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Transplant Sports News

Message from the Chair

As this year draws to an end, I want to wish our special family members a wonderful festive season. Keep safe and keep training in preparation for the World Transplant Games in 2023.

As I look back on 2022, it's been a year with great change after Covid and a wonderful opportunity to see everyone and catch up with new and old friends at the National Transplant Games in Qqerberha in July.

Lastly, I want to thank our Exco and Management Committee for all the hard work and dedication over this past year. Jan, you have played a critical role and your support has been amazing.

It takes a great team to be successful and we as SATSA are truly blessed!

May 2023 be a blessed year for you and your family.

Amanda Bossenger

World Transplant Games Federation

The World Transplant Games Federation launched the Organ Donation Ambassador Campaign at Olympic House in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The Campaign, launched in the presence of IOC President, Mr Thomas Bach, features

Olympians all committed to promoting the gift of life in the lead up to the World Transplant Games which will be held in Perth, Australia, in April 2023. We were pleased to have Brooke Hanson OLY OAM from Australia and Dano Halsall OLY from Switzerland join us.

"I have been a long-time supporter of organ donation, and I am pleased to lend the support of the International Olympic Committee to raise awareness of the need for more organ donors," said President Bach.



Chris Thomas (In the White Jacket), Chairperson of the World Transplant Games Federation at the IOC

SASCOC (SPORT SA)

SATSA remains a member in good standing of SASCOC (In the future to be known as Sport SA) and remains committed and bound

by the Constitution, rules, and regulations of SASCOC.



SASCOC had their AGM and Jan Marais and Amanda Bossenger attended in person representing SATSA. The new Sport SA constitution was adopted and will be distributed to all member bodies in due time. SATSA will then also evaluate our constitution to ensure we are still compliant to remain a member in good standing of Sport SA. At the AGM the Minister of Sports, Arts, and Culture (Nathi Mthethwa) addressed the representatives and acknowledged that his department is behind in their allocation of grants that was applied for this year, and he is putting pressure on staff to finalise the process.

Fundraising

It is a challenging task sourcing funds and our dedicated Exco and Management Committees work endlessly seeking funding opportunities and sponsorship to assist our athletes, however due to limited funds we require our athletes to assist. Our appeal to the National Lotteries Commission was declined again (after our appeal) so we will have no Lotto funding this year. Our application to the Department of Sports, Arts, and Culture is under review and we trust there will be some support but urge athletes not to bank on this money.

SATSA successfully took part in the Cycles United Weekend Market at the end of October and ran a raffle for a mountain bike. This effort turned out to be a huge success and SATSA made a profit of

R71 500-00 to assist the team going to the World Transplant Games in April 2023. I wish to thank Byron Powell in particular for his efforts with this venture. Other members who supported our stall over the weekend was Theuns Taljaard, Iaan Burden and Winston Baatjies.



Byron Powell handing over the Mountain bike on behalf of SATSA to the winner Johannes v d Merwe



Jan Marais and Theuns Taljaard at the Cycles United Weekend Market in the Cradle of Humankind

Meetings

- Chair: Amanda Bossenger
- Vice-Chair: Sean Samujh
- Treasurer: Hennie le Roux

The Management Committee meets every month and minutes of these meetings, or any inquiries are always available from Jan Marais, SATSA Executive Secretary. You are welcome to send your input to admin@transplantsports.org.za. The Management Committee values all input in our combined goal of always improving and growing SATSA.

World Transplant Games Update



Arrangements for the attendance of Team Transplant SA at the World Transplant Games in Perth in April 2023 is well advanced. We had a setback on the flight planning as Qantas decided to stop using the direct route to Perth from 1 April 2023, and that meant that our group flight from Johannesburg to Perth will now be routed via Sydney. Jan will communicate the new flight times and dates to the team members.

Excitement is growing as the Games approach and fundraising efforts are in full swing. Please contact Jan Marais if you know about possible sources of funding assistance for the team.

Awareness

SATSA and GTSA attended the Organ Donor Foundation Awareness Walk at the Big Red Barn on 22 October 2022 where there were almost 500 participants.



SATSA, represented by Jan Marais and the WCTSA, represented by Rentia le Roux attended the SATS & SATiBA congress in Stellenbosch from 11 – 13 November 2022, where the Transplant industry gets together annually to share knowledge and experience. Our stall was well supported, and we got our message out there to the right people.



Rentia le Roux and Jan Marais

Training Camp 2023

Sadly, the Management Committee was forced to cancel the Training Camp (scheduled for 26-29 January 2023) in Bloemfontein to free up those funds for financial assistance to athletes struggling to raise funds to attend the World Transplant games in April 2023. Some fresh ideas are brewing to still get the athletes prepared at a local level and we will communicate plan to all the team members.

Upcoming events and Important Dates

SATSA Office to close from 17 December 2022 to 2 January 2023 but Jan Marais will be available to answer critical questions on e-mail and WhatsApp.

Next Payment due for the WTG2023 team members is 31 December so please remember that.

Medical Forms for the WTG2023 submission deadline are 17 February so remember to see your doctor with those forms.

13 April 2023 – Team Transplant SA departs for Perth, Australia

Marketing and communication

As the year draws to a close, our Transplant family can look back at 2022 with pride. Along the way I see many achievements regarding communications and marketing. This is all due to the dedication of a team of motivated and hardworking volunteers who have committed time and effort to SATSA.

I would firstly start by thanking the SATSA Marketing Committee, Jan Marais, Amanda Bossenger, Heilie Uys, Deven Naidu, Jeandre Geldenhuys, and Stella de Kock. Thank you for availing your time to building the #TeamTransplant brand. I am fortunate to have you as part of our team as you are all contributing to raising awareness regarding organ donation and transplantation.

I also thank each member, family member and our stakeholders. Without you we would not be able to tell the SATSA story.

Our goal for next year is to keep on building on our achievements of this year. We have managed to build relationships with organisations such as the Organ Donor Foundation, Tell, the SA Bone Marrow Foundation and Vita Nova. These are all organisations that share the same values as SATSA and by joining forces, we will together ensure that more people in South Africa register as organ donors. We can see a positive membership growth in SATSA and would like to keep on recruiting new members.

SATSA will also attempt to use major sporting events to raise awareness and show what can be achieved after an organ transplant. We encourage our athletes to participate in events and contact us if you need assistance with marketing and branding.

I wish you all a blessed festive season.

Vivian de Klerk

Chairperson (Marketing and Communication Committee)

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