



*Feed Back on the Coaches Meeting Held at SASCOC by John Smith*



The meeting was held on Tuesday 18h July at 10 am at SASCOC house.

This meeting was a little confusing to start with as it was a follow up of numerous that have been going on over the last 12yrs between SASCOC, CEEPSA and SANEF/SAEC/SAEF.

But it soon became evident that each was just putting forward on what they have been doing to get us to the point of where we are now in setting up a coaching structure and having it approved internationally.

Basically it all boils down to the fact that SASCOC has sorted a chart of approving and registering coaches in the 4 categories ie. Assistant coach, Coach, Senior Coach and Master Coach. This is across the board for all sports. This applies to those in apprenticeship learning and those chosen through RPL.

EQASA is the only recognized body by SASCOC and the QCTO to have an existing equine related qualification and learning system approved. Everyone that has one of their qualifications will be put on the SASCOC database and recognized for the Equestrian Industry at a certain level. It was pointed out that the FEI Level courses are not qualifications per se, and that they are really a part of CPE (continuing professional education), which all count in an RPL process.

SASCOC is now at a time where they are asking all the sports to put forward experienced coaches for the possibility of RPL. CEEPSA had been given the mandate to both set up the process and approve potential coaches through RPL, and have been doing so since 2009.

SAEF has now been asked by SASCOC to accelerate this process by putting a national coaches committee together of all the disciplines to recognize potential coaches in each discipline and put their names forward to CEEPSA so that they can be put through an RPL process ie create a register.

DSA had put forward Natalie Hobday as Rep. for dressage earlier this year. It was implied that Natalie would not be appointed to this position. As Natalie was not informed of the meeting we can only assume that the present committee intends to appoint someone else. (No reason was given to why).

This committee's job will be to still set up a process to approve names nationally and let us know on how and where to start this process. I submit that names will start at club level, go through to national and if approved will still have to meet the minimum requirements to be considered for RPL. No discussion was held about exactly what those RFL criteria are and will be. As a club, we will have monitor this very closely.

SASCOC also proposed that CEEPSA, with all current and future coaches, be registered with SAEF. The meeting was concluded at 1pm and those of the committee present stayed behind for their first meeting.