from one another but under one executive. Both the Constitutions of SASCOC and MASA nowhere limits Martial Arts to only be Amateur of nature. Each Block must manage the two divisions correctly.

9) SAKA {Each Block has it's own title under excom}



10) Report back on TAFISA Championships – Richmond, Canada.

The tour was very successful. MASA hopes to have more of its members be part of this event next year.

11) TAFISA GAMES 2016 – Jacarta.

Due to the political issues worldwide the World Martial Arts Committee approached South Africa in hosting the next TAFISA World Martial Art Games in South Africa. This will give our own athletes the opportunity to compete locally but we are going to have all our MASA members support to make this event possible and so SA will have to come to the table to put up a good show.

12) TAFISA Selection Championships October 2015.

MASA will have its National Trails on the 2,3 and 4th of October in Parys at the Africa Dome. This will serve as the trials for the 2016 TAFISA World Martial Arts Team selection.

13) Arnold Classic Event 2016 and MASA members possible participation.

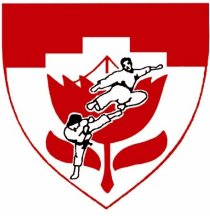
After a brief presentation by Wayne Price it was unanimously agreed that MASA should participate in the Arnold Classic and involve as many styles as possible. Master Louise proposed a weekend workshop to go through some of the details of how MASA's participation would work.



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14) MASA – Gauteng – Shorne Moorcroft

In order for MASA to maintain its recognition/ standing with SASCOC it needs to 'prove' it is a National Federation i.e. it has to be set up in all 9 provinces, preferably even in all the districts of every province and even down to regional level. (That means in Gauteng, for example, we need not only Gauteng MASA but also Tshwane, Ekurhuleni, Johannesburg, West Rand and Sedibeng MASA councils = 6 structures) If we're not seen to be 'set-up' in the provinces at least and preferably in the districts as well, it directly affects our credibility as a Federation, our ability to award National & Presidents Colours and even getting permission to attend international events.

The difficulty for MASA, is trying to get the various styles to come together for 2 to 3 meetings a year, elect a provincial committee and get them to attend the various Provincial(Gauteng, EC, FS, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, WC etc.) Sports Confederation meetings and so on.

The benefits of being set up in the provinces include increased chance of funding - you should apply to your district and provincial structures for overseas tours/ funding of tournaments etc and also we'll be able to award district and provincial colours.

15) Coaches Board – Moorcroft – coaches and fighters – National License/Provincial/Local

There is also a National Coaching Commission which aims to have professional sports coaching licensing in place by 2016, which includes; registration, police clearance, local/regional/national/international qualification/ rating etc. We will need to license all our instructors so they are able to teach children etc. If you are not plugged into your local sports council we might have issues later on. We don't actually know when things will be that organised however we feel it's better to be set up and 'in' at the beginning.

16) Log Books – Moorcroft

All coaches are required to keep a log book, at the moment this is very important for coaches of professional fighters and mandated by law, however it will become a requirement for all coaches so it's better if we get into the habit now. Kickboxing has an example log book which Shorne will share with anyone interested in having a look at the format.

Abdul Bayete has attended some of the coaching commission events and we need to be more proactive in attending these.

17) Next AGM date: will be on 7 May 2016 so as to coincide with the new MASA financial year end date.

MATTERS ARISING

18) Muay Thai Committee

Muay Thai Master Kru Mario da Silva has been appointed by the MASA executive to head a committee –MASA has found that Muay Thai is not completely represented in MASA, there are too many clubs and Athletes practicing Muay Thai that have no representation in MASA due to personal issues with organizations or Instructors, Thus MASA has formed a United Committee from which one of its executive members, the 2nd Vice president of MASA and a Muay Thai Practitioner will head up. This Proposal was laid forward by Master Louise and seconded by Nick Sevadis and Raymond Phillips. MASA has also noted too many irregularities in the issuing of National Colours under the Muay Thai name, MASA will now host National Trails for the Selection of National Colours. An Open Day will be hosted and the following will be discussed; recognition of rank - coaches and players, correct training structure and grading criteria, etc.

19) MASA Memberships 2015

All members must make sure their affiliations are sent in and their dues paid up.

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