

Minutes of the meeting held at Mbombela Golfclub

13h00 -10/03/2026

Present: Leon Du Plessis, Ben Botha, George Du Toit, Chris Koch, Andre Doman, Peet Rabie

Apologies: Lappies

- 1) Leon welcome everybody and open meeting
- 2) Discussion of various motions which will be tabled at the next NMC AGM at Randpark – Jimmy Gowans Nationals
 - a) Expansion on NMC with regional representatives
The feeling from Lowveld is to keep the NMC as it currently is.
The NMC works well and is effective as is.
 - b) Changing the word “Embassador” to “Enthusiasts” in SAGES name
The feeling is that the word “Embassador” is a word that is acceptable albeit the change of meaning of Ambassador and the purpose of it.
The logistic nightmare of changing all the bank accounts , left alone other official documents etc is not worth it. Our vote is for the name to stay as is.
 - c) To introduce a Ladies medal competition at Nationals
We have no objection to that
 - d) To shorten the nationals to 4 days consecutive play (incl Wednesdays)
We have no objection to that arrangement. Care should however be exercised that Clubs where the Nationals is presented normally keep the Wednesday open for club members golf as usual and might not agree closing courses for the use of SAGES on Wednesdays
 - e) To incorporate Code of Conduct with Constitution
The feeling is that the Code of conduct is not part of a constitution and should therefore be part of management handbook.
 - f) Limit serving time for members on NMC to 5 years
The feeling is that democracy and voting processes are in place to get the nominated people in positions and that the process must stay even if it means a person stay longer in the position. People not suited for positions for whatever reason should be removed through the nominating and voting system
 - g) Publishing minutes on website to be discontinued
Lowveld agrees with this objection.
 - h) Calculation of the winners score for team events at Nationals and handover prices at Gala evening
No objection from Lowveld

General items of discussion

- Chris Koch pointed out that the financials of SAGES refer to surplus income /funds as profit and should be referred to as income in view of the fact that the SAGES is -Non-Profit Org. Valid point made
- Discussed the introduction of Jaco Coetzer at the previous game at Lydenburg Matter will be taken up by Chairman with the proposer – Bert Griesel of Lydenburg
- Peet Raised the concern of the lack in merit system to decide who can make the team for nationals or mini nationals if oversubscribed
Leon and George confirmed that a point system is in place:
Peet proposed the following amended points system for approval by Management and which can be communicated to the members for transparency

Points to be allocated as follows – aim is to reward members who play regularly and support SAGES and the purpose of it:

Previous year's record to be used:

10 games played (83%) – 6 points

9 games played (75%) – 5 points

8 games played (66,6%)- 4 points

6 games played (50%) – 3 points

5 games played (41%) – 2 points

4 games and less will earn nil points

Regional Games played

Mpumalanga Challenge – 3 points

Triangular Challenge – 3 points

Serving on the Committee – 2 points

If scores are tied – the average points scored with monthly games played to be used as a count-out.

The first 2 positions available is reserved for the Chairman and Treasurer who attends the AGM at the Nationals and Mini Nationals – Other committee members can stand in if the need arise to attend the AGM meetings on behalf of Lowveld

- CANSA charity
The investigation regarding CANSA , benefits to our community , followed up from previous meetings and the founding's made by Andre Doman to be continued – Discussions with National leaders proposed by Leon and Ben indicated that he searched a lot if info already on the CANSA website.

Proposed also that we consider another charity as a secondary one as it is allowed according to the reports from National Co-ordinator of CANSA funds. Matter still open for more discussion.

Meeting closed