



**SOUTH AFRICAN BIATHLON ASSOCIATION
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'A truly South African family sport.'

**SUID AFRIKAANSE TWEEKAMP: PRESIDENT SE JAARVERSLAG –
AANGEBIED BY DIE ALGEMENE JAARVERGADERING
GEHOU IN PORT ELIZABETH OP 29 MAART 2019**

Dear Biathlon National Executive and Provincial Delegates:

Allow me to present my Annual Presidential Report of the South African Biathlon Association at the Annual General Meeting of this Association, coinciding with the 44th South African Biathlon Championships.

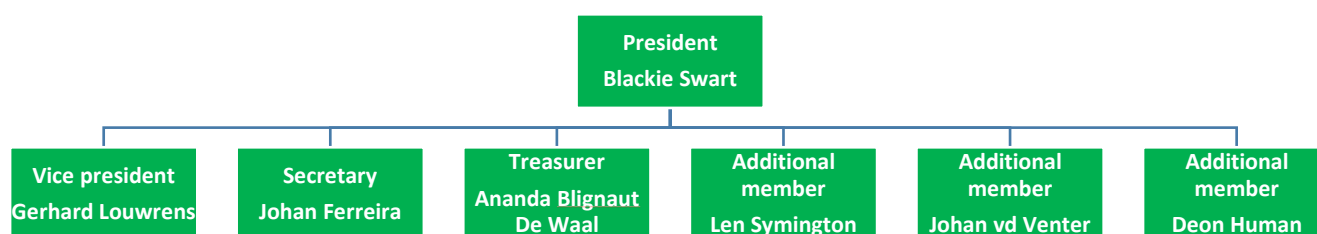
As familiesport, deel ons in die **Lief en Leed** van ons lede. Ons wil ons innige meegevoel betuig met die familie en vriende – asook die Tweekampfamilies, van die volgende Tweekampers:

- **Daleen van der Westhuizen** het weggeval op 10 Maart 2019 – skaars twee jaar na haar eggenoot, Tewie, se afsterwe. Tewie en Daleen het baie diep spore in Tweekamp getrap, Tewie as Voorsitter en Daleen as Sektretaresse van Noord-Vrystaat. Saam was hulle ook verantwoordelik vir die aanbied van die SA Kampioenskappe in 1995 in Kroonstad. Hulle dogter, Darelle, was ook 'n ywerige Tweekamper. Ons eer Daleen se nagedagtenis.
- **Derek Oehley** passed away on 14 October 2018 after a freak accident. He still competed at a Western Cape Biathlon league meeting the previous day. Derek was a great competitor, team member and a very humble guy. He is the example that can be used as the "Biathlon family member." He was the SA Senior Veteran Champion in 2017 and received the silver medal last year. Many Highgate Interprovincial and WP Championship medals and WP Athlete of the year awards can be added to above. Our condolences to his family, friends and life partner, Bridgid Hamilton-Russel.

- Ons bring hulde aan ander Tweekampers wat afgesterf het of familie en vriende verloor het en bid vertroosting toe aan hulle vriende en familie.

During the **SA Management Committee's Strategic Planning** session in Paarl on 2 and 3 June 2018, ManCo took an in-depth look at Biathlon, the brand, the viability, strengths, weaknesses and the way forward.

Firstly, I would like to confirm the present **structure of the SA Biathlon Management Committee**:



I personally encourage a flat structure with collaboration between all stakeholders and collaboration between all.

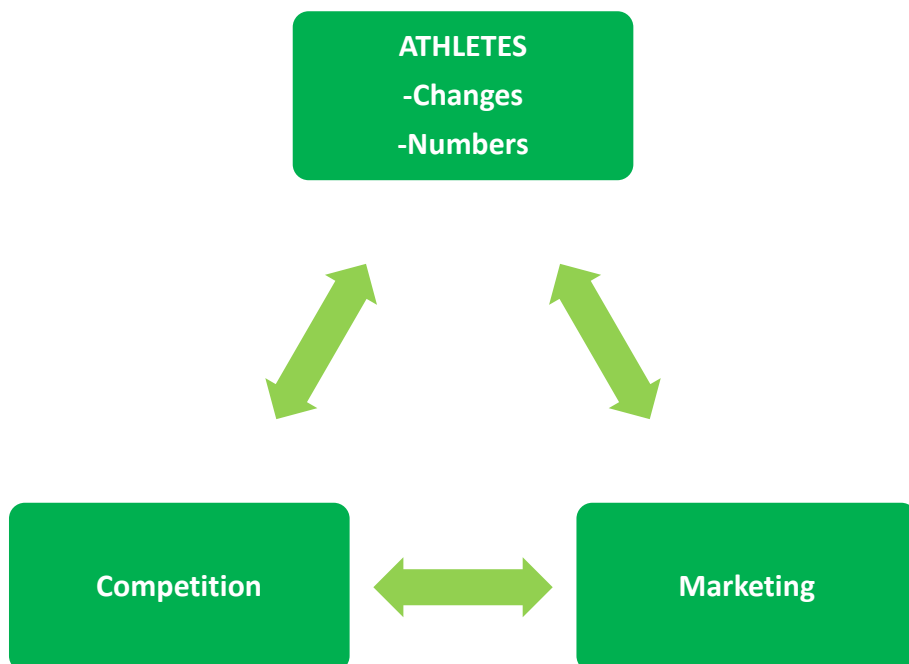
Each **Manco member has a specific portfolio and responsibility**:

Portfolio	Member
Finances	Ananda Blignaut-de Waal
Administration	Johan Ferreira
Marketing and Development	Gerhard Louwrens
Record and Statistics	Deon Human
Colours and Clothing	Blackie Swart
Technical Rules, Constitution and Meetings	Johan van de Venter
Website and computer program	Johan Ferreira
Provincial League Meetings	Len Symington

The Manco members have also been allocated **provinces to mentor and support:**

Boland	Len Symington
Border	Gerhard Louwrens
Central Gauteng	Johan vd Venter & Ananda Blignaut-de Waal
Gauteng North	Johan vd Venter
Griqualand West	Deon Human
Kwazulu-Natal	Gerhard Louwrens
Limpopo	Johan vd Venter
Mpumalanga	Johan vd Venter
Northern Free State	Archie Markgraaff
North West	Deon Human
Eastern Province	Gerhard Louwrens
Southern Free State	Archie Markgraaff
Eden	Dave vd Walt
Western Province	Gerhard Louwrens

Our **Regions** need to function in a way where the Athletes (changes and numbers), Competitions and Marketing are interrelated to realise the aims of the Association:



Looking at the **Way Forward**, Manco discussed the following possibilities:

- Build a National SA Biathlon brand
- Change name to SA Modern Biathlon – international acknowledgement
- All provincial structures to be in place
- Looking at possible National affiliation
- Conduct three major regional championships – south, central & north
- National schools competition – all regions to participate at SA Champs
- Looking at hosts for the National Championships to enhance the brand
- Possible contact with other 'endurance' sporting codes – triathlon, biathle, triathle, laser run, etc.
- Possible international competition – British Modern Biathlon

We took stock of the changes that enhanced the sport over the last couple of years. The following **changes were introduced for athletes and the competition:**

Year	Description	Meeting
2011	4 to 5 athletes per gender per age group	SA Champs
2013	Home province : 6 athletes	SA Champs
2013	Stop SA Development team	SA Champs
2015	u.15 boys : 2 000m to 1 500m	All competitions
2015	Special needs athletes	All competitions
2016	+10 Athletes per province	SA Champs
2017	u.9 boys & girls	SA Champs
2018	Schools competition	Interprovincial & SA Champs
2018	Change in sequence of events	SA Champs
2019	u.17 & u.19 boys / Open men 2 000m to 1 600m	All competitions
	Master men & women : Swim 100m to 50m	All competitions
	Teams 3 x 4 to 3 x 5 athletes	Interprovincial
2019	Special Needs part of team competition	All competitions

With regard to **Senior Athletes**, we instituted the following:

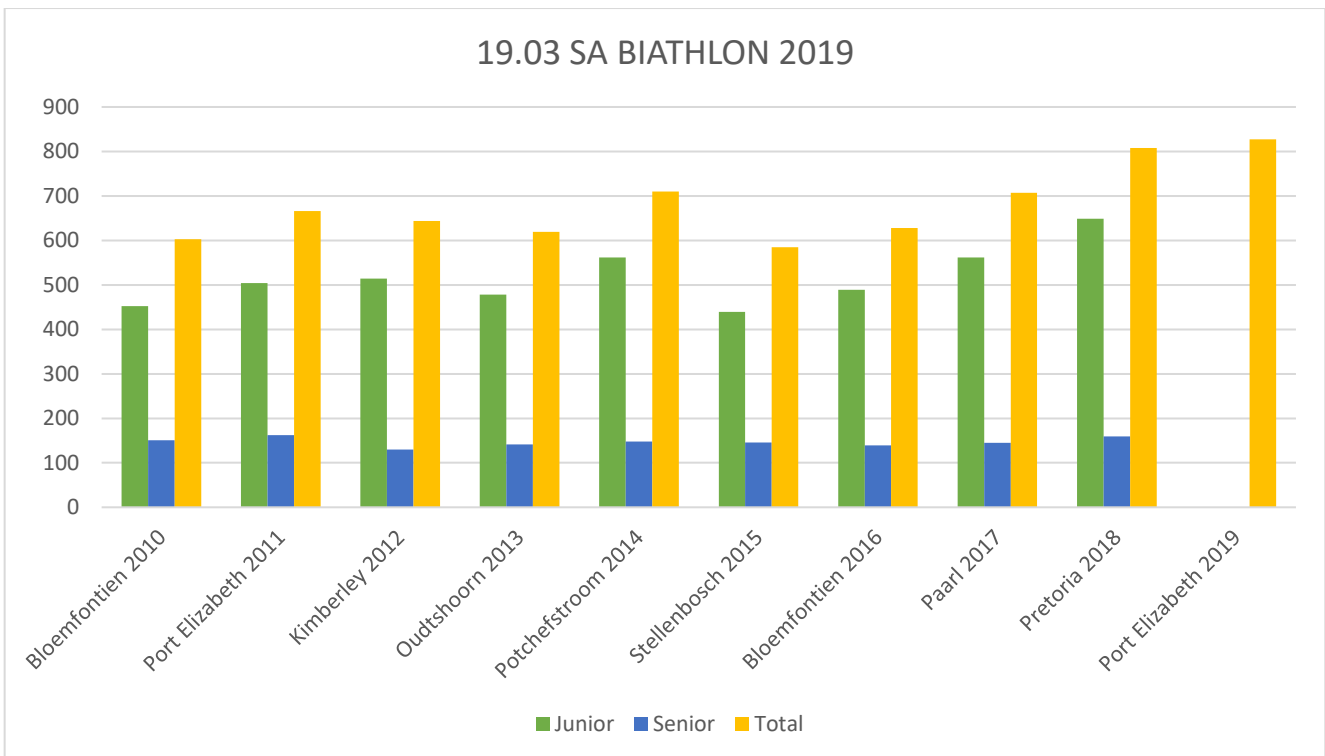
- Change running distance of open men category to 1 600m
- Change master swim from 100m to 50m
- Improved bonus point system for master athletes.

For the **Open Category**, we need to confirm the following criteria:

- Athletes from u.17 to masters can enter for this category
- Categories must be 5 athletes and then can move to open category
- You cannot move your best provincial u.17 / u.19 athlete to open – the U.17 athletes are often better than open athlete as they have more training time. They can then win a gold medal and receive SA Colours in the Open Category.

It is evident that our endeavours reaped positive results, as can be seen if you look at the **numbers of athletes participating at the SA Championships since 2010:**

Year	Venue	Junior	Senior	Total
2010	Bloemfontein	452	151	603
2011	Port Elizabeth	504	162	666
2012	Kimberley	514	130	644
2013	Oudtshoorn	478	141	619
2014	Potchefstroom	562	148	710
2015	Stellenbosch	439	146	585
2016	Bloemfontein	489	139	628
2017	Paarl	562	145	707
2018	Pretoria	649	159	808
2019	Port Elizabeth			827



The affiliation of athletes per province, interprovincial participation numbers and resultant income also had a positive growth:

	Affiliation						Interprovincial					
	Nr.Athletes		Paid R10/athlete		Affiliation R500		Date	Nr	Paid	Date	Nr	Paid
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018			2019		
Boland	340	304	3,400	3,040	500	500						
Border	100	100	1,000	1,000	500	500						
Central Gauteng	100	100	1,000	1,000	500	500				10 Mar 19	73	1,460
Eden	232	225	2,320	2,520	500	500	Feb-18	513	7,695	2 Feb 19	579	12,200
Eastern Province	100	177	1,000	1,770	500	500	Oct 17	261	5,210	20 Oct 18	230	4,600
Gauteng North	100	110	1,000	1,100	500	500	Feb 18	155	3,100	9 Feb 19	109	2,180
Griquas	148	225	1,480	2,250	500	500	Nov 17	166	3,320	10 Nov 18	250	5,000
KZN	100	100	1,000	1,000	500	500						
Limpopo	100	100	1,000	1,000	500	500						
Mpumalanga	100	100	1,000	1,000	500	500	Jan 18	79	1,580	12 Jan 19	101	1,980
Northern Free State	100	100	1,000	500	500	500						
North West	100	100	1,000	1,000	500	500	Nov 17	120	2,400	13 Oct 18	73	1,460
Southern Free State	100	154	1,000	1,540	500	500	Oct 17	200	4,000	29 Sep 18	208	4,540
Western Province	295	326	2,950	3,260	500	500						
Total	2,015	2,221	20,150	21,980	7,000	7,000		1,494	27,305		1,623	33,420

	Income	Aff nr	IP nr
2018	54,455	2,015	1,494
2019	62,400	2,221	1,623

Our **Finances** are a lot healthier than in the past, mainly due to our very strict austerity measures and improved participation. We will not institute any increases, but again request provinces to meet their commitments on time. Ananda, our treasurer, will report in detail later.

With regards to **Marketing, Sponsorship and other initiatives**, the following was introduced:

Year	Description	Meeting
2015	Special needs athletes	All competitions
2015	Standardize branding with sponsors	SA Champs
2015	Provincial flags	SA Champs
2015 - 2017	Newspaper initiative	SA Champs
2017	Title and National Championship LT sponsor	SA Champs
2018	Changes in trophies	SA Champs
2018	Schools competition & trophies & prize money	All competitions
2018	Under Armour clothing sponsor	SA Biathlon
2018	Certificates to athletes for number of SA's	SA Champs
2018	Introduce SA Biathlon management to attendees	SA Champs
2016	Webpage upgrade	All
2019	Points programme	All

We are still investigating the possibility of **International Competitions**. Our Vice President, Gerhard Louwrens, has been very active and reported on the following interactions:

- **SAMPA**
 - 3 x meetings with Pieter Oosthuizen
 - 2 x meetings with Mariette Klopper
 - SAMPA EXCO – postponed
 - UIPM Congress early November 2018
 - 2018 Worlds
 - British School of Modern Biathlon
- **TRIATHLON**
 - Meeting with Honorary President: Debbie Alexander
 - Already Duathlon, already Aquathon
- A possible future scenario is to arrange possible competitions with the **British School of Modern Biathlon**, to add Namibia, to look possibly at Egypt.

One of our most important discussions, centered on the **Status of our Biathlon Provinces** and their functionality. We decided that the following criteria will be used to confirm the status of a province, as a Biathlon member in good standing:

- **Provincial Committee** of at least 4 members
- Adopted and approved **Constitution**
- **Annual General Meeting** – minutes submitted to the President and Secretary
- **Finances**
 - **Bank account**
 - **Annual Financial Report** tabled at AGM and submitted to the President and Secretary
 - **Annual Budget**
- The following **Provincial meetings** conducted / participated:
 - Minimum of **2 league meetings** per season
 - Participate at an official **Interprovincial Championship** (at least one)
 - Official **Provincial Championship**
 - Conduct an active **Schools Competition**.

A **Code of Conduct** for member Provinces, Athletes and Officials will also be drafted by the SA Management and implemented at all levels.

All provinces must please adhere to these requirements to ensure their continued participation.

The **SA Biathlon Championships is the flagship event** of our Association and must be treated as such. We discussed the possible host provinces and worked on the '*How to host a SA Championship*' document which was initiated by Dave van der Walt. This document will be enhanced further. We want to institute a signed agreement with the host province to host the SA Championship on behalf of the SA Biathlon Executive with possible profit sharing. We also need to look at streamlining the appeals process at meetings with a specific form, criteria and deadlines. We have currently nothing in place for doping and need a policy regarding testing of substances for athletes.

We have been developing a **new Computer Points Programme** for Biathlon as the old programme is not compatible with new technology and needed an overhaul. Our sincere appreciation to Pierre Jacobs of Eastern Province who took the lead in the development, with Heinmar Ungerer as the developer. You will also notice exciting new electronic developments at this championships, initiated by the EP LOC and members. As with all new programmes, we had our challenges, but this is a very powerful programme that will enhance our recording of times, entries, results and statistics. We will take this process forward to further build our sport and brand.

Our biggest effort as Manco centered on modernizing and aligning our **Constitution and Technical Rules**. We had lengthy discussions regarding these two critical documents and shared it with provinces. However, this is not a process to be rushed and we will only deal with certain aspects this evening. Our discussions here will guide our way forward and after the next Strategic Planning session, we will send a final version to all provinces for final inputs and deliberations. The Technical rules will also be aligned to the latest developments with the FINA & IAAF technical rules as Annexures and the confirmed exceptions listed (for example start penalties,

etcetera). The new Constitution will then be put as a motion at the next AGM for final verification and possible adoption.

IN CLOSING

The Executive Committee's previous confirmation to market Biathlon as an **indigenous and unique sporting** code with the motto,

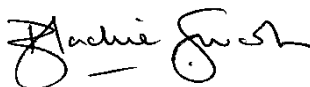
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is still in place and we would like to actively further this mantra. Let us keep on building on the uniqueness of our sport and the true South African aspects that we would like to endorse and promote.

Vriende, kan ek sê familie, **dankie aan julle almal se opoffering en ondersteuning. Dit word OPREG waardeer.**

Beste wense vir 'n aangename naweek.

Baie dankie



Blackie Swart
President: SA Tweekamp
29 March 2019