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EFA HOSTS ITS 2020 ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY



The EFA Delegates in full concentration during the 2020 Ordinary General Asseble

The Eswatini Football Association (EFA) hosted its 2020 Ordinary General Assembly (OGA) at the Happy Valley Hotel in Ezulwini. This event was implemented on Sunday, 28th June 2020 after the EFA was granted by the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini as by that time the COVID-19 Government Regulations restricted any gathering of people more than seventy (70).

During this meeting, the EFA Executive Committee presented both the organisation's activity and financial reports to the delegates who are also the Executive Committee Members of the EFA membership. The President of the EFA Mr. Adam Mthethwa in his address to the Congress, highlighted that due to the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic; the football competitions will remain suspended as previously

decided by the Executive Committee of the EFA. "The most probable question that is encountered is that of the negativity of the wait to resume football or decide on the fate of the 2019/20 season. To this end, the Executive Committee of the EFA will in August 2020 to review the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic and consequently advise its members and stakeholders", Mthethwa said.

The President of the EFA also highlighted on the progress of the organisation's regional football governance and management capacitation, sustained rebranding of the EFA and the financial ecosystem in the football business.

EFA'S INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS GAINING MOMENTUM

The Eswatini Football Association (EFA) continues to leave a mark in as far as the infrastructure development in the country is concerned. This is evident with the construction of the EFA's Technical Centre in Lobamba, the King Sobhuza II Stadium in Nhlangano and the yet to be finalized regional technical at KaLanga in the Lubombo Region.



The EFA's Technical Centre at KaLanga

The next stop in as far as the EFA's infrastructure development projects are concerned is Mkhuzweni where the football association will construct a mini-stadium and Regional Technical Centre in the northern Hhohho.

This project will not only benefit the sport but the people of Mkhuzweni and the surrounding

“Over and above the King Sobhuza II Stadium, which is now in full operation, housing the Shiselweni Regional Football Association and also providing a source revenue generation, the mini stadium and Regional Technical Centre at KaLanga, in the Lubombo Region, a FIFA Forward Project, is also complete”, said the EFA President Mr. Adam Mthethwa.

will get employment opportunities. “The Executive Committee has now set its sight on the implementation of the mini-stadium and Regional Technical Centre at Mkhuzweni, in the northern Hhohho, with the construction commencement scheduled for August 2020”, said the EFA President, Mr. Adam Mthethwa.

This FIFA Forward project is valued at over E23 Million.



ON SITE: Some of the EFA Executive Committee Members at Mkhuzweni (Northern Hhohho) where the new Technical Centre will be constructed.

FOCUS ON THE SMVA INGWENYAMA CUP PRIZE PRESENTATION



The SMVA Ingwenyama Cup Board Chairman His Royal Highness Prince Hlangabeza

The patron of the Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accident (SMVA) Ingwenyama Cup who is His Majesty The King Mswati III, expressed his jubilation on the successful implementation of the 5th edition of this unique competition that perfectly blends football and culture. This was highlighted by the SMVA Ingwenyama Cup Board Chairman Prince Hlangabeza during the prize presentation ceremony that was held on the 9th July 2020 at the Happy Valley Hotel in Ezulwini. Due to the compromised health situation as a result of COVID-19 pandemic, this event was implemented in a different fashion in order to adhere to the COVID-19 regulations.

“All of us can testify on how the nation united through football and culture as the nation attended the Ingwenyama Cup events and in particular on the final day of this edition as the stadium was full to capacity which was a perfect indication that the nation loves football and their culture”, Prince Hlangabeza said.

As a warning, he also reminded the nation to always be cautious when using the roads in order to avoid accidents and save lives so that more funds can be invested by the sponsor in this wonderful competition.

“Whenever one is using the roads, it is very important to be cautious because in doing so, lives can be saved which can make the sponsor to have more resources that can be invested in this competition”, the Prince said. In conclusion, he urged the nation to adhere to the health precautions as the country and the globe continue to fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

SMVA JOYFUL ABOUT THE INGWENYAMA CUP

The sponsor of the SMVA Ingwenyama Cup is excited about the implementation of this competition since its inaugural edition thus far. This was disclosed by the SMVA Fund Board Chairman Mr. Zithande Gina during the prize presentation ceremony of this unique competition that blends both football and culture.



SMVA Fund's Board Chairman Mr. Zithulele Gina

"As a sponsor, we are happy with the implementation of this competition since its inception thus far. This competition is growing and as an organisation, we are achieving our goal of promoting our services and brand countrywide and globally", Gina said. He also thanked His Majesty The King Mswati III for being the pioneer of this great competition which is also marketing the country very well in the international platform. "As an organisation, we are very much grateful to His Majesty The King Mswati III for coming up with this wonderful initiative that perfectly blends football and culture which also markets the country very well on the international arena", Gina concluded.



Green Mamba FC's Njabulo Thwala, Banele Dlamini and Thokozani Mkhulisi.

SIMPLE THE BEST-MATHOKOZA AND THOKOZANI

Two Green Mamba FC players by the name of Njabulo Thwala and Thokozani Mkhulisi were rewarded for their excelling performance during the 5th edition of the SMVA Ingwenyama Cup Competition. These players were crowned the Player of the Series and Best Goalkeeper of the competition respectively.

For his effort, Njabulo Thwala won himself E15 000.00 and a trophy whilst Thokozani Mkhulisi won himself E10 000.00 and a trophy. The top goalscorer was Malanti Chiefs FC's Charles Molohe who won himself E10 000.00. Manchester United's FC's Wakhile Shongwe won the best player award under the regional category of the competition and for his effort he won himself E5 000.00 and a trophy. The best referee was FIFA accredited referee Theminkosi Dlamini who won himself E6 000.00. The best Public Relations Officer was Mbabane Highlanders FC's PRO Paul Masilela who won himself E6 000.00.

EFA MEMBERS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESCHEDULED

The Eswatini Football Association (EFA) has rescheduled its member association's general assemblies. This is due to the suspension of football competitions and activities countrywide, with competitions set to resume at a later date.



EFA President, Mr. Adam Mthethwa

"The EFA Member Associations and Leagues are hereby informed that following the suspension of football competitions and activities countrywide, the competitions set to resume at a later date until their conclusion, a situation which also saw the extension of the 2019/2020 football season, the hosting of the Ordinary General Assemblies (OGAs) or Annual General Meetings (AGMs) for the EFA Members is deferred to the end of the extended 2019/2020 football season pending the review of the COVID-19 pandemic situation in August 2020", said the EFA through a circular.

The other reason for the postponement was because it won't be possible to confirm the promotions and relegations due to the extension of the 2019/2020 football season. "The extension of the 2019/2020 football season has a substantial and statutory bearing on the promotion and relegation of football clubs. General Assembly business in a majority of EFA Members statutorily involves amongst others the confirmation of promotion and relegation; and the primary outlay of the business of the preceding football season as well as the forthcoming football season", read the circular.

The third reason was based on the financial reports to be done by the EFA members to their affiliates which won't be practical until the football season is concluded.

"The statutory reporting and accountability, expected to be discharged at the business of the general assemblies, which is principally relied upon a football season being concluded", the circular read. The other reason was based on the review meeting of the EFA Executive Committee

to be held in August. "The review meeting of the EFA Executive Committee in August 2020, which will provide a momentous direction on the discharge of the statutory and normal football business amid the persistent COVID-19 situation", the circular stated.

The last reason in the circular was on the fact that the COVID-19 situation was a force majeure. "The circumstance of the COVID-19 constitutes a situation of force majeure, and the EFA Executive Committee, in observance of the EFA Statutes, is statutorily tasked with the supreme authority in the implementation of measures under its auspice. This is implemented obviously in compliance with the dictates of FIFA and associated statutory provision that relates to timelines of hosting and the business of OAGs of the EFA members are hereby accordingly waived", the circular concluded.

PICTORIAL FROM THE 2020 EFA ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY



EFA President Mr. Adam Mthethwa answering some of the questions posed by the delegates.



Let's check: Some of the EFA delegate reading the activity report.



PLE in the house: Mr. Bongani Mdluli and Mr. Sicelo Mkhonta listening attentively during the Ordinary General Assembly.



Elaborating: The General Secretary of the EFA presenting the activity report to the Delegates.



Focus: Mr Johannes Sibozza and Ms Cindy Dlodlu (both EFA Executive Committee Members) reading the activity report.



Technicians: Mr. Musa Mamba and Mr. Anthony Mdluli from the Eswatini Coaches Association.



Ms Luis Monro and Mr. Sifiso Shabalala (both from the Lubombo Regional Football Association) following proceeding during the event.



Question Sir?: The Chairman of the Eswatini Referees Association posing a question during the event.



Mr. Bonginkosi Mhlanga and Mr Thomson Ndzinisa (both from the Women Football Association) listening to presentations.



The EFA Vice President and Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Peter Simelane presenting the Financial Report to the Delegates.



Part of the content that was presented to the delegates.



Consulting: The General Secretary of the EFA Mr. Frederick Mngomezulu consulting from the EFA Vice President Dr. Comfort Shongwe.

FOOTBALL PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTED ON-LINE



EFA Refereeing Instructors using the zoom application during the recently held Refereeing Instructor Workshop.

Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic that has adversely affected all industries in the world including football where the implementation of competition is still not possible, the EFA has resorted to the use of the latest technological applications in the implementation of certain programmes. In July an online Refereeing Instructors Workshop was implemented and the focus on this event was on the Amendments made on the Laws of the Game for the 2020/2021 football season.

“This workshop was a huge success as the participants benefited a lot in terms of the content that was discussed of which the very same content is expected to be shared to the referees who are currently active thus enhancing the standard of refereeing in the country”, said Mr. Sifiso Zondo who is EFA’s Refereeing Manager.

On another note, the EFA’s Technical Director (TD) Mr. Bhekisisa Mkhonta who was also one of the participants of the Refereeing Instructors Workshop also facilitated the Coaching Instructors and Coaching Workshops using the zoom application. The main objective of the Coaching Instructors Workshop was to enhance the personality and common behavioural traits of the instructors whilst for the

Coaching Workshop was to empower the coaches on the difference between job description and job design as a coach. “These workshops were a huge success and thanks a lot to the participants as this is a sign of commitment on their part in as far as football development in the country is concerned”, Mkhonta said.

Over and above these workshops, the TD participated in two on-line international football development programmes. These were the FIFA Talent Ecosystem Analysis, FIFA Grow Professionally Workshop and the CAF Convention.

The FIFA Talent Ecosystem Analysis is an on-going programme that focuses on talent identification, the FIFA Growing Professionally Workshop focused on enhancing communication skills of the TDs and the CAF Convention focused on the 8 criteria of the convention.