

EASTERN CAPE TRANSPLANT SPORTS ASSOCIATION

(Region of South African Transplant Sports Association - SATSA)



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EASTERN CAPE REGIONAL CHAIRPERSON REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF 2016 PRESENTED BY ROBYN EMSLIE AT THE ECTSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 30th JULY 2016

INTRODUCTION:

Welcome to our 2nd Eastern Cape Transplant Sports Association AGM, & I thank you for this opportunity to present this report.

Our region is a little over a year & a half now, & although we are still a smaller region, we are growing steadily, & it is looking very promising so far.

The present Management Committee, as elected at our region's founding meeting on 5th March 2015 are as follows:

Chairperson: Robyn Emslie
 Vice-Chairperson/Secretary: Heilie Uys
 Treasurer: Willie Uys
 Members: Susan Burri
 Carlo Prince

This report starts, & is inclusive of all events/activities, as of our previous AGM date, 3rd October 2015, held at Greenacres Hospital, Port Elizabeth.

ACTIVITIES:

On the 7th November 2015, The SATSA AGM was held in Sandton, Jhb, It was attended by 30 members & 1 non-member.

Minutes of meeting available on request

On the 29th December 2015, the Hat & Hound Classic Golf Day held in St Francis Bay, where ECTSA is the beneficiary and R40 000 was donated to ECTSA.

Report available on request

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & INITIATIVES:

We have held 2 Management Committee meetings on 18th Feb 2016 & 27th June 2016, via Skype. We discussed finances, fund raising, Sports Confederation Affiliation, membership drive initiatives, marketing strategies & awareness projects, athlete development, & national Transplant Games. Mention of some of these items will be made in this report.

* Minutes of meetings available on request*

MEMBERSHIP:

Number of Full, Honorary Life, & Associate members - total 30 (slight growth vs last year). According to the latest figures, of the 30 members, we have 18 Full members (transplantees) & 12 Associate members (family, friends, etc). 2 members are Honorary Life members to date.

Members:	PE	EL	SFB	H/dorp	Cradock	J/Bay	Ght	S/ville	M/burg
Full	9	3	1	0	1	0	2	1	1
Associate	6	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0

We have also contacted 23 transplantees in the PE and EL area. Three responded positively to become members and we are awaiting their membership forms.
Sports achievements by our members will be reported on via our SATSA website page/news letters.

COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS:

There are regular updates on the regional page on the SATSA website, & the EC page has continuous updates each quarter. Likewise with the news letter, updates are done each quarter. Thank you to Heilie for keeping all the updates going, & for the report on the Hat & Hound Gold Day
Other social networks are continually being updated by EC, & all SATSA members, namely Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Susan Burri represented the ECTSA at the K.A.N. World Kidney Day Fun Walk on Saturday, 12th March at Summerstrand in Port Elizabeth. About 150 people took part in this fun event organised by Sally Brooks (Transplant Coordinator EC) and Kerry White (Psychologist Livingstone Hospital). Many of the participants were patients with kidney disease, members of their family and other support structures. We thank Sally and Kerry for their commitment and hard work.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES:

Athletes need to belong to a sports club for their discipline. This does not apply to the National Transplant Games, but is relevant for the WTG 2017 in Spain.

Some of our members are currently active members of their respective sports clubs, & play golf/cycle regularly, & also take part in competitions. Other members have joined the Park run, & take part on a regular basis.

EC is still under discussion, as there is no Petanque club available for members to join.

National Transplant Games: taking place 6 - 9 Oct 2016 in Jhb. Members have received their forms & information, & need to submit them according to due dates. Eleven members have indicated they are interested in taking part in the NTG in comparison with the four athletes who participated in the 2014 NTG. Limited financial support for these athletes will be available from ECTSA.

MARKETING:

Our aim is to market the association, as well as raise awareness of organ donation & transplantation, to patients, as well as the public.

For visual media, we have designed & produced two banners, one for PE and one for EL. We have designed & produced brochures, and these are available for members to take with and distribute. Almost all the committee members have now received business cards, for handing out & easy identification. We also need to look at acquiring data projectors in the future.

We have unfortunately had minimal media coverage in the EC, but hopefully this will change as our region grows.

Our participation in other related initiatives includes:

- working with Livingstone Hosp, & visiting the Transplant Clinic (Susan Burri)
- working with Frere Hosp to visit their Transplant Clinic: Sr B Elgin (Robyn Emslie)
- working with Nelson Mandela Academic Hosp to visit their Transplant Clinic (Robyn Emslie)
- work with NRC throughout the EC region (Robyn Emslie)
- work with K.A.N. via their website & Facebook page (Kerry White)

ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER SPORTS BODIES:

Due to the fact that so few full members responded to the invitation for training opportunities, we have postponed the association with the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) but rather obtained the coaching of Mr. Johan van Greunen at the Oval in PE. Some of our athletes are already making use of his assistance.

Willie Uys has applied to the EP Sports Confederation Affiliation for ECTSA to be affiliated. Payment of R500 was made for the Affiliation Fees and Willie also received telephonic confirmation on Monday (25/07/2016) that our Application documentation was indeed received by their office. The next step to approval is General membership at the EPSC AGM (Willie is awaiting details of the date). We are hoping to hear soon of our successful application (contact: Mr Magada).

FINANCES:

This matter is in the capable hands of our Treasurer, Willie Uys, & he will be giving the Financial Report.

GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Our goal, as mentioned under our marketing report, is to market the association, as well as raise awareness of organ donation & transplantation, to patients, as well as the public.

We are looking forward to another Golf Day in St Francis Bay, & possibly one in East London / Fish River in the future as well.

We would like to host events in both PE & EL to introduce transplanted patients to the association, as well as to the WTG. We would like to hold Fun Run/ Walks to raise awareness to the public.

We will continue to work together with government, as well as private sectors, & K.A.N., to raise awareness of organ donation/transplantation, & our association (SATSA).

And we will continue to look at ideas to raise funds for SATSA, & ways to grow our region.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Once again, I would like to say how proud I am of our region, & how privileged & honoured I am to be the Chairperson of this amazing region. But I also have to say if it wasn't for everyone here today, & some of those absent, I wouldn't be standing here giving this report.

So thank you to every single one of you that made this a reality – & have been involved in the growth ECTSA region – to my committee, to all the ECTSA members, & most certainly – to Heilie & Willie Uys.

In conclusion, I would just like to say that our region is growing, slowly but surely. We are making this an amazing region, & I commit myself to continue doing my part to achieve just that. I pray for good things ahead, in our lives, our health, & our region.

“Organ donors are the true heroes. I'm here today because of one. I'm forever grateful, forever humbled by that” Chris Klug

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give” Winston Churchill
Thank you

ROBYN EMSLIE
CHAIRPERSON: ECTSA

30 JULY 2016