

KWAZULU-NATAL TRANSPLANT SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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KZN CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – AGM - JUNE 2018

<INTRODUCTION>

Since our last AGM, we are still on a high from the World Transplant Games in Spain. We are well into our preparations for the National Transplant Games, to be held in PE in July 2018. Our fund raising for this year are our Golf Day, to be held in September, as well as a Dinner and Dance Gala that we are trying to organize for November 2018. Our interim management committee has coped well despite some of our members experiencing health issues and who are currently in recuperation. Our TWO main objectives (increasing membership, Fundraising) remain our Top priority. I understand that recruiting members from Municipal Hospitals and underprivileged areas is still a huge challenge. However, we are making noteworthy progress in this area.

<COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND INITIATIVES>

Since our last AGM in August 2017, we have had TWO Management Committee Meetings.

The November 2017 meeting focused mainly on our criteria and initiatives for 2018.

The March 2018 meeting was mainly the handing over of books to the interim committee. The executive committee accepted changes that were made to the existing constitution, which will be ratified at this AGM. These important changes allow us full membership into the KZN Sports Confederation, and the opportunity to take full advantage of funding from organizations like LOTTO and SASCO.

<MEMBERSHIP>

Our current membership stands at 78 members, with 46 Transplants recipients and 32 supporters. This marks a 15% increase from our previous tally. Several of our members have been inactive for many years and it is our sole objective to revive their interest to participate. We would also like to remove members who are disinterested in order to give an accurate, instead of an inflated number of active members. This task has been undertaken mainly by Marilee Chanie and Les Hurlbatt. I wish to thank them for the sterling job they are doing thus far.

Our Pentanque group meet alternate Sundays and their progress has been noted. There is noteworthy evidence of the vast number of activities that members are engaging in, with regard to their specific sport discipline. The current Newsletter bears testimony of the same.

<COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS>

The KZN news is filtered through to the SATSA website by Marilee Chanie on a regular basis. The latest Newsletter makes for a very interesting read, providing interesting insight of activities being undertaken. A huge thank you to members who have sent updates to Marilee of their personal activities. Marilee, your dedication and proficiency is noted and appreciated.

Marilee and myself have undertaken to visit various Transplant coordinators to distribute posters and membership forms. I visited St Augustine's Transplant Centre (Vanessa) and Marilee went to Gateway Hospital (Cindy). Our gratitude is extended to Cindy for distributing posters and pamphlets to other coordinators in outlying areas.

<SOCIAL ACTIVITIES>

It is noted that cohesive activities are sadly lacking, perhaps due to the distances one must travel, with members living far away from each other.

Les has been putting together an initiative for the month of August at Rolling Hills, to host an Organ Donor Awareness month as well as Women's Month. Perhaps a ladies' high tea could also facilitate fundraisings as well.

Golf fundraiser is earmarked for September 2018 and preparation thereof is underway. The Mount Edgecombe Country Club Course will be the venue.

< ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER SPORTS BODIES >

In January 2018, I attended the KZN Sports Confederation Annual General Meeting. The KZN Transplant Sports Association has been granted provisional membership at this AGM. Now that we have fulfilled all the outstanding requirements, we will become fully-fledged members of the Confederation.

<FINANCES>

Audited Financial Reports were done by Moore Stephens Incorporated as at 31 March 2018 and Marilee will elaborate on this a little later. As you may know that from this year one company will do all provinces' Audited financials. As at 31 May 2018 the funds on hand was R59 351. Expenses for the year totalled R636. Outstanding accounts payable is audit fees R3 501. We had no funds received from fundraising.

<GOALS FOR THE NEXT YEAR>

The Region's aims are as follows:

- 1) As mentioned previously, there is a drive for recruiting new members, especially from outlying areas and Municipal Hospitals. This is an ongoing drive, with noticeable progress thus far.
- 2) The streamlining of membership is a focus this year, targeting existing inactive members.
- 3) We are planning to partner up with The South African National Blood Service centres here in KZN to propel the need for organ donors too. Owing to the fact that these members of society are already conscious of the need to save lives, they can thus be steered into organ donation as well.
- 4) There is a vision to manufacture ozone friendly shopping bags, with our KZNTSA information written on the bags to promote further awareness. This will in turn yield a revenue for the organisation. This initiative is being driven by Marilee presently.
- 5) Fundraising is an ongoing goal and is on top of our agenda.

<ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS>

I would like to place on record my gratitude to the interim management for a job well done thus far.