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MEETING
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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCILLOR'S MEETING OF THE TENNIS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA, HELD AT THE JISWA CENTRE, SUIKERBOSSIE STREET, LENASIA, ON SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1986 COMMENCING AT 10h30.

THOSE PRESENT

<u>PRESIDENT</u> :	Mr. A.E.Fortuin
<u>VICE-PRESIDENT</u> :	Mr. S.B.Gumede
<u>GENERAL SECRETARY</u> :	Mr. C.R.Clarke
<u>ASSISTANT SECRETARY</u> :	Mr. Y.Bhyat
<u>HONORARY TREASURER</u> :	Mr. Y.Wajah
<u>COUNCILLORS</u> :	
Boland Tennis Union	Mr. D.A.Samaai
Eastern Transvaal Tennis Union	Mr. D.L.Poonan
Far Northern Transvaal Tennis Ass	Mr. D.Nkadimeng Mr. C.Machete (Alt)
Northern Transvaal Tennis Union	Miss D.Naidoo
South Eastern Transvaal Tennis Ass	Mr. M.Sheik
Southern Natal Tennis Union	Mr. C.S.Ntloko
South Western Transvaal Tennis Union	Mr. J.Waja Mr. A.A.Essop (Alt) Mr. A.Surtee (Observer)
Western Province Tennis Union	Mr. Y.Ebrahim

1. OPENING REMARKS :

The President, Mr. A.E.Fortuin welcomed all the Councillor's to the Special Councillor's meeting. He thanked the host, South Western Transvaal Tennis Union, for hosting the meeting. He felt that the other Affiliates did not attend the meeting because of the bad timing of the meeting. It should have been held during the course of the week and should be noted for future meetings. He briefly outlined the reasons for calling this Special Councillor's meeting. He concluded by stating that Affiliates should carry on with their normal activities despite the turmoil that existed in the country.

2. NOTICE :

The Notice convening the meeting as circulated was read by Mr. C.R.Clarke and noted. An item 4(a), to discuss the Executive Committee meeting report, was included on the Agenda. The Agenda was accepted on the motion by Mr. D.L.Poonan (ETTU) and seconded by Mr. D.A.Samaai (BTU).

3. TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS CREDENTIALS :

The Credentials of the Councillor's present were accepted on the motion by Mr. M.Sheik (SETTA) and seconded by Mr. J.Waja (SWTIU).

4. TO READ AND CONFIRM PREVIOUS COUNCILLOR'S MEETING MINUTES :

The Minutes of the previous Councillor's meeting held in Durban on Sunday, March 30, 1986 which were circularised, were taken as read.

The following correction was made :-

Page 1 - The name of Mr. M.L.Balwant was included as an alternate Councillor for Southern Natal Tennis Union.

Minutes accepted on the motion by Mr. D.L.Poonan (ETTU) and seconded by Mr. J.Waja (SWTIU).

4a. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM EXECUTIVE MEETING REPORT :

The report of the Executive meeting held in Lenasia on Thursday, July 3rd, 1986 which was not circularised to all the Affiliates and included on the Agenda, was ratified for the purpose of discussion on the motion by Mr. M.Sheik (SETTA) and seconded by Mr. D.L.Poonan (ETIU).

4a.1 Coke Masters :-

4a.1.1 Birth Certificates :-

Several Affiliates had failed to submit certified birth certificates despite several telephonic reminders by the General Secretary. Affiliates concerned were NCOFSTA (9), E.CAPE (4), SNTU (1), TVL NORTH (1) and STELLALAND (2) .

The TASA Executive had recommended that TASA withhold all travel subsidy for the juniors who failed to produce their certificates as requested unless they produced it on or before the BGM.

In the discussion that followed, Mr. M.Sheik (SETTA) felt that TASA should stand to their decision taken at the previous Councillor's meeting.

Mr. J.Waja (SWTIU) felt that TASA should consider the fact that it was difficult to register births in rural areas.

On the point of affidavits raised by Mr. A.E.Fortuin, Mr. D.Nkadineng (FANTIA) stated that parents affidavits could be acceptable.

However, Mr. S.B.Gumede felt that a Commissioner had to accept the word of the parents and that they could submit a different affidavit the following year. Also, it was possible to register late births now without any difficulty.

Mr. C.R.Clarke, supported by Mr. C.S.Ntloko (SNTU) and Mr. D.Samaai (BT) stated that Affiliates were given enough time to prepare the certificates and that they were slack in following rules and regulation. He cited the example of a junior girl who last year played in the under-12 section and this year the same junior had to play in the under-18 section.

On the motion by Mr. M.Sheik (SETTA) and seconded by Mr. J.Waja (SWTIU) it was unanimously accepted that TASA withhold all travel subsidy for juniors who failed to produce certified birth certificates unless they produced the certificates on or before the BGM.

Also, on the motion by Mr. S.B.Gumede and seconded by Mr. D.L.Poonan (ETIU) it was unanimously accepted that all late registration of births be done as soon as possible.

4a.1.2 Stellaland Entries :-

The General Secretary, Mr. C.R.Clarke outlined the details regarding their case. He stated that he objected to the way he was spoken to by Mr. A.E.Anthony and also against the various allegations made by him.

Mr. A.E.Fortuin reminded the Councillor's of their failure to attend any meetings, outstanding fees and also their propagation against TASA Affiliates and Officials. He stated that TASA had tried to set up a meeting with them but had a very destructive attitude.

Mr. M.Sheik (SETTA) stated TASA should not have accepted their Coke Masters entries.

Mr. C.R.Clarke indicated his doubt to their constituted existence. He felt that there was no formal Union and that they should be investigated. He had contacted Mr. A.E.Anthony but was reluctant to arrange a date for a visit to their area.

On the motion by Mr. M.Sheik (SETTA) and seconded by Mr. J.Waja (SWTIU) it was unanimously agreed to accept the Executive recommendation that TASA withhold all Coke Regional and travel subsidy disbursements to Stellaland.

Also, on the motion by Mr. M.Sheik (SETTA) and seconded by Mr. C.S.Ntloko (SNIU), it was unanimously accepted that the General Secretary formally write to Stellaland and that TASA Officials visit Vryburg within 30 days of receiving their reply.

The Treasurer, Mr. Y.Wajah suggested that TASA should look into the other Affiliates, notably Western Tvl and Griqualand West.

Regarding Griqualand West, Mr. C.R.Clarke stated that they were in the process of forming clubs and he was in contact with them.

Mr. M.Sheik (SETTA), regarding Western Tvl stated that he was in contact with them and they had assured him that they would attend the Councillor's meeting. He felt that there was no full participation on their part.

It was unanimously accepted, on the motion by Mr. M.Sheik (SETTA) and seconded by Mr. C.S.Ntloko (SNIU), that the General Secretary formally write to Western Tvl and that TASA Officials visit them within 30 days of receiving their reply.

4a.1.3 Coke Regionals :-

Eastern Province and Central OFSTA had failed to submit dates and any information on their Coke Regionals on or before April 30th.

Mr. M.Sheik (SETTA) suggested that in future TASA exclude Affiliates from Coke Masters if Affiliates persistently ignored Rules and Regulations.

Mr. D.A.Samaai suggested that in future all Affiliates should submit full charts of the Regionals.

On the motion by Mr. D.Nkadimeng (FANITA) and seconded by Mr. J.Waja (SWTTU), it was unanimously agreed to accept the Executive recommendation that TASA withhold the Regional disbursements to the two Affiliates.

4a.1.4 Regional and Travel disbursements :-

The Treasurer, Mr. Y.Wajah informed the Councillor's that he would make the disbursements within the next 7 days.

4a.1.5 International Tennis Federation :-

At the outset, Mr. C.R.Clarke recorded TASA's thanks to Mr. S.Ransau and SANROC for the endless work done overseas. He stated that our ITF Memorandum had been translated into several other languages and distributed to over 100 members.

He stated that TASA had far greater support internationally but votes were loaded for several countries. Also, because of the ITF ruling that only 1 member per country, TASA called for the expulsion of SATU and that for tactical reasons, we might withdraw our application. He further indicated that TASA would not send a delegate because of an ITF ruling against observers.

4a.1.6 Sponsorship :-

Mr. Y.Wajah outlined the Dunlop proposals :-

(i) Manufacture of TASA balls and an endorsement fee of 50 cents per dozen for all TASA balls sold at TASA appointed stockists ;

AND (ii) Cash sponsorship of R10,000 and R2,000 for sports equipment for the proposed coaches programme for 1987.

Mr. C.R.Clarke thanked the Treasurer for all the sponsorship applications. He stated that the aggressive attitude taken by the Treasurer was the right approach and that we should not take 'no' for an answer. If need be, the matter should be taken up with their international principles.

Mr. C.R. Clarke requested that Affiliates should submit to TASA all correspondence regarding sponsorship refusals.

Regarding the TASA balls, Mr. A.E. Fortuin stated that it would be difficult to control and appoint stockists nationally. Also, the competitive prices offered by the big supermarkets would hamper the sale of TASA balls at the smaller TASA appointed stockists.

Mr. M. Sheik (SETTA) complimented the Executive for securing the Dunlop sponsorship and suggested that TASA approach the chainstores for the selling of TASA balls.

Mr. C.S. Ntloko (SNIU) suggested that TASA ask all Affiliates to submit the names of all balls stockists in their areas and also, give an approximate usage of balls.

On the motion by Mr. M. Sheik (SETTA) and seconded by Mr. D.A. Samaai (BII) it was unanimously accepted that we accept the Dunlop sponsorship as proposed for 1987 and that we look into the balls issue.

Regarding the proposed Coaches programme, Mr. A.E. Fortuin stated that the report would be finalised at the BGM and that in the meantime Affiliates should submit ideas and recommendations to TASA.

On the Barclays National Bank sponsorship meeting, Mr. C.R. Clarke reported that the meeting was not very encouraging but that the matter was being pursued with them. He also indicated that they had given TASA a R1,000 donation.

Mr. M. Sheik (SETTA) suggested that TASA return the R1,000 cheque.

However, Mr. C.R. Clarke felt that TASA should keep the donation and also not acknowledge it.

The Barclays donation was unanimously accepted.

5. TO DEAL WITH MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS COUNCILLOR'S MEETING :

5.1 Registration Forms :-

Mr. C.R. Clarke informed the meeting that the Registration books were ready and would be distributed shortly. The cost would be R2.50 per book. He indicated that 3 Affiliates, namely SETTA, WPTU & Boland, had only responded to our request and appealed to Affiliates to order the books immediately.

5.2 Amended Constitutions :-

Mr. C.R. Clarke reported that the Constitution booklet was ready for distribution. The book contained the Constitution, Affiliates data, Standing Rules and Ranking system. The cost would be about R1.50 per book.

5.3 Survey Forms :-

Mr. Y. Bhyat reported that only SNIU had responded since the last appeal made at the last Councillor's meeting. Still outstanding from ETTU, NCOFSTA, NTTU and SWDTU.

Both Mr. D.L. Poonan (ETTU) and Miss D. Naidoo (NTTU) reported that they were in the process of finalising the data requirements.

Mr. A.E. Fortuin made a further and final appeal to Affiliates to submit the data.

5.4 NUM Meeting :-

Mr. S.B. Gumede reported that a meeting had been arranged with NUM, but they were unable to attend the meeting. Trying to arrange another meeting.

5.5 SASSSA Meeting :-

Mr. C.R. Clarke reported that a meeting was held with SASSSA. They accepted that the relationship was not very fruitful and agreed to rectify it.

They agreed to the participation of TASA school teams in SASSSA events commencing in Johannesburg on December 8th. Likewise, SASSSA team would be participating in TASA Inter-Provincial.

Mr. D.A.Samaai (BTU) suggested that TASA consider a Transvaal TASA team for the December SASSSA event.

Mr. Y.Wajah suggested that we write to them to find out about the areas which are not represented by them.

The suggestion by Mr. C.R.Clarke that TASA in principle accept the idea of TASA teams participating in SASSSA activities was unanimously accepted on the motion by Mr. D.L.Poonan (ETTU) and seconded by Mr. C.S.Ntloko (SNTU).

It was agreed that we should look into the implementation of this aspect

5.6 ITF Rule Books :-

Mr. Y.Bhyat reported that the books were received and distributed.

5.7 7th National Championship Report :-

Mr. C.R.Clarke stated that no report was received from the Panel of Referees as agreed at last Councillor's meeting.

5.8 TASA Sportsperson Nomination :-

It was unanimously agreed that there was no need to amend any nominations procedure.

5.9 TASA Newsletter :-

Mr. Y.Bhyat reported that there was no response from Affiliates. Only ETTU had submitted material for the Newsletter.

Mr. A.E.Fortuin made a further appeal to the Affiliates for more co-operation to get the project off the ground.

Mr. C.R.Clarke and Mr. D.A.Samaai agreed to prepare the initial Newsletter containing Junior Coke Masters information and results.

5.10 Tennis Scholarships :-

Mr. C.R.Clarke stated that Mr. S.Ransamy had discussed the possibility of scholarships. Arrangements had to be made 1 year in advance.

It was agreed that TASA should definitely look into it and that more concrete feedback was required from the Affiliates.

On a suggestion by the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Y.Bhyat that TASA prepare a scholarship criteria motivation report, Mr. C.R.Clarke proposed the name of Mr. D.A.Samaai (BTU) and it was accepted.

5.11 Inter-Provincial Dates :-

On a query from Mr. A.A.Essop (SWTTU) regarding the Inter-Provincial dates, Mr. C.R.Clarke stated that the dates of December 23, 26 & 27th still stood. Playing on December 24th depended on the number of entries.

Affiliates were reminded on the deadline date for entries as August 31st.

5.12 Scholar Capitation :-

On a query from the Treasurer regarding the 50 cents capitation for juniors passed at the last Councillor's meeting, the General Secretary indicated that the fee was applicable for the 1986 season.

5.13 TASA SACOS Levy Appeal :-

Mr. Y.Wajah reported that only 3 Affiliates, namely SETTA, SWTTU & SNTU, had forwarded the levy as requested.

Mr. C.R.Clarke appealed to the Affiliates to speed up the finalising of this matter because it was becoming an embarrassing situation for TASA Officials and delegates at SACOS meetings.

Mr. S.B.Gumede echoed the previous speakers comments.

The President, Mr. A.E.Fortuin made a further appeal to the Affiliates. It was unanimously accepted that the Treasurer settle all outstanding debts with SACOS as soon as possible.

5.14 TASA Ranking :-

On an enquiry from Mr. Y.Bhyat regarding the rectification of the Ladies Ranking as highlighted at the last Councillor's meeting, Mr. D.A.Samaai, the chief Referee stated that the new ranking system fell flat for the ladies ranking. Only 6 ladies could be ranked according to the new system.

Mr. C.R.Clarke felt that all the players were not aware of the new system and that players should learn to participate in tournaments outside their areas and not only play at home tournaments.

Mr. Y.Ebrahim (WPIU) indicated that if weaker players were ranked over the better players it would be acceptable. The better players should not take things for granted and must play in the required tournaments. He felt that we should stick to the present new ranking system.

To overcome the present problem, Mr. S.B.Gumede suggested that the Referees consider the results of 2 tournaments, followed by 1 tournament.

It was unanimously agreed that as an interim measure the present Ladies Ranking list would remain and that the Panel of Referees discuss the interim arrangements and put forward their proposals.

5.15 BGM Report :-

The General Secretary, Mr. C.R.Clarke informed the Councillor's that he would be preparing the BGM Report shortly and that Affiliate's should submit their activity reports including facilities, sponsorships, Officials names and photographs, club details etc. not later than September 30th.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT OF THE SACOS MEETING :

The TASA delegate, Mr. S.B.Gumede presented a well prepared Report on the SACOS meeting held on May 3 & 4 at East London. The Report was not circularised to the Affiliates.

Mr. S.B.Gumede apologised for the lengthy report and stated that it highlighted matters relevant to tennis mainly.

The Report was unanimously accepted for discussion on the motion by Mr. C.R.Clarke and seconded by Mr. Y.Wajah.

7. TO DEAL WITH MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM :

7.1 The Mr. E.Osman Saga :-

Mr. C.R.Clarke opened the discussion by stating that the SACOS meeting felt that TASA had discussed the ASASA case only and chose to ignore the 'Rylands School' allegations.

Mr. C.S.Ntloko (SNTU) stated that Mr. K.K.Mthiyane who was also a delegate to the SACOS meeting had submitted a report to SNTU. However, he was not delegated to go into the merits and de-merits of the issue. He was not mandated to discuss the issue and in giving his personal views, he felt that TASA should officially approach SNTU and Mr. E.Osman. There was no written communications between TASA and SNTU, Mr. E.Osman and SACOS. There were only press reports as regards the allegations. He felt that Mr. E.Osman should be given an opportunity to present his views on the allegations.

Mr. D.L.Poonan (ETTU) echoed Mr. C.S.Ntloko's views.

Mr. S.B.Gumede stated that in the Western Cape Mr. E.Osman was seen many to be executing the Government's apartheid policy and that he was

only prepared to discuss tennis at tennis forums and education at education forums.

Mr. Y.Ebrahim (WPTU) stated that it was difficult for SNTU to judge their President. They cannot interfere in job duties, but a line had to be drawn. TASA should submit a solution to SNTU. He further stated that his job was in direct conflict with the social principles being carried out by him.

Mr. C.S.Ntloko (SNTU) highlighted the fact that Mr. E.Osman was instrumental in carrying out the SACOS non-racial principle in the Southern Natal area.

Mr. S.B.Gumede reminded the Councillor's that if any Officials transgressed the SACOS and TASA principles, Affiliates had to take the necessary action. He cited the case of the previous TASA Assistant Secretary, Mr. P.T.Xulu.

Mr. C.R.Clarke felt that presently SACOS and it's Affiliates were working on an ad-hoc basis with no proper guidelines. Any action taken would seem to be vindictive. He emphasised the fact that Mr. E.Osman was not told about the allegations.

Mr. D.Nkadimeng (FANTTA) suggested that the principles should be laid down clearly including job principles. The statement "I am doing my job" was used by many, but it is in conflict with SACOS principles.

Mr. C.S.Ntloko (SNTU) remarked that it would be difficult to draw up guidelines and that it would have to be very generalised guidelines.

Mr. Y.Ebrahim (WPTU) suggested that TASA try to start the ball rolling on the guidelines.

Mr. C.R.Clarke stated that at the SACOS meeting the persons who brought up the allegations against Mr. E.Osman were prepared to put it in writing. He suggested that TASA write to SACOS for the full allegations

On the proposal by Mr. C.R.Clarke and seconded by Mr. D.L.Poonan (ETIU), it was unanimously accepted that a Committee consisting of Mr.S.B.Gumede (Convenor), Mr. D.Nkadimeng (FANTTA) and Mr. Y.Ebrahim (WPTU) be given the task of drawing up the general guidelines. The General Secretary, Mr. C.R.Clarke was requested to inform SACOS on the formation of the Committee and the preparation of the guidelines.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 13h30 and resumed at 14h15.

Mr. D.A.Samaai (BTU) and Mr. C.S.Ntloko (SNTU) excused themselves from the meeting before the lunch break.

8. TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO THE SPECIAL SACOS CONFERENCE :

8.1 Private "White" schools, Use of "Permitted venues" and "Open Hotels" :-

The Vice-President, Mr. S.B.Gumede stated that there was a re-think by SACOS on it's principles because Affiliate's clubs were using "open hotels" despite viable alternatives and using facilities at Universities notably in the Western Cape.

Mr. Y.Ebrahim (WPTU) emphasized that there was now more than ever a greater need for a division line between the oppressed and the oppressor. The reforms were merely concessions and the oppressors were trying to merely create a class system. Were the reforms beneficial to the masses ?

Mr. S.B.Gumede questioned on the use of certain venues by progressive organisations, such as COSATU at Kings Park in Durban.

In reply, Mr. Y.Ebrahim (WPTU) stated that such organisations were using venues for political motives and not promoting multi-national sport, not that it was acceptable to everybody.

Mr. D.Nkadineng (FANITA) remarked that as individuals we should project our image with our followers and the masses and not draw a line between our personal activities.

Mr. M.Sheik, for SETTA stated that any change in policy would be detrimental to the struggle.

Mr. D.L.Poonan, for ETTU stated that there should be no need for discussion because the oppressors policy still remained the same.

Mr. A.E.Fortuin, for Boland stated that there was no need for a change in policy.

Miss D.Naidoo, for NTU stated that she was unable to give any views on the matter because certain members were contravening the SACOS principle. However, personally it was not acceptable to her.

On the motion by Mr. Y.Ebrahim (WPTU) and seconded by Mr. M.Sheik (SETTA) it was unanimously accepted that it was not a question of rejecting the policy change, but to take it a step further and prepare a motivation report for the complete rejection of any proposed policy changes.

It was also agreed to circularise the report to all the Affiliates.

8.2 Use of sport facilities on ethnic university campuses :-

Mr. Y.Ebrahim (WPTU) stated that only a few schools had been using facilities at the Western Cape university and that a misconception had been created in the Western Cape. SACOS Affiliates were not using the facilities. A club from the university affiliated to WPTU had no problem regarding the SACOS policy to the use of the facilities. It was a workable policy. However, he felt that the situation may differ in other areas.

It was unanimously accepted that there should be no change to the present policy regarding the use of facilities at ethnic universities. It was agreed to highlight the no viable alternative venue principle.

8.3 Breaking down of racial barriers :-

Mr. C.R.Clarke remarked that SACOS was perturbed at the pace of the breaking down of racial barriers. Affiliates were not doing enough. TASA was in a position to contribute strongly to the breaking down cause.

Mr. Y.Ebrahim (WPTU) suggested that TASA should share their experiences and problems with the other SACOS Affiliates.

8.4 Conference delegates :-

The following were unanimously chosen as delegates to the SACOS Conference Mr. S.B.Gumede, Mr.Y.Bhyat, Mr. Y.Wajah and Mr. M.Sheik (SETTA). Alternates - Mr. J.Waja (SWTU) and Mr. D.Nkadineng (FANITA).

Mr. C.R.Clarke requested that each Tvl Affiliate should be represented by 2 Officials as observers and that their names should be forwarded to him for inclusion in the TASA credentials.

9. THE AWARDING OF TASA COLOURS :

Mr. C.R.Clarke stated that the TASA badges were given to present Officials only. He questioned the position of issuing the badges to past officials, namely Mr. D.Kali, Mr. A.Y.Mulla and Mr. M.Sheik.

It was unanimously accepted to present the TASA badges to the past officials. The Treasurer, Mr. Y.Wajah was requested to forward the badges to them.

Mr. C.R.Clarke informed the Councillor's that TASA clothing would be available shortly.

10. TO DISCUSS ANY OTHER MATTERS :

10.1 Affiliate's Letterheads :-

The Assistant Secretary, Mr. Y.Bhyat suggested that all Affiliates should include on their letterheads, "Affiliated to TASA". It was accepted.

Mr. Y.Bhyat also highlighted the fact that certain Affiliates were using letterheads which stated that they were established prior to 1979, for example, Boland established in 1971.

It was unanimously accepted that all Affiliates should rectify it. TASA was formed in 1979 and likewise, Affiliates were established after the mergers in 1979.

11. TERMINATION :

The President, Mr. A.E.Fortuin thanked SWFTU for hosting the meeting and the 1986 Coke Masters.

There being no further business, the meeting thereafter terminated at 15h15.

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