

KZN Report for SATSA, October 2017

<INTRODUCTION>

Since our last meeting in October 2016, KZN has had a busy and productive year. With the sole focus on fund raising in support of our World Transplant Games Team, members set about initiating various fund raising initiatives, the most successful of which was our Golf Day held in November 2016. 2017 saw our team of 7 athletes attending the Bloemfontein Training camp prior to leaving for Malaga and the World Transplant Games in June. On their return from Spain, we produced our first newsletter of the year and held our AGM in August. Our focus is renewed now on expanding our membership, fund raising for next year's National Transplant Games and thereafter the World Transplant Games as well as more active and regular participation across the various transplant sports. We have also elected a new, interim committee to steer the KZN Region towards greater success in the balance of 2017 and into 2018.

<COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND INITIATIVES>

Two meetings have been held since the last AGM : A planning meeting to organize aspects relating to the WTGs and our AGM.

Following our August AGM, a new interim committee was elected with Richard and Sean swapping roles as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. The posts left vacant by Elsa following her passing are being filled in the interim by Marilee as Treasurer and Les as Secretary. We also have committee members Henk and Michelle assisting in a new organizing sub-committee with the purpose of being more active in gaining awareness of our organization; attracting more members; joining other sports clubs for training opportunities and networking as well as fundraising on an ongoing basis.

The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary have also initiated Think-tank sessions which we hope to hold at least monthly if not bi-monthly where we can discuss ideas and draw up action plans in relations to specific goals for the next year. We have already had one think tank in which a membership strategy & fund raising was discussed.

<MEMBERSHIP>

Our current membership stands at 66 members with 36 transplant recipients and 30 supporters. It is a key focus area to grow our transplant members in the next year. If each member signed up just one new recipient we could potentially double our representation at the nationals and world games, have better prospects for awareness of our organization and greater participation in provincial and national sporting bodies and structures, which is crucial for funding from various sources.

A membership growth strategy was discussed at the AGM and is in the process of being formalized at the moment.

Our current members are active in race walking, bowls, pentanque, golf, tennis, cycling, walking, squash, running and athletics. Some of this is at club level and in other instances, purely as a means of keeping fit and healthy. Our region would like to participate more in club activities and regular

coaching as well as find members willing to participate in other WTG activities like 10 Pin and Darts and ball throw. We are tremendously proud of all the medals brought home from the WTGs, noticeably by Henk in cycling,

Nora in tennis and golf, Anil in squash and Mark in high jump. We acknowledge the very high standards they faced and the fitness and dedicated training it took to achieve these results.

<COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS>

A Regional report/newsletter was prepared by Marilee with input from the participants and supporters who attended the WTG and is on the SATSA Website.

Les as interim Secretary continues with regular communication to all members and is busy updating the database and developing a Whasapp Committee group and membership group. Marilee will along with the membership growth strategy, continue with development of our Facebook page.

Our brochure is available in many doctor's rooms and pharmacies around KZN (Thanks to Marilee who distributed them as far and as wide as possible) as well as posters. The contact details and reference to our social media contacts will need to be updated in the next printing run.

<SOCIAL ACTIVITIES>

It is in this area that we have identified that our Region is not as cohesive as it needs to be. Various committee members have now been tasked with identifying clubs where as a team we can join and attend training on a regular basis. We also hope to have a bowls by moonlight evening towards year end and a year-end function in November which will have a fun theme to it and get all attending to participate in sporting activities planned for the day.

Currently some members are participating in the Fit for Life 1 Billion steps Challenge and thoroughly enjoying the challenge of meeting personal goals and improving as well as competing against both local and international teams. What a great way to keep moving, and to keep fit. Well done to FFL on the initiative. Henk is our regional representative for FFL. Well done to Henk on this achievement. R

<KZN SPORTS COUNCIL & FUNDING>

We were invited by the KZN Sports Council to do a presentation as per the mandatory process for our application for membership. The chairperson of the membership committee Peter Thompson requested a few amendments to the constitution which will be discussed more in detail. Richard and Sean also attended the KZN Sports Awards held on the 15 September 2017 at the ICC. We are in discussion with the confederation as to which category we can nominate our athletes for awards.

<FINANCES>

Audited Financial Reports were done by Viljoen and Partners as at 31 March and was submitted to SATSA. As at 31 September 2017 the funds on hand was R58316.37. Expenses in the year included sponsorship of the 7 KZNTSA Athletes for R28000, Blazer Ceremony cost amounted to R4006.90, office expenses of R5633.66 and R1100 auditors fees.

GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR>

The Region aims are as follows:

- 1 We will be embarking on a drive to increase our membership to be more in line with the demographics of the Region. To achieve this, we will be looking at municipal hospitals, clinics and disadvantaged areas to promote KZNTSA.
- 2 We need to grow our membership through a greater print and online presence in KZN. We need to reach all districts within our region.
- 3 We need to participate in organized and club activities regularly. Not only does this provide coaching and training opportunities which will improve our standard of participation and skill levels but also provide networking opportunities which are vital for awareness and fundraising activities.
- 4 We need to relook at our fund-raising model to achieve our set goals. This will mean government, non-government as well as public sectors.
- 5 We need to have greater representation across all the WTG sports and members are being encouraged to attend the National Transplant Games and participate in more than one sporting activity. This will improve chances of qualifying for the WTG and provide more competition to other regions.
- 6 We will need to relook at the 2017/2018 budget to achieve some of our goals for the year. This will be available at our next Regional meeting.

I would like to thank Marilee as well as all the other committee members for all their hard work in ensuring that our goals are achieved.

Sean Samujh

(Acting Chairman)