

TRANSVAAL COUNCIL OF SPORT

ANNUAL REPORT

1977/8

TRANSVAAL COUNCIL OF SPORT.

REPORTS PRESENTED TO THE FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL

MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE A.E.L. CENTRE, JOHANNESBURG

ON SUNDAY 21st. MAY 1978.

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION:-

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2. The Council aims to further the education of administrators and players.

3. The Council aims to assist its affiliates to obtain better facilities and amenities.

4. The Council while striving to obtain sufficient grounds and facilities will fight any attempts by anyone to use grounds and/or facilities as a form of blackmail to force non-racial sports groups to affiliate to racially orientated National or Provincial bodies.

5. The Council aims to co-ordinate the efforts of various sports codes and to organise such services as may be needed on a consultative, inter-sport code basis.

O F F I C I A L S.....1977-1978:-

1. CHAIRMAN: MR. R.A. FELDMAN.
2. SECRETARIAT: MR. ISMAIL GATTOO.
MR. AJIT GANDABHAI.
MR. ASHOK ODHAV.
MR. EDWIN BENNETT.
3. TREASURERS: MR. I. GATTOO.
MR. A. GANDABHAI.

A F F I L I A T E S:-

1. TRANSVAAL CRICKET BOARD.
2. TRANSVAAL DART BOARD.
3. TRANSVAAL HIGH SCHOOLS' SPORTS ASSOCIATION.
4. TRANSVAAL SOCCER BOARD.
5. TRANSVAAL AMATEUR SWIMMING UNION.
6. TRANSVAAL TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION.
7. TRANSVAAL JUDO & KARATE ASSOCIATION.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:-

Please take note that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Council will be held in the Board Room, 8th. Floor of the A.E.L. CENTRE, 78 MINT ROAD, FORDSBURG, JOHANNESBURG on SUNDAY 21st. MAY 1978 commencing at 10 a.m.

A G E N D A:-

1. Minutes.
2. Business Arising.
3. Affiliations.
4. Correspondence.
5. Chairman's Address.
6. Report of the Secretariat.
7. Discussion.
8. Financial Statement.
9. Election of Officials.
10. Other Business.

I. GATTOO (Signed on behalf of Secretariat).
21st. April 1978.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL
COUNCIL OF SPORT.

The meeting was held at the Headquarters of the Southern Transvaal Football Union, Corner 18th. and Krause Streets, Vrededorp, on the 15th. May 1977.

UNITS PRESENT:-

Transvaal Soccer Board.....	Messrs M.Sibda, R.N.Naidoo, I.Naidoo, A.Hassan & J.Noorbhai.
Cricket.....	Messrs P.Peffer, E.Musson.
School Sports.....	Mr. R.Feldman.
Eastern Transvaal Tennis Union.....	Messrs G.Rama, M.Shaik.
Southern Transvaal Tennis Union.....	Mr. P.Lally.
Transvaal Table Tennis Association...	Mr. R.Luckay, C.Coovadia.
Transvaal Amateur Swimming Union.....	Mr. I.S.Gattoo.

Also present were:-

Messrs R.Gopal, A.Gandabhai, P.J.Bhana (all from Azad Cricket Club) Y.Kara, D.A.Naidoo, S.Bhyat, F.Mather, A.Mather, C.Soudien.

APOLOGIES:-

1. Transvaal Darts Board of Control, because they had their Annual General Meeting at the same time.
2. Mr. A.Mangera.
3. Mr. S.Bagus.

The caretaker President, Mr. Reggie Feldman, declared the meeting open. He briefly outlined what had happened at the symposium on the 1st. May 1977. He fully explained the formation of a sports council and said that all present at the symposium had stressed the great need for one.

Various speakers also expressed their feelings in support.

COMPOSITION OF SPORTS COUNCIL:-

The house decided that at this stage the officials should be kept to a minimum and they accepted Mr. Feldman's proposal that the officials consist of the following:-

1. A President and 2. A Secretariat of three people.

ELECTIONS:-

1. Mr. R.Feldman was unanimously elected President.
2. The Secretariat:-
 - a) Mr. I.S.Gattoo moved Dr.Gopal, Seconded S.Bhayat.
 - b) Mr. A.Bhamjee moved M.Sibda, Seconded R.N.Naidoo.
 - c) Mr. N.Rathinasamy moved M.Sibda, Seconded E.Musson.

Mr. P.Peffer declined a position on the Secretariat because of health reasons.

CONSTITUTION:-

The house unanimously decided to adopt Articles of Association (as adopted by the Western Province Council of Sport) instead of being guided by a constitution.

The following are the articles which were discussed and unanimously accepted:-

1. The Council believes that merit selection is possible only if all participants in sporting events are able to compete with each other freely at all levels and calls on all sporting organisations to reject any system or scheme which does not offer equal opportunity, equal facilities, equal training and equal experience at all levels.
2. The Council hopes to further the education of administrators and players.
3. The Council aims to assist affiliates to obtain better facilities and amenities.
4. The Council will strive for sufficient grounds and facilities and to fight any attempts by anyone to use grounds and/or facilities as a form of blackmail to force Non-Racial sports groups to affiliate to racially orientated national and/or provincial bodies.
5. The Council aims to co-ordinate the efforts of various sports codes and to organise such services as may be needed on a consultative inter-sport code basis.

AFFILIATION FEES:-

The house unanimously decided that where a code of sport was represented by a single controlling body, the affiliation would be R50.00 and where a code was represented by various geographic units then the fee would be R25.00 e.g. Eastern Transvaal Tennis Union, Southern Transvaal Tennis Union, etc.

HEADQUARTERS:-

Mr. I.S. Gatto briefly outlined the great advantages of the Council renting an office. He pointed out that the affiliation fees plus various donations which have been promised would make the running of an office possible.

The house mandated the officials to rent an office in the A.E.L. Centre, 78 Mint Road, Fordsburg.

CRICKET:-

All units present expressed great concern at the cricket set-up. After a lengthy debate the Council undertook to sponsor the formation of a new non-racial cricket body in the Transvaal.

GENERAL:-

The officials of the Council were empowered to address meetings in various areas in order to bring non-racialism to all places where people were concerned.

The meeting terminated at 12.45p.m.

THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS:-

The South African Sports Association existed about 30 years ago. It was the first attempt to organise non-racial sportsmen on a national basis. Among other things it advocated a stay-away from all racial sport. Subsequently the focus of the struggle moved overseas. This was necessary as it was the period when there were successful campaigns to isolate White South Africa internationally. During this period some of our sportsmen believed, erroneously, that our salvation would come from over the seas. But now with the South African Council of Sport and its provincial affiliates flourishing the wheel has turned full circle and the fight is back in its natural arena. The lesson has been brought home forcibly that our salvation will ultimately depend on our own efforts. ALL sportsmen in South Africa can only attain equal rights as a result of our own efforts. It is not without significance that Mr. R.Opperman, President of the South African Olympic and national Games Association was referred back to South Africa and SACOS when he approached SANROC overseas in an attempt to have South Africa re-instated in the Olympic movement. We also took note of the fact that it was a South African, Mr.M.N.Pather Secretary of SACOS, who was invited to the UNO to clear up the confusion that had deliberately been sown in the minds of people overseas. We appreciate the efforts of our friends overseas and we value their assistance but we know that our salvation will come from our own efforts at home. It is therefore the most important task of our councils to educate and discipline our sportsmen so that they are properly motivated to fight for what is rightfully theirs.

We have also learnt, especially over the past year when so much happened on the sports scene, that our unity is a precious thing. That is why the fight against those who have double loyalties has been intensified. Those who are playing ball with the racists have been mercilessly exposed. Some of them have been forced to choose between those who want to entrench racialism in the form of permits and other permissions and clearances and those who have decided that there is only one way that is decent and honourable and that is that we must completely discard all forms of discrimination in sport. We deny it when we are accused of being vindictive because we realise (and so do others) that there is more at stake than the mere playing of sport. Steps which have been taken against those who practise double standards were necessary in the interests of the community. It was merely another form of education.

Provincial councils have also rivetted attention on the question of permits for sport. In spite of all the red herrings, the diversions and the personal attacks we have decided to make an issue of the pernicious practice of playing sport under permit. We are concerned with the playing of sport under permit for very good reasons. We believe that South Africa is one, single country giving shelter to one, single nation. That is why the concepts of muti-nationalism, multi-racialism and that new gogga inter-national status are anathema to us. The Councils drew attention to the fact that to accept permits in sport meant that we were surrendering our rights as South Africans. We shall leave the issue of permits for other purposes to those organisations which have been formed to fight on those fronts.

It must not be thought that the formation of provincial councils of sport was greeted on all sides with enthusiasm. There are these administrators of sport who inhabit the grey world- ostensibly "for" non-racial sport and using all the terms and expressions associated with the non-racial struggle like experts but at the same time engaging in what can only be called dubious practices. They have done their best to reduce a principled fight to a street corner squabble and have succeeded so admirably in certain areas that the Rand Daily Mail could say in a leading article the other day "..... that divisions are no longer based on matters of principle, but on personality clashes, mistrust and power-mongering among leading soccer administrators!! They are engaging in character assassinations and are busy deceiving people into believing that what they are doing is non-racialism. They feared the coming of provincial councils of sport as soon as they realised that their actions would now come under the close scrutiny of those near to them. There have been pathetic attempts to cast doubts on the actions of those who constitute the provincial councils. They have, in fact, been so successful in sowing confusion that the secretary of SACOS was invited to the UNO to clear up the confusion existing in the minds of people overseas. They have allowed themselves, because of the inherent weakness of their principles, to be used by sponsors, some of whom are engaging in open black-mail, to undo whatever has been gained by those who have fought for the non-racial principle all their lives. It is time that these sports mal-administrators (and they are present in all codes) be brought to their senses. Time that they were made to realise that they are impeding a struggle to gain a full life for all. If they cannot play a constructive role in the struggle then they should make way for those who are aware of their responsibilities towards their communities.

SACOS and the provincial councils of sport must appeal to all who are active in sport to support those who are clear in their objectives. Sport and the need for recreation are as necessary for full development as food and sleep. It is the right of every person to engage in sport with others without regard to colour, religion, caste, sex or nationality. The policies being followed in South Africa have led to her becoming the most despised nation on earth. We can expect those who are privileged to fight bitterly and viciously to maintain a privileged status. Are the words which follow a sign of what is to come? These remarks appeared in the sports column of the Sunday Afrikaans newspaper "Rapport" on Sunday 14th. May 1978:

(The writer, Phil Zaayman, is postulating the theory that what he calls "splinter groups" have only to appeal to their friends overseas to upset (verongeluk) all the good work being done by the government):-

"But something should be done NOW to prevent certain instances overseas from controlling sport in South Africa..... We don't want to talk politics in this column, but drastic steps would mean intervention by the government being undertaken now. Besides, we can only countenance so much and no more- as SWAPO discovered the other day. We do not want to drag politics into sport but if that is the game that certain organisations want to play then we shall have to forget about the rules (of the game) Let the government act now and eradicate the deadly cancer in South African sport. And that applies particularly to soccer."

TRANSVAAL COUNCIL OF SPORT.

REPORT FROM SECRETARIAT:-

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen

It pleases us to present herewith our report on the activities of the Council for the past year.

FORMATION:-

The idea of forming a Council of Sport for the Transvaal along the lines of the Council formed in Cape Town reached tangible form on Sunday 1st. May 1977, when a symposium was held at the headquarters of the Southern Transvaal Football Union. Two of our outstanding fighters for non-racial sport favoured us with their presence on that day, viz Mr. Hassan Howa and Mr. Frank van der Horst. They received a warm reception from about sixty people. At the end of an interesting discussion a unanimous decision was taken to form the Transvaal Council and a care-taker Committee was elected to do the spade-work necessary for the formation of the Council. The Council was duly formed on Sunday 15th. May 1977

Two members of the Secretariat were replaced during the course of the year. The officials serving the Council are mentioned on the second page of this booklet.

In its programme of education the Council issued the following newsletters:-

1. on Facilities and Coaches. Formation of Transvaal Cricket Board.
2. on "Normal" cricket as played in 1976-77 written by A.Asvat. also containing article on Playing under Permit.
3. Extracts from Hansard to illustrate that so-called normal sport is actually multi-national sport.
4. The Requirements for the playing of normal sport, in conjunction with the Western Province Council of Sport.
5. Multi-national Sport by Western Province Council of Sport Distributed by us.
6. "Are You Practising Double Standards?" containing suggested Constitutional changes & model membership form...jointly with Western Province Council, Eastern Province Council, Natal Council.
7. "What is Happening in the Soccer Federation?" with Western Province and Eastern Province Councils.
8. "You are Permitted to Exist" on permits.

MEETINGS:-

The following meetings were held:-

1. Symposium on 1st. May 1978.
2. Annual General Meeting: Inaugural: 15th. May 1977
3. COUNCIL MEETINGS:-

- (i) 1st. 17th. July 1977.
- (ii) 2nd. 28th. August 1977.
- (iii) 3rd. 18th. September 1977.
- (iv) 4th. 30th. October 1977.
- (v) 5th. 29th. January 1978.
- (vi) 6th. 19th. March 1978.

SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL OF SPORT:-

The Transvaal Council together with the Western Province Council and the Natal Council attended the Second Biennial Conference of the South African Council at Curries Fountain, Durban, on Sunday 8th. October 1977. The provincial councils applied for membership of SACOS. Unfortunately certain delegates were not very clear on the functions to be served by the provincial councils and only **qualified** membership was granted. Fortunately this decision was changed at the Cape Town meeting of SACOS held barely six months after the date of the Conference. The provincial councils are now full members of the national council. It is interesting to note that SACOS now enjoys full membership of the Supreme Council of Sport in Africa.

THANKS:-

- * The Council wishes to thank
 - * The Southern Transvaal Football Union for allowing us the use of their headquarters for meetings.
 - * The Western Province Council of Sport for encouragement and assistance at all times.
 - * Our donors who assisted us financially and made it possible for the Council to carry on its work.
 - * The Transvaal Soccer Board and Mr. Abdul Bhanjee who made it possible for us to invite Mr. Hassan Howa and Mr. Frank van der Horst to our symposium.
 - * All our affiliates for their support.

REVIEW OF CODES OF SPORT IN THE TRANSVAAL:-

* ATHLETICS:-

At this stage athletics is only organised on school level. The Transvaal High Schools' Sports Association, an active member of the national senior schools' association, organises athletic meetings. The Council is making efforts for the second year in succession to get senior athletics off the ground in this province. The high schools' association is acting in conjunction with the Council. There appears to be more interest this year than ever before.

* BOWLS:-

There are two bowling clubs in Johannesburg, both very proud of their ethnic basis. Both these clubs: Dube bowling club in Soweto and Westlea bowling club in Westlea. are affiliated to the White body in the Southern Transvaal.

* BADMINTON:-

The sport is being played in little pockets on an unorganised basis. The Council is attempting to assist the formation of a body to promote the game.

* BOXING:-

There are several clubs formed into a union. These clubs are not affiliated to Braun's boxing association. The present union is keen to join a national organisation. A meeting has been scheduled for sometime in May. The meeting is down for Kimberley.

* CRICKET:-

The Transvaal Cricket Board was instituted in 1977. It is affiliated to the South African Cricket Board under Mr. Hassan Howa. The Transvaal Cricket Council is at its most active in Lenasia and in the outlying areas of the Transvaal. This province has the largest number of "Non-White" cricketers playing "normal" cricket. The Johannesburg City Council has refused the Transvaal Board use of pitches in the Lenasia area, and would also have granted use of all other fields to what they term a "recognised" body viz the Transvaal Cricket Council. Grounds were allocated to the Transvaal Board by the Coloured Management Committee of Johannesburg. The Transvaal Cricket Board now has thirteen clubs playing on five grounds within central Johannesburg. It plays all inter-provincial matches on an open ground. There are no seats for spectators and covers are not supplied by the Council. The fact that associations affiliated to the Football Federation refuse to implement the principle of double standards is militating against the growth of the Transvaal Cricket Board. Scores of cricketers playing "normal" cricket are being allowed the luxury of playing soccer under the banner of the Transvaal Soccer Board. These men will be entitled to feel that their actions in playing "normal" cricket have been condoned and in fact are being approved of by a so-called non-racial body which is directly affiliated to the South African Council of Sport via the South African Soccer Federation.

* DARTS:-

The Transvaal has a body controlling darts along non-racial lines. The Board consists of two bodies: the Southern Transvaal and Eastern Transvaal associations. The Transvaal Board is unaffiliated to the South African Darts Board of Control. Attempts are being made to rope the northern and western Transvaal in.

* HOCKEY:-

Women's Hockey:- There are now two hockey unions in the Transvaal. The Western Transvaal Hockey Union was inaugurated this year. It has been reported that a club affiliated to the Southern Transvaal union viz Olympians, has defected and joined the White Union. The Western Transvaal union has indicated its willingness to affiliate to Council.

Men's Hockey:- The union is defunct. Last season one club was playing in the White union. It is doubted if this club is still in existence.

* VOLLEYBALL:-

This sport was started in 1977. Unfortunately certain key officials could not carry on and the Union is not as active as it was. Council will make attempts to revive the union this year.

* JUDO AND KARATE:-

There are unorganised clubs all over. The Transvaal Judo and Karate association is a member of the Council. They are keen to make contact with other bodies controlling the sport on a non-racial basis.

* RUGBY:-

The Transvaal Independent Rugby Football Union is not a member of the Council. The Rugby Federation is represented by two clubs. According to newspaper reports the clubs were to be included in a very minor (fourth or fifth division) league of the Transvaal Rugby Union(White) Nothing further has been heard of the two clubs.

* SHOOTING:-

Reports are that licences have been liberally issued to "Coloured" persons to obtain fire-arms. There are several clubs affiliated to the racial body.

* SCHOOL SPORT:-

The Transvaal High Schools' Sports Association, an affiliate of the South African Senior Schools' Sports Association is an active member of the Council. The schools' association was the first non-racial body in the Transvaal to implement the principle of double standards.

* SOCCER:-

The Transvaal Soccer Board is a member of the Council. The Board is an affiliate of the South African Soccer Federation. It controls the second division of the professional code and the following amateur associations: Southern Transvaal, Lenasia Football Association, Bosmont Football Association, Eastern Transvaal and Northern Transvaal. The following remark has been extracted from the Board's annual report presented at the annual meeting. It is printed without further comment:- "The Board convened two Council meetings, one Executive meeting and a number of Tournament Committee meetings. The Board was very inactive in so far as keeping in touch with the various district associations were concerned."

* SWIMMING:-

The Transvaal Amateur Swimming Union is an active member of Council. The union is an affiliate of the South African Swimming Federation. The Union has four clubs, one stationed in Pretoria. One club consisting of about fifteen members and called simultaneously the Barracuda Swimming Club and the South African Coloured Swimming Association is affiliated to the racial union.

* TABLE TENNIS:-

The Transvaal Table Tennis Association is a member of Council. The association will be hosts for the national tournament in July this year. According to reports the association has taken a regrettable step in that it has adopted the principle on double standards with a qualification in that the association will implement the principle if the South African Council takes action against the Soccer Federation.

* TENNIS:-

There are four tennis unions affiliated to the Southern African Lawn Tennis Union, a stalwart of SACOS. The anomaly is that the provincial units have not affiliated to the Transvaal Council.

Signed by the Members of the Secretariat.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

FOR TEN MONTHS ENDED 31st. MARCH 1978.

I N C O M E

	1382
AFFILIATION FEES R325.	
CINEMA SHOW R320.	
DONATIONS. <u>R737.</u>	

less EXPENDITURE

	1192.
OFFICE RENTAL R568.	
BANK CHARGES 6	
POSTAGE 14	
TRAVELLING EXPENSES 302.	
PRINTING & STATIONERY 43.	
HIRE OF HALL, FILM 240.	
SUNDRY EXPENSES <u>19</u>	

Excess Income over Expenditure

Transferred to Accumulated Funds. 190.

B A L A N C E D S H E E T. AS AT 31 MARCH

ACCUMULATED FUNDS		R190.
<u>FIXED ASSETS:</u>		
FURNITURE & FITTINGS		400.
<u>LESS NET CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		210.
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		440.
FURNITURE & FITTINGS.	400.	
TICKETS FOR FILM SHOW.	<u>40.</u>	
<u>LESS CURRENT ASSETS:</u>		230.
CASH AT BANK	130	
<u>AFFILIATION FEES:</u>		
TRANSVAAL CRICKET BOARD	50	
KARATE & JUDO ASSOCIATION	<u>50</u>	
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