

GAUTENG TRANSPLANT SPORT ASSOCIATION --14 09 2019

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT FOR THE PAST YEAR 2018/ 2019

Gauteng Transplant Sport Association has had a successful year in many respects. We participated in the National Transplant Games last year, and this year we took part in the World Transplant Games with 27 athletes. These athletes have brought home 11 gold, 12 silver and 11 bronze medals which totals a number of 34 medals! What an achievement. Congratulations to all.

In other fields the region has also excelled in their achievements.

In the first place I would like to thank the committee for all the work that they have done the past year and I would like to mention all – Nombeka Rwaxa, Wilna Loxley-Ford, Sonja James, Frans Maluleke, Amanda Bossinger, Gregory Govender, Daniel Matsoso and Marius Matthee.

A special word of thanks to Sonja and Marius for their work on the golf days and also to Wilna for her work as secretary but further for the work on the Colours Ceremony.

The committee has committed themselves in the beginning of the term to do their best for the benefit of the athletes and has done so with distinction. Especially to assist athletes with finances in important instances like attending National Games and the application for visas for the World Transplant Games.

During the past year we were in a position to do fundraising by hosting a Barnyard evening and two golf days. The golf days were very successful and we also had a good Barnyard evening.

This made it possible to raise a total of R105 861 nett.

We need to keep in mind that an amount of R34000 was ringfenced for the North West Province athletes. This has now been depleted by assisting those athletes. All athletes will therefor in future fall under the same category in terms of funding.

We have spent an amount of R28 566 in assistance to athletes for the National Games in Port Elizabeth last year.

A further amount of R86 931 was spent on assistance to athletes on the Training Camp in Bloemfontein and The World Transplant Games in Newcastle/Gateshead UK.

In terms of finances the principle the committee worked with was to raise funds for the assistance of athletes. With that in mind, the funds that were raised during last year was used to assist athletes in the past year.

To raise funds and to make the region and its functions available to the members is the function of all the members of the region and I would like to thank all the members taking part in the activities of the region, however it is important that more members get involved in the activities of the region. We can be more successful if more members become active and take part in the activities of the region.

For fundraising, Marius Mathee was co-opted on the committee and has had success although the funds had to be directed to National funds on the direction of the donor.

A number of meetings of the Gauteng Sport Confederation was attended and we are establishing good relationships with the confederation. Our guest speaker at the Colours ceremony was the Vice-President of the confederation Mr Vivian Lottering who gave a motivational speech to all the athletes receiving their colours before the World Transplant Games.

Recruitment

As a region we need to be actively involved in recruiting new members especially junior members. At present we do not have many active juniors at the moment.

A word of thank you to each and every member of the region and to Hermann Steyn for the assistance and guidance over the past year and three months. It has been a busy year and I expect next year to be even busier.

I thank you

Louis van der Westhuizen