



2025 SAUWHF AGM – HELD REMOTELY VIA TEAMS

The meeting began at 19:00 and we waited until a quorum was reached.

The President warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendees were:

- Kevin Cooke (President & tournament director)
- Jack van Blerk (Vice president and COS Men)
- Willem Zylstra (Men's Representative)
- Gerrit van Rhyn (Treasurer)
- Eleanor de Kock (Ladies's Representative)
- Samantha Kemp (Executive secretary)
- Wesley Reardon (KZN Representative)
- Pamela Mackor (Coaching director & NWPOTCH Representative)
- Franco van der Merwe (OFS Representative)
- Johann Prinsloo (Gauteng North Representative)
- Keandra Langston (Gauteng Representative)
- Elmar Cilliers (Western Cape Representative)
- Riaan le Roux (Winelands Representative)
- Skye Boshoff (Boland Representative)

Invited but did not attend:

- Nicola Nesdale – tentatively accepted the invite
- Nico Bos – no apology sent (was in hospital)



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Attendance and Quorum

- The meeting waited for representatives from all regions to join; quorum was confirmed with over 50% attendance, excluding the executive.

Elections and Portfolios

- No new nominations were received for the open executive positions (President, Tournament Officer, Coaching Coordinator, Treasurer).
- Incumbents agreed to continue in their roles; no proxies were received for voting.

Approval of Previous Minutes

- Minutes from the previous AGM were reviewed and approved without objections.
- Wesley Reardon – 1st
- Pamela Mackor – 2nd

Financial Statements

- Financial statements were independently compiled for the first time, separating the treasurer's duties from compilation.
- The federation's reserves are just under R400,000, with some funds earmarked for World's players.
- Income from tournaments and affiliation fees increased, especially due to junior events.
- Major expenses included website rebuilding (due to previous host issues) and CMAS license fees.



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- Discussion on allocation and constructive use of player commitment fees, with a focus on transparency and subsidizing managers and referees.
- Financials were accepted as true and correct.
- Wesley Reardon – 1st
- Franco van der Merwe – 2nd

President's Report

- Junior executive was rebuilt; SharePoint and dedicated email addresses were set up for document continuity.
- Junior nationals had strong attendance (~250 players); senior nationals and other tournaments were well attended.
- Referee development is ongoing, with new logbooks and a push for international-level referees.
- President's report was accepted.
- Samantha Kemp – 1st
- Wesley Reardon – 2nd

Euro-Africa Championship/Qualifiers

- South African teams performed well: elite men (4th), elite ladies (2nd), masters men (2nd).
- All teams likely qualified for Worlds in 2027(France), positive feedback on team competitiveness and referee involvement.



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Club League Proposal

- Proposal for regional round-robin leagues to improve participation and accountability.
- Positive feedback, but pool availability is a limiting factor in some regions.
- Plan to track performance and award top goal scorers.

Tournament Planning and Facilities

- Ongoing challenges with booking pools and securing venues for tournaments.
- Discussion about establishing a roster system for hosting tournaments to ensure fair rotation and advance planning.
- New and renovated pools are being considered for future events.

General Business

- Kings Park pool renovations expected to finish by July next year, potentially available for interclub competition at the end of 2026.
- Administrative update: plan to transfer junior account signatories and funds to ensure proper oversight.

Action items

- Financials: Gerrit will finalize and sign the financial statements, then send them to Kevin for co-signing. The process for managing and allocating the “Worlds” funds (including possible refunds and constructive use for managers, referees, and players) will be clarified with team managers, especially Kurt and Magda. Gerrit will follow up to ensure proper utilization.



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- Club League Proposal: Samantha Kemp's proposal for regional round-robin club leagues was discussed and generally supported, though pool availability is a limiting factor. Each province/club is to designate an admin to update results to SharePoint. Provinces are to communicate internally to see how best to implement the league based on local pool access. Samantha will manage the Club League admin for Cape Town and update the SharePoint folder.
- Tournament Hosting and Scheduling: There is consensus to create a roster system for tournament hosting, rotating between provinces to ensure fairness and cost-effectiveness. Provinces are encouraged to book pools as early as possible, ideally immediately after each tournament. The executive will develop and maintain a spreadsheet to track which province hosts each year, with adjustments only if a province cannot secure a pool.
- Pool Facilities: Multiple members are tasked with investigating new pool venues (e.g., Samantha is canvassing schools in Tableview/Cape Town, others are exploring options in Durban, Johannesburg, and other regions). Updates are expected within two weeks.
- Tournament Website: Samantha is pursuing a new landing page for tournaments linked to the main website, to centralize accommodation, registration, and event details. Wesley and Nicole will prepare a Google Doc for registration and entry fee collection.
- Junior Account: Kevin will contact Hein to arrange the transfer of funds from the junior account to the senior account temporarily, while new signatories are set up. Once complete, funds will be moved back to the junior account, with junior execs managing access.
- Calendar and Dates: The executive will coordinate with Elmar to finalize dates and locations for Nationals and Junior Nationals, based on pool availability and cost considerations. **Boland will host Junior Nationals.**



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Main Topics Discussed

- **Attendance and Representation:** Roll call of provincial and club representatives, confirmation of quorum, and clarification of who is representing each region.
- **Elections and Portfolios:** Discussion of nominations and confirmations for executive positions, including president, tournament officer, coaching coordinator, and treasurer. No new nominations were received, so incumbents retained their roles.
- **Financial Statements:** Detailed review of financials, including income from tournaments, affiliation fees, expenses (such as web hosting and CMAS license fees), and the process for independent compilation of statements. Discussion about allocation of funds, especially those related to World's tournaments and player contributions.
- **President's Report:** Updates on the rebuilding of the junior executive, efforts to improve continuity via SharePoint document storage, tournament summaries (junior and senior nationals, club tournaments), and referee development initiatives.
- **Tournament Results and Qualifiers:** Review of South African teams' participation and results in the Euro-Africa Championship/qualifier, including achievements and qualification status for Worlds.
- **Club League Proposal:** Presentation and discussion of a proposal for regional round-robin club leagues to increase participation, accountability, and referee development. Challenges such as pool availability were discussed.
- **Calendar and Tournament Planning:** Challenges in booking pools for tournaments, suggestions for improving advance planning, and proposals for a roster/rotation system for hosting major events.
- **Facilities and Venues:** Discussion of current and potential pool venues, their suitability for different levels of tournaments, and ongoing efforts to secure new facilities.
- **General Business:** Updates on pool renovations (e.g., Kings Park), junior account signatory changes, and other administrative matters.



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- The meeting was highly focused on organizational logistics, financial management, tournament planning, and practical challenges facing the sport.

The president thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Meeting ended @ 20:26

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