

HHOHHO REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the HRFA General Assembly held on **Saturday, 22nd January 2022** at the Mbabane Centrsl High School Hall at 10:00 am.

PRESENT:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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| Mr. Nigel Shongwe | - | Chairman |
| Mr. Simeon Vilakati | - | Vice Chairman |
| Mr Nkosingiphile Shongwe | - | Secretary |
| Mr. Ntokozo Tsela | - | Vice Secretary |
| Mr Linda Mnisi | - | Treasurer |
| Mr Oscar Mlotshwa | - | Member |
| Mr Mduduzi Dlamini | - | Member |

MEMBERS:

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| 1. Sidwashini Utd | 21. Red Stars. | 41. Amawele |
| 2. Billy Ocean | 22. Real Stars United | 42. Mbabane Celtics |
| 3. Mbabane City | 23. Happy Fighters | 43. Academy |
| 4. Pigg's Peak Rangers | 24. Majotini Utd | 44. Freestyle |
| 5. Msahweni | 25. Majotini Rebels | 45. Real Tec |
| 6. Interstars | 26. Atletico | 46. PG Dribbling Stars |
| 7. Multi Classic | 27. Super Stars | 47. Royal Dynamos |
| 8. Veni Cosmos | 28. Dribbling Stars | 48. Hurricane |
| 9. Junction Stars | 29. Hawane Arsenal | 49. Mbabane United |
| 10. Lusoti | 30. Mhlosheni Celtics | 50. Mphondla Madrid |
| 11. Emaselesele | 31. N Cosmos | 51. Community |
| 12. Bhunya Black Aces | 32. Sibuyeni | 52. Burning Spear |
| 13. Young Lovers | 33. Green Sea | 53. Machibini Rovers |
| 14. XI Experience | 34. Kasiko | 54. Mhlatane United |
| 15. Lunkanka | 35. Matsamo Swallows | 55. Thuluzobona |
| 16. Manyisa Utd | 36. Njakeni City | 56. Supersport |
| 17. Amacabane | 37. Ngonini | 57. Manchester |
| 18. Sundowns | 38. Sikhaleni | 58. Roman United |
| 19. Star Wanderers | 39. JB Arsenal | 59. Bush Bucks |
| 20. Mbasheni Swallows | 40. Nkomanzi United | |

Clubs that were present and had not yet paid the affiliation fees for the 2021/2022 football season.

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| 1. H. Shooting Stars | 30. Rangers | 58. Zinyane |
| 2. Junior Stars | 31. Blue Birds | 59. Professionals |
| 3. Corporation | 32. Hot Spurs | 60. City Stars |
| 4. Horo Spinners | 33. Thuluzobana | 61. Mpofu Aces |
| 5. Stone Breakers | 34. Umkhokha | 62. Weirma |
| 6. Vultures | 35. Stone Breakers | 63. Fighters |
| 7. White City | | 64. Democracy |
| 8. Mvakwelitje | 36. Love & Peace | 65. Sihhoye Academy |
| 9. Mbabane Dribbling Wizards | 37. Happy Tigers | 66. Ndvwabangeni Liverpool |
| 10. FC Vaal Stars | 38. Mighty Birds | 67. Manjengeni |
| 11. Dangerous Darkies | 39. Nkoyoyo Utd | 68. Swallows |
| 12. L. Cosmos | 40. Lubhedze | 69. Tigers |
| 13. Real Masters | 41. Bafana | 70. Makhweya |
| 14. Liwakawaka | 42. Mahangeni Cosmos | 71. Macocweni |
| 15. Servest | 43. Ntsintsa Rebels | 72. Bombers |
| 16. Kasi Warriors | 44. Young Chiefs | 73. Xi Men |
| 17. L. Dynamos | 45. Mv Sundowns | 74. New Castle |
| 18. Ezulwini Aces | 46. Soccer Rose | 75. T. Wizards |
| 19. X Eleven | 47. Golden Arrows | 76. Trounge |
| 20. Silomo | 48. Besutfwini Utd | 77. Mbatatane |
| 21. Stoke City | 49. AK 47 | 78. Zibonele |
| 22. Ntsetse Flyers | 50. Zamalek | 79. Foster United |
| 23. Kupheleni | 51. Young Sevilla | 80. Bulandzeni Rebels |
| 24. Total Xi | 52. Rockville | 81. Skom Boyz |
| 25. Young Fighters | 53. All Stars | 82. White Killers |
| 26. Manchester United | 54. Darkies United | 83. Thuluzobona |
| 27. Professionals | 55. 19 Celtics | 84. Arsenal |
| 28. Movers | 56. Maguga Cosmos | 85. Lonhlalane |
| 29. Chelsea | 57. Hot Spurs | 86. Peak City |

Recording:

Mr N. Shongwe – HRFA General Secretary

AGENDA

- i. Roll Call
- ii. Chairman’s Remarks
- iii. Report of the Executive Committee presented by the Secretary General
Covering the period since the last General Assembly
- iv. Presentation of Financial Statements [2019/20 & 2020/21]
- v. Approval of the Financial Statements
- vi. Appointment of independent auditors
- vii. Admission, suspension or expulsion of a member (s)
- viii. Closing Remarks

HRFA 01/ 2022 ROLL CALL

Noted:

- i. That there was a total of 15 clubs present out of the 25 clubs that affiliated on or before 30th August 2021.
- ii. That there was a total of 44 clubs present out of the 60 clubs that affiliated after 30th August 2021.
- iii. That a total of 59 clubs were present out of the 85 clubs that had paid the affiliation fee hence the clubs present formed a quorum.

Resolved

- iv. That the meeting was quorate when considering the clubs that had affiliated.

HRFA 02/ 2022 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Noted

- i. That the Chairperson welcomed members to the house and thanked them for making it to the meeting after a long time.
- ii. That there was an observance of moment of silence in respect of the football personnel that lost their lives during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- iii. That there was a need to purchase sporting equipment in order to resume the games efficiently.
- iv. That there were complaints from the match officials to the effect that the match officiating fee was little as it covered the traveling costs of the officials in most instances.

Reported

- v. That football activities were suspended by Government in the country on the Friday 13th March 2020 in bid to curb the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- vi. That communiqué was later made by the Eswatini Football Association, which gave direction on the football activities.
- vii. That the HRFA was the first EFA member association to stage games during the COVID-19 era as the playoffs pitting Manchester United and Mhlambanyatsi Community were played under strict COVID-19 protocols.
- viii. That during the 2021 EFA Congress, Mr Peter Simelane was elected the EFA President.
- ix. That the outgoing President Mr Adam Bomber Mthethwa had earlier been elected the EOCGA President.
- x. That Mr Libnar Sibiya and Mr Mandla Gama were appointed to the EFA Referees Committee.
- xi. That the National squads (Sihlangu, Under 17 & Sitsebe Semhlekaazi) participated in the COSAFA Competitions.
- xii. That Sihlangu won a Bronze medal in the COSAFA tournament.
- xiii. That the under 20s were supposed to participate in December 2021 however the games were postponed to July 2022.
- xiv. That the host for COSAFA under 20 games will be Eswatini.
- xv. That the region had acquired the services of a Technical Director in Mr James Kunene.

- xvi. That the HRFA was in good financial standing to resume games under the COVID-19 protocols.
- xvii. That the construction of Mkhuzweni Technical Centre was ongoing and it was anticipated that it shall have been concluded in August 2022.
- xviii. That only two sponsors honoured the prize presentation in 2020, i.e. Swazi Trac and Buy Cash.
- xix. That the number of affiliated and registered for the 2021/2022 football season has drastically dropped.

HRFA 02/2022 ADMISSIONS

Reported

- i. That there were clubs that had not affiliated on August 30, 2021 and had been put on zone 3.
- ii. That the first registration window, wherein clubs are registered elapsed on the 03rd December 2021.
- iii. That the HRFA Executive committee had written a request for the extension of the First Registration Window to a date later than the 10th December 2021, however that request was declined by EFA.

Noted

- iv. That the HRFA General assembly had jurisdiction over affiliation however it does not have control over Registration Windows as the registration window is controlled by FIFA through the Eswatini Football Association.
- v. That the Super League clubs were registered under FIFA connect and shall resume on the 29th January 2022.

Resolved

- vi. That the clubs were given up to 28th February 2022 to comply with the affiliation requirements.

HRFA 03/2022 2019-2021 Activity Report

Received

- i. A paper **HRFA.2022/01** being the activity Report of the Executive Committee presented by the Secretary General Covering the period since the last General Assembly

Noted

- i. That the training of COVID-19 Compliance officers was mandatory for all HRFA Clubs.

Reported

- i. That the registration fee was E40-00 in 2019/2020 and has been increased to E50-00 in the season 2021/2022.
- ii. That the registration of regional leagues' clubs was to be later transformed to FIFA Connect.
- iii. That Manchester United F.C. were the Champions of the SMVAF Cup Regional Clubs in the country in the year 2020 and later became champions of the Swazi Trac HRSL.
- iv. That in September 2020, the EFA issued Circular No. **147** which was concluding the season 2019/2020 and giving direction on promotion of clubs to higher league, it stalled relegations.
- v. That following the EFA circular No. 147, the following clubs qualified for regional play-offs.

| Southern Zone | Northern Zone |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Inter Starb. Ngwenya unitedc. Emaseleseled. Young lovers | <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Sweet Bananab. Manchester Unitedc. Nkomanzi Unitedd. Matsamo Swallowse. Sun City |

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| e. Nhlokomeni Cosmos f. Bhunya Black Aces | f. Russian Bomber |
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- vi. That the clubs in each zone were grouped into two groups in a bid to save time and reduce the costs.
- vii. That in the Southern Zone, Emaselesele F.C. and Young lovers F.C. were promoted to the HRSL whilst in the Northern Zone, Nkomazi United and Matsamo Swallows were promoted to the HRSL.
- viii. That in the Northern Zone Russian Bombers could not participate in the regional playoffs due to failure to affiliate and register on time.
- ix. That promotions from B divisions to A divisions were as follows;

| | Regional League | Clubs Promoted |
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| | Mbabane | 1. Royal Dynamos F.C. 2. Hurricane F.C. |
| | Timphisini | 1. Nhlambeni All United F.C 2. Zamalek F.C |
| | Mdzimba | 1. All Stars F.C. 2. Sundowns F.C |
| | Lobamba | 1. X- Eleven F.C 2. Mvutshini Invaders F.C |

- x. That in the Super League five clubs could not affiliate nor register their players in time in the FIFA Connect System for the 2021/2022 football season hence they were locked out for the rest of the season.

xi. That the clubs were as follows;

Southern Zone

- i. Swazi Sun F.C.
- ii. Emajukujuku
- iii. Corporation F.C

Northern Zone

- iv. Horo Spinners F.C
- v. Sigodlo F.C.

- xii. That the non-participating of these clubs brought the total of clubs in the Super League to 11 which was one (1) club short (of the normal 12 clubs) in both zones.
- xiii. That when an advice was sought from the mother body (EFA), the HRFA executive committee was advised to promote clubs from the lower divisions to fill the full complement of clubs in the higher divisions where such cases occurred.
- xiv. That the HRFA executive in that regard, made a proposal to engage the runner-up for the regional playoffs groups in decisive match to get the winner to fill the created slots in the super league.
- xv. That in the period there were a number of trainings that were conducted
 - a. COVID-19 compliance officers
 - b. Coaching
 - c. Refereeing
- xvi. That the regional Leagues were faced with a shortage of good referees.
- xvii. That the National Referees Association had tabled a proposal of an increase of E20-00 of the officiating fee for the current season.

Resolved

- i. That the proposal to have the playoff matches to fill the slots created in the super league in both zones was approved by the general assembly.
- ii. That the playoff matches were to play on Saturday January 29, 2022 in both the Southern and the Northern Zones.
- iii. That the secretary's report was adopted with the proposals presented.

HRFA 04/2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Received

- i. A paper **HRFA.2022/01** being the activity Report of the Executive Committee within which there was a financial statement presented by the Hugh Business Consult and Treasurer.

Reported

- i. That the financial statements for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 were not presented as the HRFA could not hold the General Assemblies due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- ii. That Mr Maziya from Hugh Business consult presented the financial statements for both financial years.
- iii. That the money at the bank in May 2020 stood at E340 802-00 with E209 935-00 being at the call account and E130 867-00 at the current accounts both held at the Standard Bank.
- iv. That the money at the bank in May 2021 stood at E 937 896-00 with E825 388-00 being at the call account and E112 508-00 at the current accounts both held at the Standard Bank.
- v. That a 2021/2022 budget had also been included in the financial statements and was presented by the treasurer.

Noted

- i. That the COVID 19 budget was estimated to be E1 000 000-00.
- ii. That the HRFA was expected to experience a deficit of E 1 000 000-00 in respect of COVID 19 when resuming the league games.
- iii. That on the budget, the variance in fines was too high when compared to the actuals from the previous season owing to the fact that there were no activities.

HRFA 05/2022 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Noted

- i. That Executive committee was applauded for keeping a healthy financial standing of the organization.

Resolved

- ii. That the financial statements for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 financial statements were unanimously approved.

HRFA 06/2022 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Reported

- i. That term of office for Hugh Business Consult Auditors had elapsed and the Executive Committee had selected Ndallahwa & Company as the new auditors for the next term.

Resolved

- ii. That appointment of Ndallahwa & Company as independent auditors for the HRFA was approved.

HRFA 07/ 2022 CLOSING

Noted

- i. That the Chairperson thanked all clubs present for attending the meeting.
- ii. That the meeting was closed at 14:38hrs.

Signed by:

Chairman: BS-- **SECRETARY:** 

DATE: 11/03/2022 **DATE:** 11/03/2022