

Recently Held Bosberaad

Message from the top

SAWSA recently held a bosberaad, at Johannesburg airport of places, to discuss the way forward. We are a staring various challenges in the eye, and used this meeting as a platform to kick of the start of new era in SA Waveski. The SAWSA executive changed in name , but the overall vision and mission SAWSA not. Pey step down as President, after a very successful and fruitful period in the hot seat and officially passed the responsibility on to me. Administration in the sport, especially with regard to liaison with Sport and Recreation South Africa, took a major step forward during his period. Gerhard Kiel was elected as SAWSA Secretary, to replace Craig Seale who left for the USA at the beginning of the year. The rest of SAWSA executive are Karl Marlwald (Marketing Director), Craig Powel (Contest Director) and Dan Prata (Development Director)., but the overall vision and mission SAWSA not. Pey step down as President, after a very successful and fruitful period in the hot seat and officially passed the responsibility on to me. Administration in the sport, especially with regard to liaison with Sport and Recreation South Africa, took a major step forward during his period. Gerhard Kiel was elected as SAWSA Secretary, to replace Craig Seale who left for the USA at the beginning of the year. The rest of SAWSA executive are Karl Marlwald (Marketing Director), Craig Powel (Contest Director) and Dan Prata (Development Director).

The world titles will be hosted in Durban during July next year. Pey Geldenhuys and the KZN committee will play a huge role to stage this event. Obviously, this will be SAWSA's key focus and will demand most of our limited resources available. With this international event coming, we can be assured that anti-doping measures and testing will start to play a role in our sport, as Sport and Recreation South Africa (SRSA) in conjunction with the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport will require us to adhere to policies and measures. Furthermore, SAWSA intend to implement stricter control over membership affiliation and registration. With the world titles in South Africa, the perfect time to make use of the opportunity to market the sport to the general public in order to get a greater public awareness about what the sport is and hence, a lot of our marketing budget and resources will go towards this.

As defending champions of the world tag team event, It is important that South Africa stage a strong and well prepared national tag team for the world titles. This preparation for the national tag team start now already, and every competitive waveskier are playing a role in this process by making the top gun had to fight from provincial trial level to make it through the sifting process. The better you surf against him at even the lowest trial level, the harder he needs to surf to make sure he makes it through. The more pressure we put on each other from the start, the better all of us should surf at time of the world titles. Go out there, push each other, but most of all , make sure you enjoy the process.

I invite all members with good idea's to share it with SAWSA via the "Tips for Noddy" hotline. Mail to president@sawaveski.co.za , I will announce the best tip received during SA Closed Champs.

Watch this spot for future updates.

Regards Naude Kotze

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