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Minutes of the AGM held on 19 August 2024 at 19h00 via Google Meet

Agenda

1) **Opening and Welcome** (Petronell)

Meeting started on time and Petronell welcomed everyone to the meeting

2) **Apologies** (Lee-Ann)

No apologies recorded from committee members. Nikki vd Westhuizen from Platinum sent through apology

3) **Minutes of the previous AGM** (Petronell)

The previous AGM minutes were read and accepted

4) **HMS Report** (Adri)

New junior judges were trained and subsequently qualified during the past season. Judges receive ongoing training which is going well. Planning to include new tests and obstacles which will be discussed with Exco, and approved, before implementing.

5) **Timekeepers Report** (Sheena)

New timekeepers trained in the Border and Bay clubs. Sheena thanked all timekeepers for their hard work during the season. Scanners are working, albeit intermittently.

6) **Vet Report** (Anrone)

No significant matters raised, just waiting on official information from the relevant authorities with regards to the AHS vaccines. Hoping to see new vets coming in and being introduced to the

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discipline as well as riding in events. Anrone is actively marketing the association where and whenever she can. Petronell noted that contact has made with 4th year students at Onderstepoort who are happy to get involved. Petronell will provide contact details on request. Petronell will send Anrone contact details to see if any students are available during semester breaks to assist in other provinces.

7) **Statement of Account** (Michelle)

Calendar year January to December. Income made through riders purchasing material and paying affiliation fees. CTR in the Sky was a huge success. Major expenses were paying insurance fee and donations to Nationals. Purchases of material noted but recovered in affiliation. Net profit of +- R20 000

8) **Chairman's Report** (Petronell)

See report as Addendum 1

9) **Provincial Reports**

- Eastern Cape (Bay Distance Riders / Border Competitive CTR)
Slight increase in membership, found new venues and have plans for more rides. New Exco selected. (TJ)
- Western Cape (Distance Riders Garden Route)
Interesting time, 3 month season, lots of work to fit in the rides. Thanked everyone that the dates were moved to allow for the rainy season. Numbers stayed about the same. Garden Route club is no longer offering DRASA rides due to costs, some members moved over to Distance Riders.
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- Gauteng: Suikerbos - has found new venues and is slowly growing with new members (NU)

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- North West: Platinum - Nationals at Bosparadys, other events at Equidance. Looking at new venues. Great news, first time ZERO penalties received at first ride for the new season. The club is battling to grow membership, might be due to travelling distances as well economic pressures. Will keep on investing time and effort to keep the club going.

10) Rule Changes

- Requirement to have a vet at rides for divisions lower than Summit. Partially rejected. Vet techs may be used at 2 star rides.
- If a Leisure rider affiliates with DRASA in the same season in which they participated in events, the points received during the leisure rides to be carried over – Approved to implement
- Verbal and/or physical abuse or threat toward any animal or person at a sanctioned DRASA event.
– Approved to implement
- Change the body condition scoring system from 5 to 9 points – Approved to implement

The rule changes will be formally noted and incorporated into the relevant documents.

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11) 2025 Fees and Early Bird Affiliation Fees

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a) The DRASA affiliation fees will remain the same as for 2024 (R350)	
b) Insurance fee increased to R150	
c) Early bird discount of 10% applied when affiliating between 1 and 31 December 2024	
d) Material costs as follows (includes courier fee)	
Logbook	R120.00
Bib	R260.00
Chip	R120.00
Total	R500.00
e) From 1 January 2025, full fee of R350 payable	
f) "Year-end starters" who affiliate between 1 September – 30 November to pay discounted fee of R250	

12) Ethos and Yearly Awards

- Awards announced, refer to Addendum 2
- Narina Uys announced as Ethos Award winner

13) Close

Petronell thanked everyone for supporting DRASA and is looking forward to a great new season

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Addendum 1

As we come to the end of a (shorter than normal) DRASA competitive season, It's time to reflect on the year we have had.

Our sport has grown in leaps and bounds since 2019, firmly stamping our mark in the South African Equestrian industry. I must confess, it gives me a slight thrill when I scroll on social media and see horses for sale advertised as DRASA prospects, or people commenting on posts on other pages and mentioning DRASA and our Horsemanship in a favorable light. Yes, DRASA is no longer a fad or 'fly-by-night' discipline. The last 6 years have shown that we are here to stay!

As many of you know, it has been a long and (often bumpy) road to reach this point. But, of one thing I am certain, without the enthusiastic and intrepid people that make up DRASA, we won't be where we are today.

Firstly I would like to thank my fellow Executive Committee members: without your dedication, wisdom and behind the scenes hard work, we won't be able to enjoy the sport we love.

Secondly, our riders and officials. Thank you for your support over the years! Without you, there won't be a sport to promote! So thank you for all the rides you host and support. Thank you for promoting our sport. To the old faces that keep on coming back, thank you for becoming like family, to the new faces – keep at it. In a year from now you too will be part of the DRASA family!

This year has not been without its challenges. As I mentioned in my opening paragraph, our competitive season was much shorter than normal. To accommodate the Western Cape, whose Nationals rained out year-after-year in August/September, we decided to move Nationals dates to June/July - resulting in a much shorter season to host rides in 2023/2024. The problem will however not persist in the new 2024/2025 season, as we will then once again have a 12-month season.

Low entry numbers are also a continuous battle we fight. We hope that with the longer season and by hosting more rides in more accessible venues, to combat this in the new season. The South African economy is continuing to worsen, and many of us are feeling the pinch. Less disposable income means feeding my horse rather than competing. We have always promised that DRASA will be affordable, we will therefore not increase our new season affiliation fees. Our clubs will also try to keep entry fees to rides affordable and accessible to all in the 2024/2025 season.

African Horse Sickness and the vaccine shortage is another headache we (along with all other disciplines) faced and will continue to face until the vaccine shortage is resolved. We will continue to update our riders about the situation as it develops.

It is however not all doom and gloom! We look forward to an exciting new season! Most of our clubs have already hosted their first rides for the new season and rides are booked all the way until next year June-July. Ensure that you take a look at the DRASA calendar on the website to plan your new year.

We will also once again host our very popular 'CTR in the Sky'. The event will take place in November and December 2024. Keep an eye on our social media pages for more information.

I wish all the DRASA members and their horses a successful new season, may we continue to improve our Horsemanship and continue to strive to be a discipline others mention favorably.

Happy riding in 2024/205!

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Addendum 2

'23/24 YEAR END AWARDS

OPEN PLEASURE DIVISION

HIGHEST KMS

1

REBECCA PHILIPS

RED BARRON

171.5KM

2

MICHELLE PHILIPS

KEI SOMMERSET

170.1KM

3

TJ JOUBERT

DASH

148.3KM



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DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION SOUTH AFRICA

'23/24 YEAR END AWARDS

OPEN PLEASURE DIVISION

VETERINARY

1

MICHELLE PHILIPS

KEI SOMMERSET

149.49 PTS

2

TJ JOUBERT

DASH

129.91 PTS

3

MICHELLE GEORGE

LUNA PANDORA

105.48 PTS



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'23/24 YEAR END AWARDS

OPEN PLEASURE DIVISION

TIME

1

MICHELLE PHILIPS

KEI SOMMERSET

85.28 PTS

2

IAN GEORGE

PANDORA'S SECRET

84.46 PTS

3

TJ JOUBERT

DASH

83.68 PTS



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'23/24 YEAR END AWARDS

OPEN PLEASURE DIVISION

HORSEMANSHIP

1

MICHELLE GEORGE

LUNA PANDORA

77.99 PTS

2

LEANNE SCHLEMMER

I'M DONE RUNNIN

77.81PTS

3

IAN GEORGE

PANDORA'S SECRET

73.87 PTS



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'23/24 YEAR END AWARDS

OPEN PLEASURE DIVISION

OVERALL POINTS

1

MICHELLE GEORGE

LUNA PANDORA

79.63 PTS

2

IAN GEORGE

PANDORA'S SECRET

77.89 PTS

3

LEANNE SCHLEMMER

I'M DONE RUNNIN

77.69 PTS



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'23/24 YEAR END AWARDS

JUNIOR PLEASURE DIVISION

VETERINARY

1

REBECCA PHILIPS

RED BARRON

142.2 PTS

2

KENNA JAYE LENNOX

CASEY-Q

84.75 PTS

3

REBECCA HEGER

BAYSWATER ROLO

79.93 PTS



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'23/24 YEAR END AWARDS

JUNIOR PLEASURE DIVISION

TIME

1

REBECCA PHILIPS

RED BARRON

85.1 PTS

2

KARLA DU PLESSIS

FATIMA

80.3 PTS

3

REBECCA HEGER

BAYSWATER ROLO

76.52 PTS



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'23/24 YEAR END AWARDS

JUNIOR PLEASURE DIVISION

HORSEMANSHIP

1

KARLA DU PLESSIS

72.82 PTS

FATIMA

2

KENNA JAYE LENNOX

72.29 PTS

CASEY-Q

3

REBECCA PHILIPS

70.03 PTS

RED BARRON



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'23/24 YEAR END AWARDS

JUNIOR PLEASURE DIVISION

OVERALL POINTS

1

REBECCA PHILIPS

RED BARRON

75.72 PTS

2

KARLA DU PLESSIS

FATIMA

74.31 PTS

3

REBECCA HEGER

BAYSWATER ROLO

71.57 PTS



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'23/24 YEAR END AWARDS

TRAIL DIVISION

HIGHEST KMS

1

CINDY RADOMSKY

SILOAH DARDASHAN

257.6KM

2

ABBY PARTOVI

BLOMMETJIE

245.2KM

3

PETRONELL VORSTER

FS SO MAGIC

160.2KM



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'23/24 YEAR END AWARDS

TRAIL DIVISION

VETERINARY

1

CINDY RADOMSKY

SILOAH DARDASHAN

215.08 PTS

2

ABBY PARTOVI

BLOMMETJIE

209.52 PTS

3

PETRONELL VORSTER

FS SO MAGIC

135.09 PTS



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'23/24 YEAR END AWARDS

TRAIL DIVISION

TIME

1

ABBY PARTOVI

BLOMMETJIE

156.24 PTS

2

CINDY RADOMSKY

SILOAH DARDASHAN

151.6 PTS

3

NICI CARR

GUIZER MONTANA

137.93 PTS



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'23/24 YEAR END AWARDS

TRAIL DIVISION

HORSEMANSHIP

1

ABBY PARTOVI

BLOMMETJIE

152.73 PTS

2

CINDY RADOMSKY

SILOAH DARDASHAN

142.84 PTS

3

NICI CARR

GUIZER MONTANA

124.19 PTS



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'23/24 YEAR END AWARDS

TRAIL DIVISION

OVERALL POINTS

1

ABBY PARTOVI

BLOMMETJIE

149.64 PTS

2

CINDY RADOMSKY

SILOAH DARDASHAN

142.93 PTS

3

NICI CARR

GUIZER MONTANA

122.18 PTS



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'23/24 YEAR END AWARDS

ALL DIVISIONS

HIGHPOINT AWARD

1

CINDY RADOMSKY

SILOAH DARDASHAN

229.46 PTS

2

ABBY PARTOVI

BLOMMETJIE

220.75 PTS

3

ISABELLE MENZIES

BELLISIMA PRINCESS BRONWYN

122.18 PTS



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