

KZN CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – AGM – 7 SEPTEMBER 2019

As chairperson of KZNTSA, it gives me great pleasure to summarise the activities undertaken by our organisation for the period 2018/2019 calendar year.

The WTG has been a great success in so far as KZN representation is concerned. We have successfully obtained 7 medals with two of them being gold. Well done to all our Athletes that received medals. We have really been very successful preparing and fund raising for the WTG. We must endeavour to continue to strive for excellence and success going forward as May 2021 is not too far off and we will be jetting off to Houston for the next WTG. Due to the time constraint, we must undertake fund raising projects and start training to qualify in order for us to get to the WTG. Yes, there will be challenges ahead and deadlines to meet but we should persevere regardless.

Since our last AGM on the 2nd of June 2018 we have had four **management committee meetings**.

- 15 September at Busamed Gateway Hospital - various items were discussed.
- 20 October- we deliberated extensively on preparations for our golf day fund raiser. Thank you to Michelle for hosting this meeting at her place in La Lucia.
- 26 January held at Mount Edgecombe Country Club- was to finalise the KZN WTG team and to decide on a figure for subsidising athletes.
- 13 April at Mount Edgecombe Country Club – At this meeting we discussed preparations for the training camp, the Blazer ceremony and Visa applications.

With regard to membership , we have agreed to try and get a wider spectrum of our members more involved with campaigning to increase organ donation awareness and recruiting of new members mainly from the disadvantaged areas.

Our current **Membership** stands at 77 members, with 43 transplant recipients and 34 supporters. We would like to remember Les Hurlbatt who passed away since our last AGM. We are also trying to get more of our members that live in outlying areas to attend our meetings and functions by providing financial support for transport if so required. I would also like to acknowledge our athletes that received medals at the WTG. I know that every WTG gets harder with the increased competition and greater numbers of participants from over 60 counties. To those of us that were not able to achieve a medal, I know we gave of our best and we can of course try harder in the next games.

I am pleased to report that we have an open **communication** platform via our WhatsApp Group, where day to day messages and items of interest are shared with members. Iris has up dated all our members e-mail details (Thanks to Hermann for supplying an up-to-date record) and all meeting agendas and important communications are shared via e-mail.

Newsletters and other public info regarding KZNTSA are uploaded on the SATSA website by Marilee.

KZNTSA has a Facebook page and group. We would like to see more news and posts shared on this by our members and I have given this task to Iris to carry forward.

We hosted a very successful Blazer ceremony at the Busamed Gateway Hospital. A special thank you is extended to Cindy, who not only hosted the event but also provided all the catering. We are happy to announce that we will be having a year-end function on the 19th of October at the Mount Edgecombe Greenbrier Community Centre and we will invite all members and sponsors as well as all groups and individuals that have been involved with KZNTSA over the past years.

We have attended events hosted by Alpacmed e.g. Donor awareness drives, nutritional awareness for patients on dialysis among others. I am in contact with the St Augustine Transplant Clinic on a regular basis. I am indeed sad to report that Vanessa from the clinic passed away during the year.

In so far as Fund raisers are concerned, our golf day has proven to be our biggest form of raising funds for our athletes attending the WTG. It is heart-warming to note that many people speak fondly of this event and constantly enquire about our next Golf Day. I would also like us to consider setting aside a sum of money for member assistance e.g. transport cost for members that travel from afar. I have played in many golf day fund raisers during the year on a personal level. I find it interesting to learn how other NPOs achieve their funding targets.

As full members of the Sports Confederation, we are invited to events that they hold during the year. I attended a workshop held to improve the need for qualified coaches and the criteria that needs to be followed by coaches.

Michelle attended a strategic planning meeting on the 20 August 2019 held at Kingsmead Cricket Stadium.

Iris and Michelle attended a special general meeting held on the 31 August held at Garden Court Marine Parade (where we received confirmation of our FULL membership).

Our **Financials** are audited by Moore Stephens WK incorporated Registered Auditors. Our most current audit was on 31 March 2019.

The movement during the year is as follows:

Opening Balance as at 1 April 2018 R55 851

Revenue **R138 942**

Expenses **R128 163**

Interest earned **R3 124**

Total net income **R13 903**

Current balance as at 1 September 2019 **R71 821**

We have managed to keep our finances in a very tight budget and know that with the next games to be held in Houston Texas, we will need to raise a lot more funds if we are going to assist our athletes as we did in the past. But as we say in KZN "Bring it on".

