

MINUTES OF THE SAKA EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 27 OCTOBER 2019 IN PRETORIA

Present:

1. EXCO Members; Pat, Josh, Marie, Charlie and Aslam.
2. Invited Members; Henk, Tjolla, Danie, JD, Raymond, Gerhard, Hilda, Morne and Marius.

Welcoming: The president welcomed all and thanked them for their work they do in SAKA.

Agenda: The meeting was held as an open meeting without a specific Agenda.

Previous Minutes: There were no outstanding points and the minutes were declared correct and seconded by Henk.

ITEM No1: Pro / Amateur Status

The SAKA President had the following concerns which were discussed;

1. At the WAKO Worlds, Continental, Inter Continental and Fight Nights / Galas. Pro`s and Amateurs compete against one another according to the event rules.
2. Our Pro`s are not getting sufficient fights due to the difficulty of obtaining sponsors for their purses.
3. The only difference between an `A` class amateur and a pro is the payment factor and not the technical capability.
4. Most of your major sporting events do not distinguish between a pro and an amateur. The Olympics is a good example hereof. There are set rules and regulations which you participate according to.

The suggestion made by the president is that we have an `A` Class pool of fighters who fight one another. Should there be sufficient sponsors the fighters are paid for participating. Should it just be an `A` class event without payment we use the fighters who are willing to participate to build up on their experience. The `A` Class fighters will not be allowed to compete in novice divisions.

I think we are fooling ourselves with the so-called Pro status and our fighters are being humiliated at the WAKO Worlds. Suggestions on how to approach this venture must be forwarded to the president by 22 November 2019.

ITEM No 2: WAKO / ISKA Co-operation

There is a very good rumour doing the rounds that WAKO and ISKA will be working closer together. This rumour might be confirmed by the end of November at the WAKO AGM.

Should this be the case we will be considering to attend the European based ISKA World Championships. This could also assist our `A` Class fighters to be eligible for the Glory circuit should they perform. The president will keep you informed once he receives more info.

ITEM No 3: Aslam / Gideon Sam co-operation

Aslam has received the authority to co-operate with Gideon Sam (SASCOC President) who will assist SAKA / WAKO Africa to get into the African Games and the Commonwealth Games. He must furthermore liaise with WAKO IF regarding development in Africa and more specifically Zone 5. Aslam has also been placed on the WAKO IF Development Committee with Isabella of Mauritius to assist WAKO within the African region. The main purpose of all these activities is to ensure that WAKO receives permanent IOC membership.

ITEM No 4: Event`s Dates

The SA`s will take place over the dates 17,18 and 19 April 2020 in Pretoria. All event dates must be sent to the president by 22 November 2019 as a provincial consolidation. I will not be dealing with individual`s dates. Sidokan and RCFAI dates will be dealt with separately.

The sanctioning fee for your events (R500) per event must be paid into the SAKA account by 31 January 2020. Should it not be paid by that date you loose your event.

ITEM No 5: Equipment

There are still instructors allowing their fighters to train and participate with unsanctioned equipment. All the sanctioned kit is mentioned under the calendar at Additional Regulations. We do not have a specific item of kit sanctioned. Should you want kit sanctioned you bring each and every item we use.

ITEM No 6: Appreciation

A special word of thanks was passed to Marius, Morne (SFL), Tjolla (Mall Events) and Josh for promoting these special events which promote the name of SAKA. It is these events that will improve our `A` Class fighters.

ITEM No 7: Official`s Courses

The courses must be presented within the various provinces by qualified officials who really know the WAKO rules. I however suggest that these courses be consolidated per province / region and presented at the beginning of the kickboxing activities. It will be advisable to have the courses be presented by JD who has been active on the WAKO International circuit. His expenses must be covered by the people attending the course.

ITEM No 8: Coaches Courses

Pat explained the purpose of these courses which will be presented by him for the Northern region and Josh for the Southern region. No one may coach or instruct should you not have done this course. These courses must be consolidated within the various regions or done at a central place for all in that area. These courses are R250 to cover expenses and the certificate.

ITEM No 9: Advanced / Novice divisions

Once you have participated in the advanced division and you are a lower belt you no longer may participate in the novice division. The idea is for you to continue growing and improving. There is no such thing as a novice division at the SA's. You can't have three different SA champions in a weight division. You only have one champion.

ITEM No 10: Expenses

With the Bosnia and Herzegovina WAKO World Championships additional costs were incurred to get everything organized which was sparked by the fact that there was no embassy in SA. Visas had to be obtained in Istanbul. A number of private international calls had to be made by various people to ensure that all admin could be completed. It was authorized that Marie, Francois and Aslam be reimbursed with R3,000.00 each from the SAKA account. Due to this situation we will not very easily be attending WAKO events held in the Balkan states who don't have representation in SA.

ITEM No 11: 2020 Registration

All club registration **MUST** be paid into the SAKA account by 31 January 2020. Payments are done individually by the clubs. The Provincial / regional chairperson will send the president a consolidated name list of all the clubs who paid by 3 February 2020.

Should you have paid later than January in 2019 or joined SAKA at a later date you still pay on the due date for the 2020 year.

Conclusion. There were no further points to be discussed and the meeting was ended.

Patrick Carney

President South African Kickboxing Association

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