



MINUTES OF THE 22nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SA MASTERS BASEBALL ASSOCIATION HELD ON MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2014 AT 19:30 AT THE MIDRAND DROS

PRESENT

Alan Forrest
Bradley White
John White
Lesley Cook
Theresa Prettoa
Denis Birkett-Sharp
Abdul Sallie

REPRESENTING

SAMBA
SAMBA
SAMBA
Northern Masters
Gauteng Masters
Easterns Masters
SWG Masters

APPOINTMENT

Chairman
Secretary/Treasurer
Exec Member
Chairperson
Chairperson
Chairperson
Chairperson

APOLOGIES

Danny Nel
Rafiek Safadien/Terrence Gous
Keith Alexander

KZN Masters
Mandela Bay Masters
WP Masters

Chairperson
Representatives
Chairperson

Appendix A: 2014 SAMBA IPT Feedback Report/Discussion

ITEM 1: INTRODUCTION

1. The Charman welcomed all members present to the AGM. The meeting confirmed that it had been previously agreed upon by all affiliates to postpone the AGM from 15 October in Durban to 10 November 2014 in Gauteng, due to the non-availability of both the SAMBA Chairman and Sec/Treasurer. An agreement had been reached where coastal associations would be represented by their inland counterparts.

ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF DELEGATES

2. The delegates credentials were confirmed and voting strength confirmed.

ITEM 3: MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

3. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 Sep 13 at Benoni Northern Masters were confirmed.

ITEM 4: MATTERS ARISING

4. There were no matters arising from the previous AGM.

ITEM 5: FINANCIAL REPORT

5. The Treasurer presented the annual Income and Expenditure Statements, and discussed the documents in depth per district. It was confirmed that, iro the most recent IPT, all affiliates had been reconciled regarding entry fees for their official scorers and umpires (where appropriate), as well as KZN for hosting the tournament. There were no amounts outstanding either to SAMBA or to affiliates as this time.
6. Thanks were extended to SABU for the provision of 10 doz baseballs for the tournament, which provided SAMBA with the opportunity of planning for the 2015 IPT at an inflated ZAR – USD exchange rate. It was also confirmed that SAMBA continues to operate as a non-profit organisation. SAMBA remains in a financially healthy state, as has been the case for the previous two decades.
7. Bradley White was thanked for providing a comprehensive report.

ITEM 7: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

8. The meeting was informed that, although there were no proposed amendments received, there were several in the pipeline which would have to be incorporated in the current version. However, it is anticipated that an updated SABU Constituion would be promulgated in the near future, after which the SAMBA Constitution would also have to be realigned as an Appendix or supporting document to the SABU document. In any event, the SAMBA version will have to be updated within the first quarter of 2015.

ITEM 8: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

9. Before commencing with the Chairman's Report it was decided to work through the 2014 Tournament Feedback document. The report, as well as the resolutions taken at the meeting, are attached to these minutes as Appendix A.
10. The Chairman's Report was previously distributed electronically to all affiliates together with the other AGM documentation. There were no comments received in response. The Chairman highlighted the following elements of the report, and discussed as appropriate:
 - a. The SAMBA website requires a good deal more support from the affiliates, particularly on the photos page where photos of deceased Masters are awaited – some names suggested included Steven Siebritz, Eldred de Beer, Ray Gibson, etc (Photos should be in JPG format). A meeting is scheduled with the SAMBA webmaster to sort out the contract details. It was noted that there is apparently an option of utilising the SABU website, if required.
 - b. SAMBA's recent relationship history with SABU was discussed as follows:

- i. 22/23 Feb 13: SAMBA was invited to attend a SABU Exec meeting, where the proposal was made to SAMBA to reaffiliate with SABU. This proposal was put to SAMBA's provincial affiliates, with recommendations and supported by all.
- ii. 25 May 13: SAMBA became a Commission of SABU.
- iii. 27/28 Jul 13: SAMBA attended SABU AGM as a formal Commission at Gillooly's.
- iv. 22/23 Feb 14: SAMBA attended SABU work session at Gillooly's.
- v. 7/8 Jun 14: SABU AGM scheduled and then cancelled.
- vi. 6/7 Sep 14: SABU AGM at Kempton Park. SABU Chairman verbally submitted his intention to resign. Formal submission expected to be tabled at the next SABU AGM planned for early 2015.
- c. Congratulations were conveyed to Lesley Cook who will accompany the SA 17U team to Kenya as their scorer.
- d. Plans to close down Hoy Park/MMI for soccer purposes are on ice for the time being.
- e. SAMBA remains in a financially stable state.
- f. Members were reminded that SAMBA belongs to the provinces (now known as Districts), and not to a group of people known as the SAMBA Exec Committee – the committee is there to ensure the joint-will of the affiliates is met.
- g. Thanks were conveyed to SAMBA Exec members Brad White and John White and the Chairpersons of the four Gauteng provincial bodies for their support, advice, encouragement and participation at the Exec meetings in Midrand.

ITEM 9: ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

- 11. There were no nominations received in any form prior to the meeting. The Easterns Chairperson then proposed that the existing committee members be nominated to stand again for the next year, seconded by SWG. There were no counter-proposals made and the Easterns proposal was carried unanimously – viz

Chairman – Alan Forrest, Sec/Treasurer – Bradley White, Exec Member – John White.

ITEM 10: SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

- 12. 2014 Tournament Report. Recommendations iro minimum field sizes, teams without scorers/umpires etc and the pressures created. These items are dealt with in Appendix A.

13. 2015 IPT Venue & Dates. To be hosted by SWG – Tue 13 to Sat 17 Oct 15 either at Florida or Bosmont. Details, including field sizes, to be confirmed by SWG at March 2015 SAMBA Exec meeting.
14. Masters Age Groups. The question of considering 30-40 (Elite), 40-50 (Social) and 50+ Vets was discussed. No firm decision taken – so will remain 35-44 and 45+, but districts should consider what is happening to their players who are not currently in their senior provincial teams, and are under the age of 35 – they do not have an opportunity to participate in a tournament, and could easily be lost from baseball.
15. Tentative Visit by US Foreign Devils Team. The planned visit appears unlikely to take place in Mar 15 for several reasons, and alternate dates suggested by them are from Fri 23 Oct to Mon 02 Nov 15 – same schedule ie Gauteng then Kruger National Park then Western Cape. Fixtures hosts remain Easterns and WP Masters. Most of the visitors are likely to be aged 45+.

ITEM 11: CLOSURE

16. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was declared closed at 21h00.

(B.J. WHITE)
SECRETARY/TREASURER



(A.J. FORREST)
CHAIRMAN

20 December 2014