



# South African Schools Rugby Association



## Minutes of the Executive Meeting of the South African Schools Rugby Association as held on 21 November 2008 at 10:30 at Newlands, Cape Town.

### 1. Opening and constitution of meeting

Mr Lindsay Mould opened the meeting with a prayer. The notice of the meeting was sent to every member.

### 2. Welcome

Mr Mould welcomed everybody at the last meeting of 2008.

### 3. Members present

Mr Lindsay Mould	-	Chairperson
Mr Daniel Jones	-	Vice Chairperson (U/18 Association)
Mr Gerald Njengele	-	Vice Chairperson (U/13 Association)
Mr Hendrik Janse van Rensburg	-	Secretary
Mr Thys Bezuidenhout	-	Treasurer
Mr Ronald Bantom	-	Additional member (U/18 Association)
Mr Jackie Tredoux	-	Additional member (U/18 Association)
Mr Arrie Genis	-	Additional member (U/13 Association)
Mr Granville Joseph	-	Additional member (U/13 Association)
Mr Johan van der Merwe	-	Additional member (LSEN School Association)

### 4. Apologies

No apologies were received from members. Mr Willem Strauss was invited but he submitted an apology.

### 5. Personalia

It is with deep sorrow that we were informed of the passing of Mr Stoney Steenekamp, a previous coach of the SA Schools team. The committee had a minute of silence in his honour.

### 6. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were not received by all members. The secretary will forward all minutes of last two meetings again to everyone. He did have a problem with the e-mail service provider but thought it was rectified.

### 7. Matter arising

All matters are part of new agenda.

### 8. Correspondence

A number of letters were received from Mr Willem Stauss regarding the @lantic sevens tournaments in South Africa. The committee decided that a letter must be sent to SARU, @lantic and Mr Willem Strauss to explain the correct protocol regarding these tournaments. It was decided in 2007 at the Craven Week meeting in Stellenbosch that SASRA supports the @lantic sevens but that all correspondence and information must be administered by SASRA.

## 9. Constitution

The amended constitution will be dealt with by Messrs Njengele and Jones and be forwarded to the secretary by **10 December 2008**. This will then be taken to the legal department of SARU and once they have completed the constitution it will be forwarded to the different associations.

## 10. Budget 2009

Mr Bezuidenhout had drawn up a budget for 2009 and Mr Mould had talks with Mr Johan Prinsloo regarding the budget. We are awaiting final confirmation regarding the new proposed budget.

## 11. Recruitment of players during National weeks

There was a request from the Blue Bulls Primary Schools Rugby Association that High Schools must please stay away from their provincial players before Craven Week matches. They felt that although it can not be stopped to recruit players it will be better if this was to be done after matches or at the end of a day. Mr Njengele added that this happened at all the national weeks and although it can not be stopped it is good for previously disadvantaged players. The committee requested that all chairpersons and managers must take a stance and allow scouts only to speak to players after matches. A letter will be forwarded to all chairpersons and CEO's to enforce this as from 2009.

## 12. National weeks 2009

### 12.1 Dates

All dates handed out at the AGM for national weeks in 2009 were accepted and will stay the same namely:

<u>29 June-2/3 July 2009</u>	LSEN Week	-	Griffons
	U/13 Craven Week	-	Griquas
	U/18 Academy Week	-	Blue Bulls
<u>6-9 July 2009</u>	U/16 Grant Khomo	-	SWD
<u>13-18 July 2009</u>	U/18 Craven Week	-	Border

### 12.2 Fixtures

The first round of fixtures for 2009 was determined and is as follows:

#### Under 13 Craven Week

- i. Free State vs Zimbabwe
- ii. Border vs Namibia
- iii. Griffons vs SWD
- iv. Leopards vs Border CD
- v. Lions vs EP
- vi. Pumas vs WP
- vii. Valke vs KZN
- viii. Blue Bulls vs Boland
- ix. Griquas vs Limpopo

#### Under 16 Grant Khomo

1. SWD XV vs Border CD
2. Valke vs Limpopo
3. Namibia vs Leopards
4. Boland vs Griffons
5. Border vs Griquas
6. Free State vs Lions
7. WP vs KZN
8. Blue Bulls vs EP
9. SWD vs Pumas

### Under 18 Academy Week

- i. Falcons vs Griquas CD
- ii. EP CD vs Limpopo
- iii. Griffons CD vs Pumas
- iv. Lions vs KZN
- v. Free State vs Boland
- vi. WP vs EP
- vii. Border vs Leopards
- viii. SWD vs Griffons
- ix. Valke South vs Border CD
- x. Namibia vs Pumas
- xi. Leopards CD vs Griquas
- xii. Blue Bulls vs KZN CD

### LSEN Week

1. Boland vs Blue Bulls
2. Natal vs Lynx Invitational
3. Leopards vs SWD
4. Lions vs Lynx
5. Lions BO vs Eastern Cape
6. Western Cape vs Blue Bulls BO
7. Falcons vs Free State
8. Griffons vs Pumas

### Under 18 Craven Week

#### **MONDAY:**

1. Namibia vs Griquas CD
2. Griquas vs Pumas
3. EP vs WP
4. SWD vs Lions
5. Border vs Valke

#### **TUESDAY:**

1. Border CD vs SA LSEN
2. EP CD vs Leopards
3. Griffons vs Limpopo
4. SA Academy vs Zimbabwe
5. Boland vs Blue Bulls
6. Free State vs KZN

### **12.3 Teams to be chosen**

The SA Academy and SA LSEN teams will be the new teams, at the under 18 Craven Week, and will be selected at their respective national weeks.

### **12.4 Transport and accommodation**

SARU will subsidise each union on an equitable basis towards transport for their teams. This will depend on the distances that each team must travel to the respective weeks. SARU will inform the provinces as well as SASRA what this allocation might be. The transport will be arranged by the different unions for four teams. Accommodation is paid for by SARU for no more than 25 people per team i.e. twenty two players and three team management members. There are concerns about the SA Academy and SA LSEN teams as they will have to be accommodated regarding transport and accommodation prior and during the Craven Week for under 18 teams. These teams need to assemble beforehand in order to prepare for the Craven Week as this is the showcase of South African Schools Rugby. A letter will be forwarded to Mr Johan Prinsloo to request the necessary

information regarding these two teams. Messrs Bantom, Jones and van der Merwe will forward any relevant requests to the secretary to add in this letter. The respective managers for these two teams will be decided upon and announced by the SASRA committee prior to the weeks and applications must reach the secretary on or before **20 April 2009**. Coaches for these two teams will be announced at the weeks and applications for the coaching role must be submitted to Mr Bantom, at the Academy Week, and Mr van der Merwe, at the LSEN Week.

13. **Age Controlling System**

Mr Arrie Genis distribute a draft document to be discussed. A few amendments were made and were then accepted by the meeting. He will streamline the document and it will be finalized at the first committee meeting of 2009. The document will then be forwarded to each association.

14. **Targets 2009**

The concept to replace quotas by targets was discussed with Mr Johan Prinsloo and he was happy with the way forward.

15. **Referees at National Weeks**

Mr Johan Prinsloo requested that Mr André Watson attend the next SASRA meeting where the SASRA requests regarding referees at national weeks can be discussed. The committee felt that Primary School teachers must officiate at Primary School Craven Weeks as there is another approach to a primary school match. The committee would also like to see a better streamlined communication structure with the referee society.

16. **SA Academy team**

See point 12.4

17. **SA LSEN team**

See point 12.4

18. **Overseas opposition**

In 2009 a South African Schools and South African under 18 team will be selected and they will compete against international opposition. The South African Schools team will be selected after the conclusion of the Craven Week and discussions with France are in an advanced stage to play the National France Schools team. The South African under 18 team will consist of SA Schools players, tertiary students as well as working players. This team will play against an under 18 team from Australia and the match will most probably take place on 25 July 2009. The management for this team will also be appointed by the South African Schools Rugby Association and Mr Bantom will be involved with the selection of this team. Mr Bantom asked that a meeting with Mr Herman Masimla must be scheduled to formalize the process and to be informed regarding the criteria for selection of this team.

19. **@lantic Sevens**

See point 8. At the moment schools are invited selectively and not all schools get a chance to participate in these tournaments.

20. **Future national weeks**

Provinces that would like to host any of the national weeks of 2011-2013 must submit their applications to the secretary by **20 April 2009**.

The following applications for national weeks were received and will be discussed at the next committee meeting:

- Primary Schools Craven Week – 2011 (Blue Bulls), 2012 (KZN)
- Academy Week – 2011 (Lions)
- High Schools Craven Week – 2011 (EP), 2013 (Lions)

- Grant Khomo Week – 2011/2012 (Valke)

The following unions were agreed upon and will be hosts for the 2010 Craven Week:

2010	U/18 Craven Week	Griffons
	U/18 Academy Week	Kwazulu-Natal
	U/16 Grant Khomo Week	Lions
	U/13 Craven Week	Eastern Province ( <i>pending</i> )
	LSEN Schools	TBC

21. **Clothing: SA Executive**

The last few committee members without blazers will receive it by the end of today's meeting.

22. **Honoraria**

The idea of honoraria to the SASRA Executive members was accepted at the AGM and will be imposed early in 2009. All members will however be included.

23. **Meeting with Dr Willie Basson**

There might be a meeting for the SASRA committee with Dr Willie Basson before or on 12 December 2008. We are awaiting further information.

24. **Springbok emblem**

The SA Schools and SA Under 18 teams will also revert to the Protea on the left of the jersey and the Springbok emblem on the right hand side of the jersey. The blazers of these teams as well as the blazers of the SASRA committee will only have the Protea as the badge.

25. **FNB Classic Clashes**

It is imperative for SASRA and SARU to have the necessary knowledge regarding the annual FNB Classic Clashes. SARU will have a meeting with Mr Francois Pienaar and SASRA will be informed regarding this information.

26. **Ball Games**

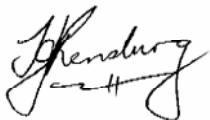
Although the SASRA committee has not received any formal information regarding the government funded ball games, Mr Daniel Jones informed the committee of a few points. The ball games will take place in Durban during the second week of the July holiday of 2009. Mr Bezuidenhout said that it will be wise to allow the stronger political provinces to enter a second and third team to these ball games. Mr Jones will keep us posted regarding ball games 2009.

27. **Sevens: Mr Doom Gouws**

A request was received from Mr Doom Gouws (Valke) to host a national sevens tournament. The SASRA committee supports this venture but need further information regarding funding of such a tournament. As soon as the committee receives more information, it will be presented to SARU. All provinces will be encouraged to participate and the target will be 5:5.

28. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 14:13. The next SASRA Committee meeting will be on 18 February 2009.



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