



STATEMENT BY SANEF COUNCIL AND MANCO

1. This is an up-date of developments within SANEF since the last communication from Chairman Tony Lewis on 20 April 2010.
2. The process to capture historical financial information and to draw up the books of accounts continues. It is intended that this process should be completed as soon as possible, where after the newly-appointed auditors will complete and audit SANEF's recent financial statements. The commission of inquiry also continues with its work. Members are reminded that the inquiry will, with the assistance of KPMG's forensic audit, determine questions of responsibility and accountability for the current situation.
3. At the past weekend's meeting between Council and Manco, the earlier resignations of Anne-Marie Esslinger (Vice-Chair) and of Jane Jackman (Acting Financial Officer) were accepted. Anne-Marie and Jane have served on Manco and other SANEF and discipline committees for many years. Both have hugely assisted to remedy the present crisis and their direct involvement in Manco will be sorely missed. They have however assured us that they will remain willing to further assist if called upon to do so.
4. At the meeting, Tony Lewis resigned with immediate effect. Tony has given unselfishly of his time and energy in service of South African Equestrian sport for many decades; the last four years as Chairman of SANEF. Having himself competed for South Africa both at home and overseas, Tony was instrumental in initiating and promoting our participation at international level. It was his perseverance that saw us competing at WEG 2006 and saw the introduction of the tri-nations competitions with New-Zealand and Australia. Despite his resignation, Tony remains committed to assist in any way required.
5. Tony, Anne-Marie and Jane have served on Manco for some time. It must be stated therefore that there is no evidence of any intentional wrongdoing by any of them in

regard to the matters presently under investigation. The same must be said of all staff members who remain employed in SANEF's office.

6. The consequences of these resignations were discussed at length by Council and the remaining members of Manco; Danielle Pienaar, Angie Meredith, Sharon Boyce and Eric Bianci. The abilities and dedication of these persons are well known. Eric was elected Chair of SANEF. Eric has vast experience, having served on various committees and was chair of GHS for four years. Additional members will be co-opted to Manco. They will serve until the AGM, which will take place on 12 June 2010.
7. Until the AGM, Stephen Heath and or Panayiotis Stais S.C. will continue to act as Council's representative on Manco, though there is an open invitation for any other member of Council to attend Manco meetings. Angie will continue to act as Secretary-General, and Katrina Gill will serve as Financial Officer, until 30 June 2010. The future of these positions will be discussed, and the election of SANEF president and Chairman and members of Manco will take place, at the AGM.
8. Tony Lewis and Angie Meredith (Acting Secretary-General) recently attended a meeting of Chefs de Mission held at the WEG venue in Kentucky. They used this opportunity to gain invaluable knowledge of the logistical requirements and administrative arrangements that will greatly assist our riders in their preparations over the next few months. A report-back meeting is to be scheduled.
9. Whilst most of our attentions have been directed to the unfortunate situation at SANEF, our riders are focused on better things and a number have recently qualified for WEG. Some new names are preparing to step forward before close of entries. We will provide details as soon as they are confirmed, but we hope that South Africa will be represented in Dressage and Para-dressage, Endurance, Eventing, Reining, Show-jumping and Vaulting! There is much work that needs to be done to pave the way for these competitors to be ready for Kentucky.
10. It must be mentioned that the president of SANEF, Ernst Holtz, has advised that he will continue to serve as president only until the next election. Ernst is the doyen of our Equestrian fraternity, which he has served for almost 50 years. His knowledge, experience and guidance will be sorely missed, but his presence will no doubt be

seen and felt at all the events and in the many disciplines which he has frequented for so many seasons. It will be truly difficult to find a suitable replacement for Ernst.

11. It was also decided that the SANEF dinner and awards evening will stand over until sometime later this year.
12. Council and Manco has engaged the services of John Macintosh, who is the Executive Director of Advisory Services for Africa for KPMG. He is to facilitate discussion with all stakeholders as to a possible way forward and the potential restructuring of Equestrian Sport in South Africa. This is an enormous task and we would ask anyone who can contribute meaningfully to the discussion, to please assist with this process.
13. In the meantime and until we can provide you with further information, we ask that you support Council, Manco and your Provincial Societies in resolving the present situation at SANEF and ensuring a healthy Equestrian environment for the future.

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