
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 14 AUGUST 2021 AGM

I do believe that the most feared word to humanity currently, has got to be COVID-19. It has taken over every part of our lives and in some way has taught us how to view life in a new perspective and not to take life for granted. It has made us think of innovative ways of encouraging and supporting our members during the turbulence caused by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, to continue training and keeping active as the Regional and National Games is not too far away. The greatest excitement is undoubtedly working towards qualifying for the World Games. We have encouraged our members to participate in as many virtual challenges as they could, and in so doing we will be achieving some of our goals even if it seems to be at a slow pace.

We have had one zoom meeting that was held on 2 August 2021, and we have been staying in contact via our WhatsApp groups. Our focus was first and foremost to find ways to stay abreast of the pandemic and find ways to keep ourselves safe. Additionally, we also dwelt on preparing for the Regional Games, and finding ways to fund raise. We had to put most of our planning and activities on hold as the country moved into stricter lock down measures, to try and control the pandemic. Further to this, the uprising and looting in both the Gauteng and especially the KwaZulu Natal regions, put an added strain on the community and of course curtailed many of our proposed planning.

It has also been a sad time for us as far as losing members to COVID-19 related deaths. We lost Roshan Singh and our very active long-standing member Sannie Liebenberg and Dr K Pillay from Alphamed Dialysis Clinic who supported us in our fundraising events. We have however, managed to increase our membership slightly to seventy-nine members, with 47 Transplants recipients and 33 supporters. We still however find a fair amount of our members to be inactive. We hope that with the new brochures and trying to get it also translated into isiZulu, will help us with our recruitment drive.

<https://transplantsports.org.za>



I am pleased to announce that Deven Naidoo has now taken over our newsletter publication and I must say he is doing a splendid job. We encourage our members to continue to send him all current events and sporting activities that you may have participated in as this helps create much needed and interesting material for the newsletter. Thanks to members that have had interviews and written articles for our local newspapers and on social media platforms. In this way we are able to keep our flag out there in these trying times.

Thank you to all our members that participated in the Billion Steps Challenge. It proved to be both an extremely exciting and competitive challenge that got the adrenaline working. I have to admit that it got me and the family competing and challenging one another. Well done to our members that participated in the 5k Any Way. Our Pentanque group is still active, and Marilee keeps all interested members that wish to participate informed of upcoming events.

Golf on the other hand has been more relaxed than most other sports and our golfers are encouraged to try and play and learn the game during this time. The driving range in Mount Edgecombe is a perfect place to start practising.

We are extremely excited with our new Logos and Stationery which have a very modern look to it. We also believe that the new Brochures will definitely contribute to our recruitment drive. We are currently trying to get these brochures translated into isiZulu.

I have been actively involved in KZN Sports Confederation meetings that were held via Zoom and attended the AGM. We are in good standing with the confederation and are hoping to apply for funding during the next application opening.

Our finances have not seen too much movement, due to the pandemic and the lockdown periods during the year. As at the beginning of August 2021 we had a positive balance on our bank account of R69 029.60; we had expenses of R 505.23 and income of R388.48 from interest.



We are hoping that with the vaccine rollout, we will be able to accomplish some of our goals that we have been putting on hold. We are excited to get the ball rolling with our fund-raising initiatives to raise funds for the World Games in 2023 and to prepare for our regional games. The Back-a-buddy initiative which aims to raise R1m towards the cost of the WTG has received a positive welcome. I encourage all members to promote this campaign as it will benefit all members that qualify to participate in the WTG in Perth in 2023.

The last two years have been exceedingly difficult for all our members and their families, ESPECIALLY those who have lost loved ones due to COVID-19. I urge you all to continue to remain strong and fight this pandemic as best as we can.

Sean Samujh
Chairperson

