



SOUTH AFRICAN POWERLIFTING FEDERATION

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2023 - 18H00

VENUE- ELGRO HOTEL – WOLMARANS STREET - POTCHEFSTROOM

1. Opening, Welcome & Apologies

Heather Leighton & Hannie Smith welcomed everyone present and thanked everyone for attending

Attendees at Venue:

- Johan Smith (Hannie)
- Andre Ludik
- Elisabeth Barry
- Vicki Botha
- Heather Leighton
- Megan Leighton
- Chantelle du Toit
- Cliff Hayim
- Dan Oppenheim
- Ian Furman
- Nic Ingel
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Attendees via Zoom:

- Johan Smith (Hannie)
- Andre Ludik

Apologies:

- Antoinette Kriel
- Gail Mc Kenzie - Kerr

2. Presentation & Accreditation of Representatives

Heather summarized the voting strength should the need arise for the meeting

See attached

3. Notice of Meeting – General Secretary

3.1 Notice of meeting registration: Email March 2023

4. Approval of Minutes SAPF AGM March 2022

4.1 No objections raised - Unanimously accepted by all

5. Provincial Reports

- 5.1 President : Hannie Smith
- 5.2 Chief Technical Officer : Hannie Smith
- 5.3 Provincial AGM Reports

- 5.3.1 Eastern Cape
- 5.3.2 Gauteng
- 5.3.3 Free State
- 5.3.4 Kwa Zulu Natal
- 5.3.5 Limpopo
- 5.3.6 Mpumalanga
- 5.3.7 Northern Cape
- 5.3.8 North West
- 5.3.9 Western Cape
- 5.3.10 Disabled South Africa

No objections raised in respect of Reports - Unanimously accepted by all

5.4 International Competition Reports

The following International Competition Reports were made available electronically.

- 5.4.1 IPF World Classic & Equipped Bench Press Championships – Almaty, Kazakhstan – 21 – 29 May 2022
- 5.4.2 IPF World Classic Open Powerlifting Championships – Sun City, South Africa – 03 – 11 June 2022
- 5.4.3 IPF World Sub – Junior & Junior Classic & Equipped Powerlifting Championships – Istanbul, Turkey – 27 August – 04 September 2022
- 5.4.4 African Classic & Equipped Powerlifting & Bench Press Championships – Meknes, Morocco – 15 – 17 September 2022
- 5.4.5 IPF World Classic & Equipped Master Powerlifting Championships – St Johns, Newfoundland, Canada – 08 – 15 October 2022
- 5.4.6 Commonwealth Powerlifting & Bench Press Championships – Auckland, New Zealand – 28 November – 04 December 2022
- 5.4.7 World Games - Birmingham, USA - 07 - 17 July 2022

6. Matters for Discussion

- 6.1.1 SAPF Honoree Membership Awards
Presentation speech and Awards were presented to Vicky Botha and the late Peter Spencer, by Heather Leighton
- 6.1.2 2023 Calendar
 - ❖ SAPF Equipped Championships – 22 July 2023 – Port Elizabeth. It was agreed to permit automatic entry to National Championships, commencing from SA Equipped in Port Elizabeth. i.e no more Prelim Entries required. Final Entries will still apply
 - ❖ World Championships
- 6.1.3 2024 Calendar
 - ❖ To Be Confirmed later in year in respect of aligning to Internationals with Provincial & National Championships
- 6.1.4 2024 Revised Affiliation Fees & Provincial Fees effective 01 January 2024 will be finalized and communicated to Membership later
- 6.1.5 Safeguarding Policy

Heather concluded that the Federation is now ready to roll this out to the Provinces
- 6.1.6 Referee & Coaching Commissions
 - ❖ Request of all Provinces & Provincial Clubs too host competitions later in the year
 - To allow i.e. Club Referees opportunity to Referee
 - To allow Referee/coaches to fulfil their status requirements

- It was agreed that a Coach entry fee of R350 would apply moving forward. This would apply to all coaches at National Championship. This fee would go directly to the South African Powerlifting Federation and not to the Meet Director

6.1.7 Guideline Book Going Forward

Updated on an ongoing basis and posted on the website. Those lifters awarded national colors will be listed on the website moving forward

6.1.8 Restructuring of Provinces to align to SAPF. Constitution in process of being completed. Cliff and Heather are aligning the Constitution both to SASCOC and IPF. The National Constitution template will then be rolled out to each of the Provinces.

6.1.9 SAPF Going Forward need to establish the following positions – Provisional Structured as per Schedules:

- ❖ Athletes Representative
- ❖ Coaching Representative
- ❖ Women's Representative
- ❖ Transformation Representative
- ❖ Disciplinary Representative / Commission
- ❖ Require a role description based on IPF
- ❖ Need to emphasize importance of these positions
- ❖ There are new Commissions coming out of the DSAC Conference

John and Steve requested the functions, roles and responsibilities of these positions to be listed.

7. Financial

- Provisional Income Statement as at 31 March 2023

Our Non-Profit Organization (NPO) number has been issued, but we still await the paperwork associated to this entity. It was decided that the Federation should be registering as an NPC. We would then be able to take tax-free donations, and make a concerted effort to fund raise from Companies looking for exposure and an close working relationship with the Federation. The Federation has no more choice right now. Must start to fund itself, as we have reached the end of our financial year, and still await our Government fund allocation. Funding amounts are not increasing and each year we are having to wait longer and longer to receive funding. It was highlighted that with going with this NPC entity option, will be very onerous from a compliance point of view. Agreed to draw up list of fundraising opportunities. John Crain suggested we approach some potential Corporations to see what they would be looking for. Naming rights was also discussed as a possible opportunity to attract funders.

8. General

The coaching of non-IPF lifters this was raised. Hannie highlighted the rules that state If anyone coach or announce or loading weights at a Non IPF event they participate in that event and can be suspended for 12 months.

Gauteng raised the issue of records being held by lifters who have been suspended for 4 years or more. It was requested that these records are stripped in their entirety. Gail undertook to get advice from SAIDS for their legal opinion. Also to seek advice from International Powerlifting Federation for their policy framework on this matter.

The question was raised if a Lifter may compete at a Strongman Competition. Hannie highlighted that as long as it is not a powerlifting competition then lifters would be free to compete in these types of events.

No other general items raised

10 Closing

For and on Behalf of:

SA Powerlifting Federation

29 March 2023

Meeting closed 20h00