

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



## 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On behalf of the Tshwane Sport Council's Executive Committee, it is my pleasant task to present you this report on the activities of the past year for the period 01<sup>st</sup> April 2014 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

The past financial year proved to be a year of relationship building with our stakeholders spanning from more and better positive engagement with the Gauteng Sport Council, interaction with our political partners specifically the oversight committee for sport as well as the Gauteng Department of SACR, through engagement with officials responsible for the management and administration of the Northern Cluster.

Quite a number of pertinent matters that has a direct impact on infrastructure and the development of sport in general prompted us to officially and publicly voice our concerns on issues such as the planned demolition of the Caledonian Sports Grounds as well as the issue of lease agreements between CoT and sport codes/clubs.

As you can recall, I reported last year that the signing of an MOU between CoT and TSC were in the process then of signing between the two parties. TSC however is still awaiting the signing and implementation of the MOU due to issues outside our control. Due to the delay TSC put direct questions on this matter to the Executive Mayor. In his reply the Executive Mayor reiterated that the CoT would like to see TSC contributing positively to the general development of all sports codes within the boundaries of the Tshwane Metropolitan and with regards to its role in the regions to assist in the establishing of sub regional and local sport councils for the implementation of sport development programs including competitive sporting events and mass participation programs.

All indications are that the allocation for the TSC budget is included in the CoT budget submission for the 2015/16 financial year. The aforementioned does not however meant that we did not continue to seek positive engagement with the CoT and office of the MMC.

We thank GSC for funding us to the tune of R50000 to assist with our day to day administration and certain identified projects.

A strategic planning workshop was held at Riviera Recreation club on 12 February 2015. During the workshop all sub committees had an opportunity to address the content of the TSC Strategic Plan. The inputs have been included in the plan whilst the sub committees were expected to continue with implementation of the approved projects. Two members of TSC attended a GSC planning session and contributed to the vision, identification and prioritisation of strategic objectives of GSC and the Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation. Further to this TSC was represented at three sessions of the Gauteng Portfolio Committee of Sport and Recreation. Three members of TSC attended the Public hearing on the rental of sports facilities presented by the City of Tshwane in Soshanguve. The representatives gave numerous inputs on the proposed rental regulations during the feedback sessions. Members of TSC Executive Committee also assisted federations with their applications for Grant in Aid to GDSCAR. Several meetings were held with the North Cluster office and workshops held by the Department were always attended.

TSC was also well represented at the Constitutional Summit to finalise the new constitution of the Gauteng Sport Confederation. The TSC constitution will be adjusted to be in line with that of GSC. TSC members attended the SASCO Road show in Johannesburg. It was disconcerting to hear how the municipalities of Ekurhuleni, West Rand and Sedibeng supported their respective Sport Councils whilst nothing is forthcoming from the City of Tshwane to support TSC.

Members of the Executive Committee also met with representatives of federations at the request of the federations. Federations extended several invitations to the President or his representative to attend high level activities including international and national events. Members of the TSC Executive were involved in various meetings and activities of federations including Boxing, Wheelchair rugby, Basketball, Wrestling, Bowls, Underwater Hockey, Golf, Rugby, Hockey, Tennis and Cue Sport.

We pride ourselves to report that through our substructures we are seen within our communities. Allow me the opportunity to highlight some of the positives that emanated in the boundaries of Tshwane:

- On 05 Oct 2014 Tshwane Region 1 SC was tasked by the office of the Minister of Sport, Mr Fikile Mbalula to arrange the volunteers in the BIG walk event at Fountains. I am glad to report that the event went well.
- The Executive of Region 1 SC also embarked on a Fact Finding Mission in order to check the co-existence and mobility of all the Local Sport Councils within their area of jurisdiction. This has been set as a litmus test exercise to ensure the legitimacy and cooperative workmanship of the LSC's, since the dawn of their launching on 17 November 2013. The mission of the Tshwane Region 1 SC Executive throughout this journey of visiting these Local Sport Councils was to quantify the existence of LSC's and to ensure that programs are set as well as to identify the challenges these LSC's face.

Allow me to extend a word of gratitude to the work that is done by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Mr Lucas Tau and his executive in Region 1 without any financial help as is the case with all other sub-regions.

I am pleased to also report that the Nokeng (Tshwane Region 5) SC is now functioning more productive and is more active after their working relation and partnerships with the CoT Regional Sport and Recreation Department and the Gauteng Province Sport and Recreation Northern Cluster. The Nokeng sub-regional Sport Council also received administrative assistance from the department to help to ensure that regular meetings can be held and give further assistants for running of events, projects and the establishment of local sport councils within Region 5.

The upgrading of the Refilwe Sport Stadium project, the indoor sport facilities at the Cullinan Library Park and the greening of local soccer fields is some of the important future projects identified for Region 5. To this effect we give recognition for the MEC for Sport and Recreation of the Gauteng Province visit to the Refilwe Stadium and other sporting projects in Region 5. The executive of Region 5 also had an Imbizo at the Refilwe Community Hall that was one of the outstanding events for this region during this period of report. The Nokeng Sub-Regional Sport Council were also guests and part of the Deputy Minister of Sport and Recreation Gert Oosthuizen who were handing over the Sport Trust project to the Chipa Tabane High School in Refilwe.

It is also pleasing to note that Region 2 Sport Council, Hammanskraal, is active. Highlights for this region include the ongoing discussions between the Hammanskraal Rugby Club and Blue Bulls to discuss development and events of rugby. As is the case with all the other sub-regional sport councils, Region 2 lacks capacity building with reference to training, and workshops on sport management and administration inclusive of club development.

We recognise that certain regions have been neglected and therefore re-confirm our commitment to play a coordinating role for growth and development especially within the rural areas of Tshwane.

Dear members, the TSC Executive has it as one of its goals to ensure that the financial affairs of this organisation are dealt with, within the principles and guidelines of corporate governance. The following administrative actions were instituted and managed during the review period:

- Compilation of comprehensive budgets for the current and next financial periods
- Updating of the TSC Financial Procedures and Guidelines
- Pastel accounting system
- Financial activities as prescribed by the TSC Financial Procedures and Guidelines

From a Financial Monitoring and Evaluation point of view, control measures were in place during the review period to ensure sound financial governance within the Council.

Affiliation statistics reflecting on our books for the period ending 31 March 2015 reads as follows:

- Sport codes – 54
- Sub Councils – 7
- NGO's – 1
- Tertiary Institutions – 2

During the review period funds were secured from the following sources:

- Affiliation fees from member Federations
- Grant from Gauteng Sport Confederation
- Tshwane Sport Council Golf Day

As mentioned earlier, liaison with the Tshwane Metropolitan Municipal Council with respect to possible funding of the TSC by the institution is ongoing.

It can further be reported that the TSC Infrastructure Committee is satisfied that all sub-regional sport councils is functioning, some more active than others. Administrative assistance from the CoT Regional Sport and Recreation Departments to our sub-structures is still a challenge.

The decision at the Sport Council Indaba for sub regional structures to work in partnerships with their COT Regional Departments and the Gauteng Province Sport and Recreation Northern Cluster is starting to pay off for some of our TSC regional structures as regular meetings, events and projects are taking place. It is recommended that all TSC regional structures take part in such partnerships.

The Infrastructure Committee identified the following challenges which are ongoing in our pursuance to use sport as a vehicle of trust and nation building within the boundaries of our beloved Tshwane:

- Sport and Recreation developments and maintenance of existing sport facilities
- Problems with existing lease agreements between the COT and Sport Clubs/Codes

The TSC Executive takes note and acknowledges the following CoT Sport Facilities and Maintenance Developments that took place in different regions in the City of Tshwane:

- The completion of the H M Pitje Soccer Stadium planned for July 2015 that is still not completed
- Construction on the Hammanskraal multi-purpose sport and recreation Community Centre still in progress
- Construction on the Olievenhoutbosh multi-purpose sport and recreation Community Centre still not completed
- Greening of Sport fields is completed at Philip Stadium Soshanguve, Ga-rankuwa Sport Centre, Zithobeni Stadium, Ribane Laka and Rethabile sport fields in Mamelodi

- Construction and grassing on the Lotus Gardens Multi-Purpose Sport Complex still in progress
- The upgrading of the Refilwe Sport Stadium project will start in 2016.

The TSC received a lot of complaints and inquiries in connection with lease agreements between the CoT and various sport clubs/codes. Some of the problems were resolved and the TSC discovered that about 50% of all sport and recreation facility lease agreements have still not renewed. The TSC had discussed these matters with the CoT and Top Management and was told that the process of renewing expired leases and reviewing old leases might take a bit of time considering the volume of work that needs to be covered. The City Manager will now directly deal with outstanding lease agreement renewals.

TSC also took a strong stand against the redevelopment of the heritage Caledonian Stadium that is the oldest soccer facility in Africa and the only soccer facility for soccer clubs, schools and dwellers in the Mid City of Pretoria. The Provincial Heritage Resources Authority Appeals Committee (PHRA-G) ruled at the hearing that the CoT application for the redevelopment of a City Park is rescinded and defective as there was no public participation and sufficient time for stakeholders to object to the demolishing of the soccer facility.

TSC is further committed to ensure that the transformation targets are met as enshrined in the National Sports Plan and Transformation Charter. Transformation entails improving the conditions of all South Africans. In advancing this perspective for Sport South Africa, Government, Business and Sport, have embarked on a process, as encapsulated in the following:

- SRSA National Sports Plan 2012-2016.
- Transformation Charter.
- Eminent Persons Reports.
- Stakeholders Perspectives.

Concurrently, Sport Councils were established to fulfil a critical role in terms of Governance, Growth, Representation and Services. However, doing justice to this phenomenal responsibility required finite analysis and exhaustive planning in finding the equilibrium the following items were identified as fit for purpose and as such adopted:

1. Terms of Reference.
2. Declaration.
3. Organisational Effectiveness Tool.
4. Balance Scorecard.

The challenge that remains is implementation which can proceed provided the necessary resources are available in order to turn all plans into reality. To this end we admit that we still have a lot to do. The buy in of all federations into Government's Transformation Plan is echoed.

During this period of report Chaka Croukamp (Director Provincial Coaching System); Liana Laubscher (Director Coach Education & Development) and Steven Ball (Representative of Tshwane) served on the Gauteng Coaches Commission. Towards the end of 2014 the following committee members attended the SASCOC Coach Developer course in Johannesburg:

- Greg Mashilo Facilitator
- Chaka Croukamp Facilitator & Assessor
- Liana Laubscher facilitator, Assessor and Moderator

During October the Gauteng Coaches Commission held a provincial conference in Johannesburg where Chaka, Liana and Steven from TCC gave presentations. Tshwane had the highest number of participants at this conference – 83 representatives. The 2015 conference (September / October) would hopefully be regionalised which would give more participants the opportunity to attend. The TCC applied to the Gauteng Sport Council as well as the Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts & Culture for the funding for workshops. R25 000 has been approved and implementation would start soon in the various regions. Weak response was received on the info questionnaire forwarded and handed to the Federations and Regional Sport Councils. A standardised format from SASCOC would be used as the data base for Tshwane and Gauteng.

TSC also continue to foster a good working relationship with the Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation specifically the North Cluster. Recognition is given to the department's assistance to all sporting codes within the north cluster by means of venues, transport, branding of events, catering, sound systems, etc. A special word of thanks to Kobus Terblanche and Crezelda Venter for their countless support to federations in this regard.

Having said all of the above, I need to re-iterate the important role that NGO's play in the development of sport in all spheres of the Tshwane Communities and Societies. Special thanks and appreciation goes to Altus Sport in recognition of conducting youth leadership camps, workshops on volunteering management, sponsorship, mass sporting participation as well as club management. Communities served by Altus Sport included Mamelodi, Ekangala, Klipkruisfontein, UP, Refilwe, Soshanguve, Klipgat to mention but a few.

The Executive co-opted a new member in the person of Danie De Jager. We would thus request this meeting to condone the co-option of this member and that he is retained on the TSC Executive for the duration of the term of office of the current Executive.

In conclusion:

- TSC will indulge in fostering an ongoing more inclusive relationship with GSC to ensure that we sustain the prominent role we play within the management and administration of sport in our province. TSC remain committed to the GSC. We envisage better communication on a more regular basis and attending more general meetings, continue providing GSC with the minutes of TSC monthly meetings and participating in their activities.

- Similarly so, we envisage a better and more open working relationship with the Office of the MMC and the Oversight Committee on Sport in Tshwane. I confirm that meetings were conducted with these major stakeholders.
- It is further our intension to take TSC to our sub-regional Sport Councils and play a more prominent coordinating role with our sub-structures.

My thanks and appreciation goes to:

- All members of my Executive Committee who stood by my side and with passion ran with their duties to ensure that sport in Tshwane grows from strength to strength
- The backbone of the TSC: Federations, Clubs, NGO's and communities that gave up their valuable time and money to plough back into sport. Thank you to the federations for inviting us to your functions and events and so giving us insight into your activities
- All the executive members of our sub-regional and local sport councils, who for the love of sport, play an important role in structuring as well as grassroots development of sport
- The Gauteng Sport Council for guidance and support
- The City of Tshwane, the Northern Cluster of the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation. Without their support sport would not be possible!
- Loftus Stadium for the use of their facility for all our meetings
- Last but not least, all the participants who excelled in their sport, and so ensured that the face of TSC and the CITY of TSHWANE is imprinted locally, provincially, nationally and internationally as the HOUSE OF CHAMPIONS.

Taking hands with all these role players in sport, we seek to administer and manage our sport in Tshwane within the principles of true sportsmanship and corporate governance.

I Thank You.



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