

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

18<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Mr President, members of my Executive Committee and members of our association, thank you for your presence and allowing me the opportunity to present my report for the year ending on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2026, to you.

First and foremost, I would like to bring honour to our Creator, Nourisher and Sustainer for keeping and blessing us during the past year. My sincere gratitude goes to each and every member of our association for continuing to support the cause by maintaining your membership, despite the difficulties of modern life and the challenges of firearm ownership. By remaining a member, you allow us the capacity to serve not only KAAPJAG but also the greater hunting and firearm owning community. To survive as an association, we have to look outside ourselves and not only focus on our own needs and desires. A quote from an unknown source comes to mind: ***“If I’m not for myself, then who will be for me? If I’m only for myself, then what am I”***

From the feedback following my address, you will learn that the association is in good and responsible hands. We generally did better than expected on both membership growth and financial results. I will not dwell on this as the report in this regard will follow shortly. Thank you to all who contributed to the association’s success. It was a team effort, and the team I am referring to, includes every member who portrayed a positive image and spoke well of the association and our efforts. I am positive in my believe that it inspires others to join KAAPJAG instead of the host of other possible organisations. Let us continue to carry a good message through our behaviour, our ethics and our support for the vision that our founding fathers, like Henrie du Toit and Jackie Crafford, had in mind when they called this association into being more than forty years ago.

I will neglect my duty if I do not make special mention of Matt Relihan and Mimi Reyneke. A special thanks to my EXCO, Johann Strauss, Kobus van Niekerk, Johannes Saayman and Anthony Swift, my portfolio managers and every branch chairman and their teams. My EXCO needs a special word of thanks because they supported me throughout my term and did so thanklessly and sometimes by sacrificing their own time and means. When

I recently worked through the branch reports submitted for the quarterly meeting, I stood amazed at the enormous effort put into serving our branch members across the province by our respective branch management teams. Members, you owe it to them to at least support the activities offered by them solely for your benefit. Similarly, I must single out our portfolio managers. Their efforts have been exemplary over the past year, and you will hear more about that from our speaker later. Everyone serving in a position in the association, no matter how humble it may be, thank you, thank you, thank you very much! Each one of you are the glue that keeps our association together and you make us truly proud.

The dark and threatening clouds from the forces who would rather see us not pursuing our passions, constantly wait and are slowly moving closer. The threat against lawful civilian firearm ownership and hunting is ever present, and we cannot relax for one moment. CHASA is doing their part to ensure that their eyes constantly remain on the threats, and they act decisively whenever needed. The contribution that every adult member of KAAPJAG makes toward financing CHASA's efforts seems at times a wasted contribution but let me sincerely assure you that it is money well spent and the governance by the CHASA's Board is transparent and focussed on the mandate given to them, by none other than the delegates from each affiliated association. KAAPJAG is represented by both me and the current president of our association. We are grateful for key changes that come with the government of national unity in both the department of environmental affairs with the appointment of Willie Aucamp as minister, and the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee headed up by Ian Cameron. I believe we are in better hands when considering our previous parliamentarians who spared no effort to infringe on our freedoms.

Dear Mr President, I have already taken up too much of your precious time. Thank you for allowing me the time to present my report. I trust that you will find it in order. I also thank you all for offering me the privilege to serve you and you have my commitment that I will not fail your trust.

Thank you

YASEEN HANWARE