

NAMIBIAN EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION



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Dear Members,

This year has come with a lot of proposed changes in our sport. Understandably changes often bring out a certain fear in us. It is with some concern that we have taken note of the misinformation and slander being broadcasted against NAMEF and myself and we herewith wish settle some of the hearsay.

NAMEF and I will never turn any member of ANY discipline away. It is our aim to grow ALL the FEI disciplines within our Federation, this includes the Endurance rider and horse.

In May 2018 Mr. Ingmar de Vos (FEI President) and Mr. Riaan van Rooyen (then NAMEF President) met on how to move forward in incorporating the Endurance discipline into the Federation as per the FEI Statues Rules and Regulations.

Every step taken so far has been to encourage a closer working relationship with the Endurance discipline and the timeline of the agreement between NERA and NAMEF was that 2019 would be the year of adjusting and paving the way forward to fully incorporate the Endurance discipline under NAMEF by 2020. The Duneside Club was established with full agreement of NAMEF exco in January 2019, this being a "guinea pig" club to encourage incorporation of the Endurance discipline under NAMEF.

NAMEF has and never will act discriminately against any discipline, neither do we allow racism towards any member out there and claims such as these are seen in a serious light.

At the NAMEF AGM an agreement between NERA and NAMEF was tabled and accepted by all members present. However, communication since then has reached the extend by which the help of the Namibian Sport Commission has been called in and a complaint against NAMEF was lodged by NERA.

NAMEF EXCO has now tabled a new proposal to NERA and the Duneside Club to try and encourage stability. Important to understand is that we do have to conform with the FEI and NSC criterions and to find a way to proceed to adhere to the FEI General Regulations Art 2.3, Art 2.7 and Art 5.1.

PLEASE NOTE: The current slandering against NAMEF as well as me is seen as total misinformation. We encourage all members to first check any rumor/story with those in the know before passing it on. The contact person within NAMEF to contact will be Alida Reimer Cline email. NAMEF herewith undertakes that Mrs. Reimer Cline, will take every query seriously and that no query will be dismissed or ignored.

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Furthermore, Mrs. Reimer Cline, will also be available to respond to any and all queries regarding the intended integration of NERA to NAMEF. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Reimer Cline at the email address treasurer@namef.org.na

After all, understanding that the Sport is bigger than all of us, that the horse binds us all, thereby making us likeminded individuals WHY should we not all get on and ride?

We are here as a Federation to serve **every** member and NERA members are part and parcel of this.

Yours always

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