

## ATHLETICS SOUTH AFRICA ATHLETES COMMISSION REPORT

1. Since the last Board Meeting it was agreed that the Athletes Commission should scheduled a meeting with the President to resuscitate the slowly dying Commission, however that was never arranged regardless of emails sent to the offices to co-ordinate such a meeting.

I can only conclude that meeting never happened due to many activities that took preference of which are known to us.

2. Athletes Chairperson visited LIMA, AFS and ATRA to establish challenges faced by these Provinces to establish Provincial Structures.

LIMA: Has three members on the Commission yet to co-opt or elect additional members and those names will be submitted after Provincial Election in September 2016

3. ATRA: Meeting was a total disappointment; it did not take place due to the following reasons;

The President delegated Athletes representative Mr Mlakalaka No Banda and Mr Glongwana to co-ordinate the meeting.

A day before the meeting both Mr Glongwana and Athletes Representative Mr M Nonabda were nowhere to be found with their mobile phones switched off and only two members attended and they brought the following to my attention to be conveyed to the President

- a. The Province has no active Board Members.
- b. There has a division caused by the name of the Province Athletics Transkei, they inform me that there has been request to submit a motion to ASA for name change because of the history around this name , and within the jurisdiction of ASA Demarcation of ATRA, there are Municipalities which are politically correct such as Chris Hani, OR Tambo .
- c. Most of Athletes and Clubs do not support the current President hence anything he tries to implement he does not get support up until ASA can change the name .
- d. There for there is no Athletes Commission due to many issues around ATRA that warrant ASA to pay attention and resolve.
- e. They requested that ASA or the President assist in addressing issues around this Province.
  - The Board
  - Commissions
  - Administration and Events
  - Coaches
  - Officials
  - Provincial Teams
  - Development

#### 4. None payment of Prize monies

It has been an outcry for none or delay of payment of prize money to athletes after competition. I had emails from various Provincial Commissions enquiring payment or requesting intervention

- SA10km
- SA 42km
- ASA Night Series
- Other Races that needs Provincial intervention
- Heroes Marathon
- Mandela Marathon
- Chris Hani Marathon ATRA
- Aliwal North 21km and 10km Border

It makes it more difficult if the Mother body also delay paying and not communicating the reasons thereto at least give indication when payment will be done.

5. We had some verbal complaints during competitions in respect of disqualification of athletes and when followed up you find is it purely lack of training from officials

6. We recommend the refresher course should be done maybe before National Championships and we have been witnessed some mistakes from officials.

7. Electronic Timing has been a problem in most of our events and it very untidy when watching from television.

8. CAA Team I noticed that some of elite athletes not wearing ADIDAS attire as National Sponsor`s Apparel have to tell the Team Management .

9. In conclusion I wish to thank the Presidium and the Board for all the work done to uplift and restore the dignity of Athletics in South Africa

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