



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMRADES MARATHON ASSOCIATION  
SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 10h00**

**AT CARTER HIGH SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE,  
22 CARTER DRIVE, ATHLONE, PIETERMARITZBURG**

**A G E N D A**

- 1. ATTENDANCE REGISTER, SCRUTINY OF CREDENTIALS AND APOLOGIES**
- 2. NOTICE OF MEETING**
- 3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 29 NOVEMBER 2023**
- 4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 15 AUGUST 2024**
- 5. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF 2024 ANNUAL REPORT**
- 6. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
- 7. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CMA CONSTITUTION**
  - 7.1 After **clause 17.7** add in **new clause 17.8** – No member of the KZNA or ASA Boards shall be eligible to be elected to serve on the CMA Board.
    - **Clause 21.1 & 21.2** - delete '11 (ELEVEN)' and substitute with '9 (NINE)'. In clause **21.2** - delete '13 (THIRTEEN)' and substitute with '11 (ELEVEN)'.
    - Clause **21.1.2** - delete 'One member appointed by KZNA'.
    - Clause **21.1.3** - delete 'One member appointed by ASA'.
    - Clause **21.7** – delete the whole clause.
    - Clause **17.2.2** - delete 'together with the individuals appointed by KZNA and ASA'.
  - 7.2 After clause **22.5** add in **new clause 22.6** – No person shall hold the office of CMA Board Member for more than 8 (EIGHT) years, whether consecutively or individually. The period of 8 (EIGHT) years includes any terms under a previous constitution.
  - 7.3 Clauses **21.1.2** and **21.1.3** - It is proposed that these clauses be amended to reflect the Board positions held by and on behalf of KwaZulu-Natal Athletics and Athletics South Africa, as being restricted to being non-voting Board members.
  - 7.4 **Clause 7** Original Text of Heading – Life Membership  
Change heading to read – Honours with Life Membership.
    - Clause **7.1** Change Life Membership to read – Honours with Life Membership
    - Clause **7.2** Change Life Membership to read – Honours with Life Membership
    - Clause **7.3** No change
    - Clause **7.4** No change
    - Clause **7.5** No change
    - Clause **7.6** Delete
    - Clause **7.7** Delete

- Clause **7.8** Delete
- Clause **7.9** becomes **new clause 7.6** Change *Honours and Life Membership* to read *Honours with Life Membership*

Motivation: Going forward there should be no differentiation between Life Membership and Honours and Life Membership, and it is further proposed that retrospectively all previous awards of Life Membership shall be converted to Honours with Life Membership.

## **8. PROPOSED MOTIONS**

**8.1 The local purchase of Merchandise** (apparel), especially the race shirts, from local textile manufacturers and clothing manufacturers.

**8.2 No actively serving Board Member may simultaneously hold a portfolio position on the Race Organising Committee (ROC).** (It is one or the other, cannot be both).

### **8.3 Clarification on cyberbullying allegations:**

WHEREAS the Chairperson of the Comrades Marathon Association has previously made public statements regarding alleged cyberbullying of certain Board members; AND WHEREAS the members of the CMA have a right to transparency regarding such serious allegations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

8.3.1 The Board provides a detailed report to the members clarifying:

- a) The definition and nature of the alleged cyberbullying incidents;
- b) The identity of the alleged perpetrators, if known; and
- c) The current status of any legal proceedings or intended legal actions against the alleged perpetrators.

8.3.2 The CMA membership formally records its strong condemnation of any form of cyberbullying against Board members or any other persons associated with the organization.

### **8.4 Update on investigations into allegations of misconduct**

WHEREAS Interim CMA Chairperson has publicly stated that investigations are being conducted into allegations of corruption, maladministration, and incompetence against certain Board members and staff; AND WHEREAS these investigations are of material importance to the governance and reputation of the CMA;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

8.4.1 The Board presents a comprehensive report to the members regarding:

- a) The scope and nature of the investigations being conducted;
- b) The progress made to date in these investigations;
- c) The expected timeline for completion;
- d) Any preliminary findings that can be shared without compromising the integrity of the investigations; and
- e) The measures being taken to ensure the investigations are independent and thorough.

8.4.2 This report be presented to the members at the AGM with supporting documentation as appropriate.

**8.5 Catering at the Finish Venue of the Comrades Marathon:** motion is to call for a vote from CMA members as to whether the catering at the end of the Comrades Marathon should remain as is now (i.e. drinks and meals have to be bought from pre-determined caterers), or whether the philosophy of catering should return to how it was previously where clubs and supporters could cater to their athletes' specific needs by bringing drinks and food to the finish venue.

**9. ELECTION OF SEVEN (7) BOARD MEMBERS**

**Nominees:**

1. Alan David Gray
2. Patricia Freeman
3. Busani Ndlovu
4. Solomon Mbatha
5. Brenda Marolen
6. Rory Steyn
7. Willie Mtolo
8. Carel Nolte
9. Leslie Burnard
10. Mark Leathers
11. Mqondisi Ngcobo
12. Philemon Bhekumuzi Nkosi
13. Graham Gertsch
14. Grant Matkovich

Note: as of 18 November 2024, seven (7) Nominees have withdrawn their Board nominations for the 2024 AGM.

**Please note that all members who are eligible to vote will be required to produce proof of identity (ID document/ID smart card, passport or driver's license).**

**10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

**11. CLOSURE OF MEETING**