



SOUTH AFRICAN FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION

Western Province Provincial Committee

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**MEMBER OF:
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF S.A.F.S.A. – WESTERN PROVINCE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE 2007 AT 20:00

PRESENT: 36 Voting Members
0 Non Voting Members

APOLOGIES: Shabnum Abrahams, Saajidah Abrahams, Megan Allely, Ashlea Spammer, Candice Eden, Claire Mancini, Theresa Norton, Daniel O’Hanlon, Richelle Dykes, Nestor van Eeden, Beulah van Eden, Vage Evetts, Brenda Smith, Charles Smith, Alec Stokes, Jackie Van Heerden,

GUESTS: Nil.

MATTERS ARISING:

It was recorded that the year on the minutes sent out was incorrect. Date on Minutes had been corrected prior to the meeting. Future of Synchro..

MINUTES:

The minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting having been circulated were taken as read, proposed by Sion Stanton and seconded by Alison Cochrane.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

The Chairman gave her report for the year under review. At time of closing the register the following member information was available.

Voting:	127
Non voting	188
Clubs	3 (approx 300 x 2 plus 100 x 1)
Total	318

A total of 10 medal tests were conducted during the reporting period. Our thanks to our judges for their dedication and also to Marge Ferguson who so ably managed these tests during this period.

Sadly we note the passing of Ernie Brown, past chairman of WP, and father of Carol Brown, as well as Val Backhouse/Taylor, one of the founder coaches in Cape Town, and Blanche Wynne, grandmother of Cindy Sparks.

Our clubs continue to deliver promising skaters to the mainstream and we thank the committees involved with this very important function.

Dance continues to do well in the province with lots of promising talent coming through the ranks. Our thanks to our coaches for encouraging this discipline.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Copies of the Financial Statement was circulated and the Chairman called for comments or queries.

Club Subsidiary should read Club Subsidy.

Members queried the “not audited” report. The reason for this was that with the new terminology, an “audit” represented a full investigation into the books as with a Company, which is costly. A Closed Corporation is not subject to this, and the financials prepared by a registered auditing company is sufficient – We fall into this category. Our auditors were recording as such.

Members queried whether our investment would give us a worthwhile return and also the commission paid on the investment. The Chairman indicated that the commission was a once off amount , paid to the bank to initiate the investment, and everything after that was pure profit.

The financials were then accepted, proposed by Brenda Allely and seconded by Pat Norton.

ELECTION OF A COMMITTEE:

The following members were available for re-election to the committee for the ensuing year: : Dawn van der Riet, Nazeem Abrahams, Brenda Allely, Shern Allely, Sergio Pinto, Tiana Stanton, Nathan Bashkier, Alan Cassells and there was one new nomination Penelope Engel-Hills. As there were 10 seats available and only 9 nominees there was no need to hold an election.

GENERAL:

Future of Synchro:

NJS – Synchro

Practice Times (Better times not so late)

There were a number of projects in the pipeline and if we do introduce something it will be at the beginning of the New Year because the year is already set.

Barnyard Fund Raiser:

Each member had 6 tickets to get rid of. Tickets going slowly need to possibly open to general public.

Strategic Planning: Initiative by SAFSA HQ which will be taken further at council level. WP was requested to outline their “burning issues” in the sport for further discussion at that level.

Those identified to take forward were;

1. Marketing and promotion of the sport.
2. Synchro: New judging system, practice times and direction
3. Coaches hold onto their own pupils – don’t want to share
4. NJS: marking all over the place – no consistency amongst the judges.
5. Pass mark for qualification too high
6. Scheduling: year planner to take “break period” for skaters into account i.e. school hols/exams and also be done well in advance to enable everyone to plan their lives i.e. parents.
7. Shortage of ice time and coaches.
8. Ice shows to run for shorter period
9. Shorter time limit for rule changes at council
10. Skaters year-planning to be on paper and fitness trainer be appointed.

After a general discussion it was suggested that the AGM close and further discussion take place with regard to the Strategic planning.

APPOINTMENT OF AN AUDITOR:

It was agreed to retain the services of De Villiers and Smith. Proposed by Dawn van der Riet and seconded by Alan Cassells.

The meeting closed at 20:50.

DAWN VAN RIET

BRENDA ALLELY

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