



**SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS
ROWING UNION**

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 1 MARCH 2019 AT
ROODEPLAAT DAM ROWING CLUBHOUSE

PRESENT

Schools Reps in attendance:

Assumption Convent School - Kwaku Owusu
Bishop Bavin - Xavier Mateman
Bishops - Brad Smith
Claredon - Bill Godfrey
Grey High School - Benjamin Ekron
Holy Rosary School - Coreen Walstra
Jeppe Boys - D Cripwell
KES - Trevor Dedlow
Rondebosch - L Byren
Somerset College - Bevan Stephens
SACS - Joseph MacMillan
St Andrew's College, Grahamstown - Ed Goodier
St Andrew's School for Girls - Jamie Croly
St Benedict's College - Darryn Roff
St Dunstan's - Caryne Lodge
St John's College - Barry McNeice
St Mary's School - Caitlin Dace
St Stithian's College - Alex Cruickshanks

National Squad - A J Grant
R Mitileni

APOLOGIES

- D King (Vice President) - Mrs King has indicated that she is not available for re-election.
- Paul Carstensen
- Nadine de Reuck

WELCOME AND PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- After welcoming the schools, the President Andre Oosthuysen (AO) gave a brief breakdown of the SA Champs entries.

	2018	2019
Athletes	1403	1383
Boys	978 (69%)	926 (67%)
Girls	425 (31%)	457 (33%)

- AO thanked coaches, athletes and officials for the wonderful organisation and co-operation which marked the day!) Thank you to each and every Gauteng schools who assist SASRU with staging the regatta.
- Huge increases in costs - security and fencing (from Monday this situation). We will need to seriously consider increasing regatta fees in order to meet those costs. Fees have not been increased in quite a while.
- SASRU thanks RMB on board as a continued sponsor of the regatta. The sponsorship comprises a financial contribution of R150 000 towards the running of the champs as well as 100% assistance with Rowers' & Officials' gifts and the Regatta Photographer.

Thank you too must go to:

Savuka for cleaning. Entirely sponsored.

24/7 reduced rates.

Telkom wifi infrastructure (regrettably at this stage for Telkom users only)

- Call for additional volunteers last year went unheeded. Will continue to function with the commission chairs we currently have in place. If there is a resignation in this regard, ACO may approach coaches to lend their expertise.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- The Treasury Report for the 2018 Championships is attached to these minutes.

Highlights for 2018 Championships:

Profit - R107 000

Gate takings - R 201 970 (cp. 2017 - R219 762)

Entry Fees - R55 370

Vendors - R57 255.50

Operational costs increased from R246 000 in 2017 to R326 000 in 2018.

Greatest challenge is the strain on the Roodeplaat infrastructure. The facilities fee of R29 000 had to be supplemented by an additional spend of R9000.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Deanne King, Headmistress of St Andrews for Girls, has indicated that she is no longer available to stand as Vice President. ACO thank Deanne in her absence for her enthusiasm for rowing and the support she has offered during her tenure.

- Andre Oosthuysen re-elected as President (Nomination: St Benedict's; Second: KES)

- Gill Jeffrey was elected as Vice President (Nomination: St Benedict's, Second: St Andrew's)
- Regional reps:
 - Gauteng - Ed Goodier replaced by Darryn Roff
 - Kwazulu Natal - Adrian Higgins
 - Eastern Cape - Bill Godfrey
 - Western Cape - Bevan Stephens

REGATTA DATES

- The South African Schools Boatrace 2019 was set for the 6th to 7th of December 2019.
- South African Schools Rowing Championships 2019 dates were set as 6 - 8 March 2019 (45 years)
- Plenary set for Friday, 24 May

CLOSING

- AO closed the meeting and thanked all for their attendance.

ANDRE OOSTHUYSEN
PRESIDENT

1 MARCH 2019

PLENARY PROPOSALS

Current proposals to be debated at Regional Meetings and then decision to flow at from 2019 plenary:

- Eliminate B-finals from what is essentially a Championship Regatta.
- Value of the Junior Womens' VIII
- Anti-cursing Policy to be introduced at Boat Race - Time penalty to be considered
- Increase sculling entries from 4 to 5
- Possibility of Heads Races been concluded at regional level and seats been allocated in finals in line with regional footprint in national demographics

Regional reps are requested to submit any further proposals to AO by 1 May.