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REPORT BACK FROM COACHES MEETING AT SASCOC ON 18 JULY 2017

Dear All

The SAEF requested an information meeting with SASCOC regarding the way forward for the recognition of Equestrian Coaches. The meeting was held yesterday and it was well supported. Over 50 people from the various disciplines attended the meeting held at SASCOC House.

Ms Desiree Vardhan (SASCOC) and Dr Shirley Lloyd (DHET) and Ms Ezera Tshabangu (SASCOC) addressed the Equestrian coaches and the way forward. We wish to thank them for taking time out from their busy schedules. Unfortunately SAQA was unable to attend due to other commitments.

A letter received from the FEI was read wherein they clearly state that they only recognise the South African Equestrian Federation as the sole Authority in charge of the development and administration of the National Coach Education programme for Equestrian Sports currently developed under the guidance and authority of SASCOC.

Ms Ezera Tshabangu started off proceedings and she explained the role of SASCOC to all the members. She made it clear although SASCOC is high performance they also take care of all sport including the qualification of coaches.

Dr Lloyd posed a question as to whether the members of CEEPSA was members of the SAEF and she was informed that they were not members of the Federation. She then strongly recommended that they do become members of the SAEF and negotiate a service level agreement with the SAEF and not with SASCOC.

Currently CEEPSA has 8 directors and only one of their directors is a registered member of the SAEF.

Dr Lloyd further explained that there is a major difference between a Designation and a Qualification which seems to be confusing members.

Ms Vardhan confirmed numerous times that SASCOC is the only Professional body for Sport Coaches in South Africa. She went further to state that SASCOC is the only Professional body for Sport Coaches in Africa. It is important to note that there will only be one Professional body for Sport Coaches and that is SASCOC.

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Ms Vardhan made it clear to that the SAEF is the only body recognised by SASCOC and the SAEF as a member of SASCOC will be the only body in Equestrian sport responsible for coach accreditation.

Both Dr Lloyd and Ms Vardhan expressed their appreciation for the passion they notice Equestrian coaches have for their sport.

The SAEF lead Coach Ms Rosemary Bartlett and the SG had a short meeting afterwards with all the lead coaches from the various disciplines present and a meeting was scheduled within the next four weeks with all the lead coaches where in depth discussions and recommendations will be done.

The SAEF wish to thank all the coaches who took time from their very busy schedules to attend this meeting and once again reiterate their thank you to Ms Vardhan and Dr Lloyd for their time dedicated to address the meeting upon request from the SAEF.

A full recording of the meeting will be placed on the SAEF web page for all other coaches who could not attend to listen to the discussion that took place.

Kind Regards

Wessel Strauss

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