

Chairman's Annual Report to the Club 2024

To Esteemed Members,

1. Preamble

As we reflect on the founding year, I am happy to highlight the fighting spirit of our organisation and report that the rebuilding process is well underway.

In its inaugural year, Thabong Masters Social Club (TMSC) kicked off with several activities, most of which were games organized for our members against potential members as we envisaged a coming-together of all local soccer and netball legends with a view of reaching out to the youth in the community of Matjhabeng / Goldfields (Lejweleputswa) District in pursuit of diverting their attention away from drug and alcohol abuse and a refocus on improving their economic and social stance through participation in sport.

Of course, there has always been awareness that not all our youth would end up being celebrated stars in any sporting code and to those that do not achieve this we aimed to develop them into respectable and responsible citizens who would partake in various leadership roles, identified through endeavours such as our foundation.

2. Operational Review

Our preliminary activities resulted into informal meetings to gain support of former players and culminated into our first formal meeting where an executive committee was elected.

The mandate of this committee was to setup the foundations of this organisation and I am proud to announce that in the first quarter of 2024 we were able to deliver on the mandate.

Credit must be given to members of the executive committee who managed to secure a massive sponsorship in time for envisaged tournaments we had planned to host.

True to our founding principles, we have maintained and sustained a stable foundation on which we are now going to build on expanding our outreach programmes.

3. Encountered Challenges

Our relationship with the Education Department's District office posed serious challenges that resulted in the incurring of huge unplanned for financial expenses. Due to the seriousness of our relationship, one of our goals is to kick-off the 2025 year with a meeting setting out to eliminate any future misunderstandings and to strengthen the relationship to the benefit of the learner.

4. Future goals

Given the strides that were made in the first year of existence, we are on the path to expanding our achievable goals (both short and long-term) by establishing sub-committees in some instances (as provided for by our constitution). As we go into the 2025 year, we will commence to establish these with an aim to achieve the following:

a. Community engagements

Hosting workshops and seminars on topics ranging from sportsmanship to mental health in athletics.

b. Academic involvement:

Provide scholarships and financial aid to deserving athletes to ensure equal opportunities for all.

c. Infrastructure Improvements

Forge relationships with Municipalities in our region for construction / renovation of sporting facilities (including centre of excellence).

Acquire new equipment, enhancing the training experience for all athletes.

d. Fundraising

Increasing funding through innovative sponsorship and fundraising efforts.

5. Acknowledgments

None of our achievements this year would have been possible without the dedication and support of our incredible team, including:

- **Volunteers:** Your tireless efforts are the backbone of our organization.

- **Coaches and Referees:** Thank you for providing inspiration and guidance to our athletes.
- **Sponsors and Donors:** Your generosity enables us to pursue our mission.
- **Members and Participants:** Your enthusiasm and engagement drive everything we do.
- **Patron:** Our heartfelt gratitude goes to our patron, Coach Molefi Ntseki for his motivation and support of our efforts and giving his spare time to offer advice and support.

6. Conclusion

As we move into the year 2025, we are confident that with the continued support of our volunteers, our members, sponsors and donors, we will achieve all that we set ourselves to achieve and further solidify our role as a cornerstone of our community's sporting life.

Chairman's Signature

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