

# WESTERN CAPE TRANSPLANT SPORTS ASSOCIATION



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## WESTERN CAPE REGIONAL CHAIRPERSON REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES 2016/17 PRESENTED BY HERMANN STEYN AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 2017

### INTRODUCTION

I will start by first saying that 2016/17 has been a wonderful year for the Western Cape region, and this has been due to all of our members, and also of course the Committee.

It is my pleasure and honour to present to you the Chairman's Report covering the activities of the past year and I will touch on a number of aspects which I believe is important to the future of this Association.

Please bear in mind the Western Cape Region and its members who are deeply faithful to the SATSA vision and bear in mind the dedication of our Regional Management Committee. We sincerely wish SATSA and the Western Cape Transplant Sports Association a sustainable development in 2018 and beyond.

The present Management Committee was elected at the AGM in August 2016 and are as follows:

Chairman: Yours truly

Vice-Chairperson: Vivian de Klerk – Marketing & Media & Women & Girls

Secretary: Annette Kruger – also Social & Fundraising

Treasurer: Dick Kruger

Additional Members:

Winston Balada – Transformation Officer

Melda Ruiters was co-opted in May 2017 and is responsible for member development & Women & Girls

Sarah Norman resigned during the year.

I want to thank the committee for their dedication and hard work.

The year started off with the 12<sup>th</sup> National Transplant Games which was held in the Gauteng region in October 2016 and on behalf of the members of the Western Cape, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the National Office of SATSA and the Gauteng Regional Office, and all friends who have contributed to the success of these Games.

The two days have witnessed superb athletic performances and sportsmanship. Athletes from all the regions have competed in the Games in the true spirit of sportsmanship. They have shown off their great perseverance, given their very best in a fair play environment, and achieved amazing results. At the National Games recipients demonstrate en masse the improved quality of life following transplantation and through that, promote awareness for organ donation and transplantation. It also shows recipients' gratitude towards, and recognition of living donors and families of deceased donors.

Most of this year was largely spent preparing for the World Transplant Games which turned out to be an amazing opportunity for the Western Cape's 16 athletes who competed with 2 of them participating in their first Games.

The highlight of the preparation was undoubtedly the colours ceremony which was held the Monday before the Games, 19<sup>th</sup> August. The Western Cape Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Ms. Anroux Marais presented the athletes with their Protea Colours & Team Medals. The Western Cape athletes performed very well at the WTG and we forwarded a list of results to the Provincial Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport. The South African team won 76 medals (35 gold, 23 Silver and 18 Bronze and out of the 76 medals the 16 Western Cape athletes contributed 23 medals (11 Gold, 5 Silver and 7 Bronze) Here I must mention the name of Lisa du Plessis who won 5 Gold medals and broke 5 World Records.

**We wish to thank the Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports for partly funding the Western Cape athletes to the World Games with R 120 000**

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND INITIATIVES**

Committee meetings are held depending on activities and we held two Management Committee meetings during the year.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

- Number of full, Life and associate members – total 128
- Percentage yearly growth 12.3%
- Any specific member sports achievements or any other points of interest

According to our database on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017, we had 128 members of which 96 (75%) are Full members (transplant recipients and 32 (25%) are Associate members (family, friends, etc). The Male/Female distribution indicates a 68% and 32% representation. Membership by race as follows: White: 78.9%, Generic Black: 21.1%. The membership increase over 2016 was 12.3%

We have the following number of members in the geo-political boundaries of the Western Cape:

West Coast	6
CT Metropole	96
Cape Winelands	17
Overberg	2
Central Karoo	0
Eden	7

The Northern Cape falls under the auspices of the Western Cape and we have 3 members there, one of them also competing at the National Games in Johannesburg.

## **COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS**

We are regularly updating the Regional page on the SATSA website. We have sent out two newsletters to our members and we also post regional activities on the SATSA Facebook page. Other social networks in future will include Pinterest, Instagram and Twitter.

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Without making excuses, the year was full of activities leading to the WTG with extra qualification opportunities, re-qualifications, the Annual Golf Day and we had a Cheese & Wine function and these activities left little time for social activities.

We have a good relationship with the Organ Donor Foundation and work together on various projects for instance their Annual Walk where we had a large presence of members taking part.

## **SPORTS ACTIVITIES**

A few of our athletes participated in Athletics meeting during the 2016/2017 season and we hope that more athletes will also participate in the new 2017/2018 season.

A number of our members are playing golf on a regular basis as well as compete in swimming gala's, tennis, squash and other activities.

We are also in the process of establishing a Petanque club where members will gather on a regular basis, the athletes will use it as training sessions and the other members to socialize.

I am also proud to report that 18 of our athletes were awarded Western Cape Colours which they wore proudly to the National Transplant Games.

## **MARKETING**

Marketing is about communicating the value of SATSA membership and SATSA's activities and facilities to attract members, funds and other resources. All our members are actively living out these values daily.

A number of our members do regular presentations to Support Groups and medical personnel at hospitals.

We have had media coverage in various radio and printed media on a regular basis and will continually do so.

## **ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER SPORTS BODIES**

- On local level – sports clubs, Sport Science Institute, etc
- On provincial level –Western Cape Provincial Sports Confederation. Cape Town Sports Council, Winelands Sports Council and Eden Sports Council.

On a local level we continue to have excellent relations with the Sports Science Institute of South Africa. A few of our members also use the facilities to train and we use the facilities for our Management Committee meetings.

As I mentioned earlier we have established a relationship with the Bellville Athletics Club and two of our athletes, Rentia le Roux and Stan Henkeman have been nominated for a special award at their annual prize giving.

On a provincial level we are a member of the Cape Town Sports Council, Winelands Sports Council and Eden Sports Council. We are also a member of the Western Cape Provincial Sports Confederation.

We submitted our 2016 Transformation Scorecard to the Sports Confederation and we achieved 101.25%. We have also submitted our targets for the 2017 Scorecard.

## **GOALS FOR THE NEXT YEAR**

As national reports on funding trends indicate year after year, grants accounts for only a small percentage of the overall funding picture in the nonprofit world. It is essential for us to investigate and incorporate a variety of potential revenue sources. This process is known as fundraising planning and involves a number of steps that we have to take: we have to take stock of our strengths & weaknesses, we have to create a case statement, set realistic fundraising goals, preparing a fundraising calendar and diversifying our funding mix. This means we should build a base of support from our members and other individuals, the Western Cape Department of Sport, other foundations and business. These four groups comprise the fundraising landscape. In the past we have concentrated our efforts only on two of these groups.

We will continue building on current relationships with other organizations and coordinating services

## **FINANCES**

Our finances are well managed and we are happy to report that our money is spent on our athletes and other members.

In the financial year 2016/2017 the Western Cape had an income of R 115 355.14 and expenses of R 119 928.12 and as the National Treasurer has already pointed out a deficit of R 4572.98. Outside of the financial year in June 2017 we also received R 120 000 from DCAS for the WC athletes who attended the WTG in Malaga, Spain

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND CONCLUSION**

This is a wonderful and successful region of SATSA, and I am proud to be Chairman of it.

I would again like to express my thanks to each member of the Committee – Vivian, Dick, Annette, Winston and Melda – I thank them for the wonderful support they have given me and also to all our members and friends for their faith in me and support over the past year.

I would also like to thank my wife Lynn who has been a wonderful support and sounding board.

I also thank God for the renewed health & ability he has given me to do this work with passion, as well as the years of getting me ready to do this.

I wish the WCTSA and SATSA everything of the best for the years to come and I wish all our members good health. I commit myself to working towards realizing the potential of this great group of people, their family and friends.

**H. Steyn / August 2017**