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SPORT HISTORY
PROJECT - Gauteng**

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SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2017**

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Chairpersons Address

Saturday 17 June 2017

Dear members of the NRSHP committee and new attendees,

Greetings!

Thanks very much for coming to the AGM and for your continued contributions and support. It is a pleasure to report on events, progress, challenges and prospects relating to the committee in the last year.

The work of organisations exists in a context; in the broadest brush strokes, the current context is one of conservative turn in the mainstream international arena as evidenced in the US elections results and Brexit, continuing challenges but survival in Africa, and very difficult conditions in the country as evidenced by cabinet shuffling and a vast array of social cohesion issues related to sharp socio-economic inequalities, poverty and unemployment. In the sports arena globally, over-commercialisation remains a reality with its resulting combination of excellence wrapped in exclusiveness, elitism, inflated salaries and public attention, racism, sectarianism, among others. In SA, these features are also evident; SA is considered to be a sports mad country with high participation rates when actual participation is combined with public interest, excitement and passion; but there are huge challenges at all levels starting from the premise of Sports and Physical Development for All; governance, provision of opportunities facilities and opportunities at community and school level. Addressing past imbalances remains among these. In both tacit and explicit evidence based analysis of the specific context of committee work, we have identified as a gap the capture of the historical records of associations, clubs, players, sponsors, officials and supporters who made a contribution to non-racial sport.

It is in this context, that our committee has continued to make contributions on the three pillars of Legacy, Welfare and Development that were adopted three years ago in our planning sessions to guide our activities.

If we assess our progress in terms of the context of implementation and resources available, we have made progress, notwithstanding many challenges, past and present. We are a committed band with limited time available for this work. We have touched the lives of some people in deep ways; we have developed a base of support, albeit still small, and a functional organisation; our institutional base exists with potential for much more, with partnerships with BFA, Wits University, FHR, SA Fed Legends (KZN), links with individuals and groups in Laudium, Lenz, East Rand, Azaadville, Roshnee, Azaadville, Eesterust and in other parts of the country, among others.

In the 2016/17 year we struggled to maintain the level of progress posted in 2015/16 due to financial, family and other commitments of members.

Work continued, however; the interviews, archiving and advocacy continued to take place and a successful function celebrating women who contributed to building non-racial sport in the Apartheid era was held at the Apartheid Museum with an excellent exhibition and brochure.

It may be useful to track progress and gaps based on the commitments expressed in our standing agenda items:

My reading of our work so far is that we have been able to build a base of functionality and support but it needs to be considerably strengthened. The work of the committee has to be responsive to the organisational and behavioural climate of the current and the future. To attract sponsorships and income streams, and to attract deep member participation requires more agile and innovative ways of operation. Voluntarism will work with a small number of implementers and progress will be slow and patchy as we have seen. It needs to be encouraged but supplemented with a wider strategy of resourcing that enables progress to be made more sharply, and events and publications to be produced regularly and at the levels of quality required for social impact.

As I take leave of my involvement with the committee in current form, I would like to thank the committee for the enormous contributions they have made, each in their own way, to keep this programme alive and for the potential it has to make future contributions. From a needs point of view, the playing fields are wide open for action; however, the actions need sharp calculation and execution. The potential for such exists. I wish to remain an ex-officio member if the committee accepts and will continue to support the programme in whatever realistic ways possible.

Almighty bless.

Sincerely.



Haroon Mahomed
Chairperson

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SECRETARIAL REPORT SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2017

Introduction

The year under review was a memorable one for me in many ways.

From the highs of hosting such an enormous and hugely successful “Building a Social democracy” function on the 27 February 2016 at the Braamfontein Civic Centre, to losing one of our founder members Dexter Mathews. The serious illness and eventual amputation of his toes another founding member Nampies had to endure. From exceeding our first milestone target of interviewing a 100 people involved in non-racial sport, and then be confronted by the stark reality of the struggles of our students and their struggle to get an affordable post school education.

From strengthening our Executive by creating an additional portfolio to better engage the skills of one of our committed members Fatima Jadean and add the name of Derek Eastwood a soccer legend and national sports leader and administrator, to our Executive team. To then witnessing the serious lull of inactivity no interviews, transcriptions, biographies for months, no social work, no fund raising. To then experience and witness the pain two of our founding members Professor Noor Nieftagodien and Younaid Waja go through, through losing their spouses Shariefa Nieftagodien and Serina Salie-Waja was painful.

Nevertheless I believe that we all emerged towards the end of the year with renewed dedication and commitment to continue the good work we all are doing.

As we review the activities for the year 1 January to 31 December 2016 this meeting must note that a resolution was passed in March 2017 to postpone the AGM in favour of delivering the very successful Woman’s Exhibition on the 6 May 2017 at the Apartheid Museum. Hence this meeting is held later than so required in the constitution.

Furthermore administratively there remains only one change to the constitution Article 12.4, we must add the Executive members

1. Executive Member and
2. Special Events Co-ordinator, bringing the exco to 9 members.

That then regularises resolutions taken during the course of the year.

With that in mind then let us review the events of the last year 2016.

1. Membership

Article 11 of our Constitution deals with membership. From the records available it is abundantly clear that we have not implemented this very important constitutional requirement. I clearly remember Younaid and Rosie raising this matter when we were drafting the constitution in 2015. The basis for our existence as a constituted organisation, is having members. On reflection it is not difficult to understand why we have overlooked this. Simply perhaps because we

actually do not actively play any code of sport in the traditional sense of an organisation, we are all accustomed to, but rather a club of volunteers that are paying an annual fee to enable them to record the history of non-racial sport, voluntarily.

In 2015 around 12 of us paid membership fees. In 2016 none of us paid a cent towards renewing that membership. I would then have to insist that all members present here today pays R100 immediately for their membership of 2017. I will leave the recovery of the 2016 fees to Derek to pursue, or allow this house to pass a resolution to then waive that. You should lead us in this please Derek.

Updating membership and fees should ideally be done in the first three months of every year, before the AGM at the end of March at least.

I believe this should be a drive of this organisation to then increase the general membership of this organisation. Not only to ensure compliance with the constitution but then also the ensuring the growth and wider reach and participation of the many more people, that participated in non-racial sport.

2. Administration

a. Officials that were elected at the AGM on 20 June 2015.

Executive Committee

1. Chairperson	Haroon Mohamed
2. Deputy Chairperson	Younaid Waja
3. General Secretary	Michael Kahn
4. Administration Secretary	Ajit Gandabai
5. Finance Secretary	Fatima Jadean (Derek Eastwood2016)
6. Communications Secretary	Rosalie Manning
7. Data Base Co-Ordinator	Corin Mathews
8. Executive Member	Prof Noor Nieftagodien
9. Special Projects Co-ordinator	Fatima Jadean (2016)

Management Committee

1. Hassen Bham
2. Thushan Padyachee
3. Delfine Feldman
4. Dexter Mathews
5. Derek Eastwood
6. Denzil Bennett
7. Greg Bergsted
8. Nazeer Dawood

When electing officials the meeting passed a resolution to amend the constitution of the Executive Committee as constituted. An additional position of an Executive Committee member without a portfolio was created and Professor Noor Nieftagodien was unanimously elected to that post.

During the year under review (2016) Mrs. Fatima Jadean expressed her desire to be deployed in a different role that would be more suited to her skills and competence. The meeting resolved that Mr Derek Eastwood be appointed to the post of Finance

Secretary. That we create a post Special Projects Co-ordinator that needs to be ratified in the next AGM. That Mrs Fatima Jadean is deployed to that post and that she be invited to participate in all Executive Committee meetings as an Executive member, until so ratified in the AGM.

The constitution be changed to then make provision for the posts in the 2017 AGM. We thank Mr Eastwood and Mrs Jadean for agreeing to the new deployment.

b. Meetings

During the year under review, 9 meetings were held. The dates for these meetings were:-

- 23 January BFA
- 20 February Braamfontein Recreation Centre
- 12 March BFA
- 14 May BFA
- 25 June BFA
- 30 July BFA
- 20 August BFA
- 17 September BFA
- 5 November BFA

During the course of the year two tele meetings "conferences" were held specifically to deal with functions and events essentially. Smaller meetings were also held in the various regions. These dates and minutes were not recorded, officially.

The expressed desire to rotate the meetings to various regions never materialised for a variety of reasons. An element of our administrative organisation that we need to remedy

c. Correspondence

All correspondence was dealt with in general council meetings. The Admin Secretary and General Secretary administered this.

d. Activities

i. Interviews

At the end of the year under review our statistics for interviews completed as at 31 December 2016 During the year under review, ¹³⁷ ~~???~~ interviews were done. As at the 31 December 2016 ~~???~~ interviews were done. Attached is a complete list of the interviews as at 31 December 2016.

ii. Transcriptions

During the year under review no transcriptions were done. WE had to deal with a number of problems. Firstly Cheryl Abrahams (transcribe) relocated to Kazulu Natal. The BFA was burgled, computers including our transcribing software lost in the process. The ongoing strikes and demonstrations at Universities meant we could not approach these institutions for the skills. Furthermore because we were out of time we needed a special dispensation from the FHR to continue spending the money despite the time frame. This a matter the Admin Secretary Ajit is still pursuing with them.

So as at the 31 December 2016 there were no additional transcriptions done to the 40 that was completed during the 2015 financial year.

iii. Biographies

No biographies were written during the year under review. If members remember this was a matter we raised and resolved that any new students doing interviews should write a 500 word biography. There are around 10 biographies that were written during 2015 by Nqobile. This matter was obviously remedied in 2017.

iv. Website

The URL www.nrsHP.co.za was purchased. An annual contract was entered into, to host the site and renew the URL address annually. The site has been partially developed. The only disbursements thus far has been for the address and hosting. No expenditure for the development. I believe that this needs attention as the current developer I believe is struggling with capacity and the fact that we need background data basis for pictures, names of legends, interviewees and other information streams that will grow as the organisation does.

v. Face Book Page

A Face Book Page was created and has proven to be a very useful communication tool. This must obviously continue. Ultimately and ideally we would aim to integrate all the electronic and social media platforms. Work on the framework has been done during the construction of the website. It all centres around the development of the website where we could then link the social media accounts like twitter, instagram and obviously the FB page as well. This would then allow us to update all these platforms when we load some information, like notices, pictures, etc. The quicker we raise a decent budget for these technical developments the better. For all this to work properly we must get the infrastructure behind the design right in the first place. Then links to special sites like the SA History Online would be possible and easily achievable.

vi. Building a Social Responsibility Function 27 February 2016

On the 27 February 2016 the NRSHP hosted a function titled "Building a Social democracy". What a great success the function was. I do believe that the vast majority of the people there enjoyed the evening. NRSHP invited Frank Van Der Horst the ex President of the South African Council on Sport (SACOS) to be the guest speaker. Over 500 people attended the event. Apart from the event and getting 500 non-racial sportspersons together in one venue we forget that there were other milestones.

It was by far the biggest exhibition of photographs of non-racial sportspeople and codes of sport in one venue. The 26 banners with over 300 photographs displayed was certainly a first and something we should be proud of.

Honoring Frank Van Der Horst, Stan Gumede and many of the legends that graced our sportfields also a first. This certainly something that we must consider with a view to continuing. We allowed the BFA to take the opportunity to honor Dougie Carelse, Gareth Van Der Haer and Ralph Hendricks. Sadly Dougie passed away 2 months later.

Two historic products were also produced of the function. An electronic still photo album, and a video capturing the evening, the people, speeches and formalities. We must make a concerted effort to market and sell the remainder of the stock of these to ensure recovery on the initial costs.

e. Media Marketing and Branding

We received some coverage mainly for the event of the 27 February 2016. Articles mainly appeared in local newspapers. The NRSHP also sent out a number of press releases especially for the loss of legends like Dougie Carelse and other great sportspeople. Haroon and Ajit were interviewed on some radio program speaking about the project and its aims.

Our main source of disseminating information has been the FB Page. We must build on this.

All the elements of building the brand are in place and members must assist in this task. Let us all take a minute to examine these elements and perhaps action what is in our power to and that will not cost any major funding, or rocket science.

1. We have created the look and feel of the organisation. Our logo and colours are already clearly recognisable. All media written or electronic has been developed around this. We just need to build on it.
2. Email addresses have been created for all members. Let us commit to setting up this email address on our pc's and smart phones. Corresponding with an NRSHP email address with a signature and banner out there builds the brand and awareness of the organisation. Something funders and donors would also look for.
3. FB. Inviting all your family and friends to like the NRSHP FB page every couple months perpetually increases our reach and audience. Building the twitter handle, instagram, and youtube accounts also very important functions that need to be developed.
4. Reminding and advertising the fact that there are historical items on the Wits Archive web platform further builds and entrenches the significance and reality of the importance of the project and history being developed.

f. Legal Compliance

The Non Racial Sport History Project Gauteng hosted its inaugural meeting on the 14 June 2014. Our constitution was accepted at the first Annual General Meeting held on the 20 June 2015. Our current Executive and Management Committee members were elected on the 20 June 2015. Their two year term of office ends today.

Our physical address was registered as the BFA offices Barney Gaffney Stadium Maroela Street, Bosmont. The General Secretary and Administration Secretaries official contact details were recorded as official.

On the strength of this information we were empowered to open up a Banking account at First National bank in our name with our executive members signatory to that account. We accepted our 2016 annual audited financial statements, to be ratified here today as well.

This empowered us to apply for NPO and PBO status and we await a response from Social Development and SARS. Our thanks to Rosie Manning for pursuing this frustrating task of dealing with the Ministry of Social Development who lost our paperwork on a number of occasions.

This then ensures that legally NRSHP is a constituted voluntary association not for gain and a juristic person. NPO and PBO status to come soon.

g. Social Responsibility

We have often spoken about the social responsibility aspect of our work. Thus far no action in this regard has been recorded in our activities.

h. Affiliation & Associations

We remain an independent organisation not affiliated to any single organisation or group. We have during the course of the year created a relationship and or interacted with a variety of organisations, like the Bosmont Football Association, Kathrada Foundation, Abu Asvat Foundation, National Department of Sport, Provincial Department of Sport, Save SA, Fed Legends Durban, Dynamos, Sundowns, Bosmont Chelsea among them

3. Funders

The Foundation for Human Rights remains our single most important funder. Our Admin Secretary Ajit Gandabhai continued liaising with them, providing them with reports and ensuring that all responsibilities contained in the grant contract is adhered to. We have received numerous donations from various well wishers and donors, these were however for specific projects of the NRSHP not for the general work we do. Once NPO and PBO status is achieved this is definitely a function that we need to accelerate.

4. University of the Witwatersrand

Two years ago you would get no replies if you google'd "non-racial sport". If you did the same thing today the first three references would point to the University of Wits Archive. If you are lucky our Facebook sometimes displays. Our website has not registered sufficient hits to register as an option.

We must not underestimate the importance and significance of having that presence and exposure on the Wits Archive platform. Something we need to actively promote on our platforms.

We must thank Ajit for his sterling work with them. There was a lengthy period of disruption and halt in the work, a direct result of the students uprising against the fees towards the end of 2016.

We must ensure that we place more emphasis and populate the platform much more significantly than the 320 odd publications and pictures currently digitised and available on the archive.

5. Locating Non Racial Sport

What must be emphasised is that our main challenge is to locate the non- racial sport fraternity to ensure an inclusive and comprehensive history. To put it in context we must mention that:

Non-racial sport was conceived and played under colonialism and our non-racial organisations were established in response to Apartheid. Many of these organisation had existed for more than 50 years before 1990. Clubs were borne in the African, ³Coloured² and Indian townships who then affiliated to regional, provincial and national organisations. The outreach of non-racial sport was as inclusive (of African, ³Coloured² and Indians) as it could be under the constraints/ impediments of the apartheid/ separate development regime.

Sadly, between 1990 and 1996, the non- racial structures/ organisations began to disintegrate/disband in pursuit of unification with the established white (racial) structures. The consequences were the demise of community sports, as long established clubs had to disband in order to join the united structures; many players could not join because of financial constraints and administrators could not be accommodated in the new dispensation. The main challenge of our project is, therefore, to locate the non- racial sports fraternity to ensure an inclusive and comprehensive history.

By Younaid Waja

Conclusion

I believe Haroon and Younaid contextualised the NRSHP in the current emerging social constitutional democracy. I wish to thank Ajit especially for all the support and hard work. Thanks also to Haroon and Younaid it was certainly my honor to serve this organisation with you two. To Noor and the rest of the Exco and Management team a special word of thanks for making my task as General Secretary enjoyable. I have learnt a great deal from you all.

I believe we owe it to the many unsung hero's to continue with our good work and record their contribution to a non-racial society.

For the Secretariat

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