



NBAA: MINUTES OF EXCO MEETING

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| Date: | Tuesday, 28 January 2020 |
| Time: | 18:00 |
| Venue: | Bauernstube Restaurant, Windhoek |

1. WELCOMING

Action

- 1.1 The Chairman, Mr Richard Grant, welcomed everyone present to the NBAA EXCO Meeting and declared the meeting open.
RG thanked all EXCO members for being willing to sacrifice time and effort for the running and improvement of bass angling in Namibia.

2. ATTENDANCE:

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| Richard Grant | Chairman | RG | frametique@afol.com.na | 081 247 3282 |
| Johan Coetzee | Vice Chairman | JC | Johanc07@yahoo.com | 081 886 0934 |
| Neels van Tonder | Treasurer | NvT | Neelsvantonder13@gmail.com | 081 275 4693 |
| Neil Engelbrecht | Tournament Director | NE | neil@aucornamibia.com | 081 128 2671 |
| Andrew Hall | PRO Officer | AH | andrewh@iway.na | 081 122 8822 |
| James van Rooyen | Development Officer | JvR | farmervr@gmail.com | 081 145 5010 |

3. MEMBERSHIP:

- 3.1. Online membership application / renewal is live on the NBAA's website and has been very well received. RG
- 3.2. Online NFFA boat license application / renewal is also live on the NBAA's website and has also been very well received my members. RG
- 3.3. RG mentioned that it is very important for the NBAA to move along with technology and not stagnate with old outdated methods. RG
- 3.4. RG asked JC to present updates to the constitution and house rules pertaining to the above at the 2020 AGM. JC/RG
- 3.5. RG thanked EXCO for all the work put in for junior development. Through these efforts the NBAA has gained no less than 6 junior members for 2020. RG
- 3.6. RG asked NE to contact all country members on the 2019 B.A.S.S. Nation roster to renew their country memberships online. Country members will receive membership cards once they have paid their country membership fees in full. RG/NE
/NvT
- 3.7. EXCO asked RG to provide quotations for membership card posters for all the alliance partner outlets. RG will submit a quotation to EXCO. RG
EXCO
RG
- 3.8. RG pointed out that different types of membership have not been defined in the NBAA constitution and house rules. Members joining / renewing their memberships don't know what full membership or country membership entails. RG was tasked by EXCO to go through all minutes of meetings and AGM's in order to define memberships. Once defined AH will run a campaign on Facebook to provide clarity to members / potential members. AH
- 3.9. RG asked JC to ensure that membership definitions get added to the constitution and house rules by submitting a motion at the 2020 AGM JC

4. APOLOGIES:

None

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

- 5.1 The minutes of 11 November 2019 were approved by NvT and seconded by JC.
- 6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**
- 6.1 No matters arising from the minutes were identified. All on-going matters from the minutes will be discussed in the points below.
- 7. CREATION / MAINTENANCE OF NEW & CURRENT SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES:**
- 7.1. The conservation officer portfolio is currently vacant. NE agreed to double up portfolios until the vacancy is filled. RG asked AH to advertise the vacancy on Facebook. **AH**
- 7.2. RG pointed out that the conservation committee also currently has 2 vacancies with Mr Max Pieper and Mr Pierre Fourie's resignation in 2019. RG asked AH to advertise these vacancies too. Conservation committee need only be members of the NBAA and not of EXCO. Any members willing to offer their assistance are to contact RG directly. **AH**
- 7.3. JvR volunteered to fill one position on the conservation committee. RG thanked JvR for his willingness to assist. **JvR**
- 7.4. RG mentioned that there are no fisheries management dates set on the 2020 NBAA calendar. EXCO discussed the matter. It was agreed that once the committee has been re-established the matter would be discussed as a matter of urgency and a plan for 2020 would be drawn up. **NE**
JvR pointed out that the pallet dropping exercise at Lake Oanob was very successful. The pallets are currently doing what they were meant to do.
- 8. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP – NBAA HALL OF FAME:**
- 8.1. EXCO identified Mr Naas Jacobs as being the next person to be inducted into the NBAA's hall of fame. **EXCO**
- 8.2. RG asked NE to get into contact with Mr Jacobs to explain the concept and get information as well as photographs in order to complete the induction. **NE**
- 9. NBAA WEIGH STATION:**
- 9.1. RG elaborated on the current status of the permanent weigh station proposal from 2019. Mr Wilbur Slabber and RG met with Mr Benade from Oanob in July 2019. Mr Benade's indicated that the only way the NBAA would get permission to build a permanent weigh station was if we were going to build it above the high-water mark which is in the parking lot above were the weigh station normally stands. This would be too far from the water's edge when the dam gets low. Mr Benade suggested that we build a floating weigh station in the form of a dock anchored in the restaurant bay. **RG**
- 9.2. EXCO tasked RG to obtain quotes for a floating weigh station. NE warned that it would be an expensive exercise and that funds would need to be raised. **RG**
- 9.3. RG read an e-mail received from Mr Max Pieper regarding the weigh station which is currently permanently standing in the sun at Lake Oanob. Mr Piepers main concern was the sun destroying the tyres of the weigh station.
- 9.4. EXCO tasked JC to ask Bossies for Life to consider sponsoring tyre covers. **JC**
- 9.5. RG mentioned that he had contacted Mr Benade to discuss an alternate storage solution for the weigh station which would at least offer a little bit of shade. Mr Benade offered a spot next to the newly built solar plant. The weigh station will be moved there after the first double header of the year. **RG**
- 10. NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE:**
- 10.1. RG thanked the selection committee for all the work put in to nominate the World Championships team as well as the Region V team before the end of 2019. RG asked for it to be done in this fashion going forward. RG mentioned that the earlier teams are selected / nominated / confirmed the better and easier planning would become. **JC**
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AH
- 10.2. RG asked JC to confirm the teams as soon as possible after the deadline which was set for the 31st of January 2020. **JC**
- 10.3. RG asked JC to nominate the 2020 B.A.S.S. Nation boater and non-boater as soon as possible. **JC**
- 11. SPONSORSHIP FOR 2020:**
- 11.1 Bank Windhoek has re-confirmed as the title sponsor for 2020. RG thanked Bank Windhoek for their continued support of bass angling in Namibia. The 2020 tournament trail will be known as **The Bank Windhoek Tournament Trail**. **RG**

- 11.2. Deepcatch has also pledged their support as a beverage / energy drink sponsor for 2020. RG thanked Deepcatch for their continued support. **RG**
- 11.3. RG encouraged EXCO members to be constantly looking for new potential sponsors. **EXCO**
- 11.4. JC mentioned that Hollard could always be approached to sponsor kits for teams.
- 11.5. RG asked NE to contact Tungeni to negotiate rates for 2020. EXCO discussed the matter and it was decided to ask Mr. Jacques Marais to negotiate with Tungeni. NvT agreed to contact Mr. Marais. **NE
NvT**
- 12. MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS:**
- 12.1. RG thanked AH for the great job he is doing, particularly on Facebook. Facebook has become the NBAA's most important marketing tool. **AH**
- 12.2. RG asked AH to thank sponsors that have re-confirmed their commitment for 2020 on Facebook. **AH**
- 12.3. RG mentioned that despite digital marketing being the most important marketing tool the NBAA should not neglect traditional marketing tools such as the magazines and newspapers. RG asked AH to ensure that all tournament results with reports are sent to the local press on the Monday after a tournament. The same report can be sent to Bank Windhoek. **AH**
- 13. DEVELOPMENT:**
- 13.1. RG thanked JC for the tremendous job he did as development officer in 2019. The 2 junior events hosted were immensely successful and lead to the NBAA junior membership tripling in the space of 1 year.
- 13.2. RG asked JvR to contact Mr Chris de Bruyn from The Scouts of Namibia in order to commence with planning for the 2 junior events scheduled for 2020. **JvR**
RG mentioned that both events will once again be in association with NALAA. RG emphasised the importance of working with other associations. NALAA
- 14. 2020 REGION V TOURNAMENT:**
- 14.1. RG mentioned that planning has commenced and that it is 99.99% confirmed that Zimbabwe will be hosting on Tokwe Mukosi Dam.
- 14.2. Zimbabwe has requested all countries to advise on team size as per decision made at the 2019 Region V AGM as soon as possible in order for them to send budgets out accordingly. RG will relay Namibia's team size as soon as the team is confirmed. **RG**
- 14.3. Zimbabwe has confirmed that facilities at Tokwe Mukosi were very basic and that all team would have to camp.
- 15. 2021 REGION V TOURNAMENT:**
- 15.1. RG informed EXCO that Swaziland was planning to submit a bid to host in 2021.
- 15.2. Inflow into our impoundments in 2020 will determine whether the NBAA will submit a bid to host in 2021. Namibia last hosted in 2011 and RG stressed that it is vitally important to host the tournament again in Namibia. **RG**
- 16. 2020 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:**
- 16.1. The date as well as the venue have been confirmed with the USA hosting.
- 16.2. Namibia has already received an official invitation.
- 16.3. RG asked JC to confirm the team ASAP. **JC**
- 17. 2020 BANK WINDHOEK TOURNAMENT TRAIL:**
- 17.1. The 1st double header of 2020 is scheduled for the 8th and 9th of February at Lake Oanob.
- 17.2. Tournament times for the double headers were not fixed at the AGM in 2019. EXCO discussed the matter at length and decided that tournament times must be the same on both days and as a result the tournament times for both days at the double headers will be from 07:00 – 15:30. RG asked NE and AH to convey this message to members. **NE
AH**
- 17.3. RG asked that tournament planning commences on the Whatsapp group.
- 17.4. Members are reminded that all documentation must be in place in order to compete. Members can renew their membership online or follow the traditional route of sending their documents through by e-mail or fax. Members that apply online will be required to sign Annexure 3 (Indemnity) and Annexure 4 (Code of Ethics) at the weigh station before the start of a tournament.

- 17.5. Members are also reminded that NFFA Boat License applications / renewal must be done prior to the 1st tournament. This form can also be completed online or sent to us by e-mail or fax. New NFFA stickers will be handed out at the 1st double header of the year.
- 18. 2020 SUMMER BASS CLASSIC / FLW Finals:**
- 18.1. The date has been set for independence week-end from the 21st to the 23rd of March 2020 and the venue has been set for Von Bach.
- 18.2. RG reminded EXCO that there was less than 2 months left for planning.
- 18.3. RG requested that the main sponsors are confirmed ASAP in order to design a poster and to run a marketing campaign. **NE
AH**
- 18.4. RG requested that any members that want to get involved to contact NE as soon as possible.
- 18.5. Due to uncertainty on water levels as well as possible inflow is was decided to scale down on the event.
- 18.6. Any members wanting to get involved as sponsors are to contact NE as soon as possible.
- 19. 2020 NBAA GOLF/ BOWLS DAY:**
- 19.1. As decided at the AGM in 2019 Mr Alec Williams has been asked to run and coordinate the 2020 Golf & Bowls day at a fee proportionate to the profit made.
- 19.2. RG asked NE to contact Mr Alec Williams to set a date. RG asked that planning commences soon after the date is set. **NE**
- 20. 2020 CORPORATE BASS CHALLENGE:**
- 20.1. RG explained to EXCO that the effect of cancelling the CBC for the last 2 years could potentially lead to the loss of sponsorship from the title sponsor.
- 20.2. RG was tasked to contact Old Mutual to discuss the future of the Old Mutual CBC. Unfortunately the current economic recession in Namibia has led to major companies reducing or eliminating their sponsorship commitments. **RG**
- 21. FLW NAMIBIA:**
- 21.1. The 1st FLW Namibia event was held at Lake Oanob on the 18th of January and was a resounding success.
- 22.2. The second event will be on the 22nd of February at S. Von Bach Dam. **AH**
- 22.3. RG asked NE to commence with planning and asked AH to assist with marketing. **NE**
- 22. NBAA BOAT:**
- 22.1. RG informed EXCO that the boat is currently being wrapped as part of the sponsorship received from FrameTique. All sponsors logos as well as names of individuals involved with making the boat a reality are included in the wrap. **RG**
- 22.2. RG informed EXCO that registration of the trailer would cost N\$ 3000 in done through Zebra Trailers. JvR mentioned that he would assist with the registration as he is in the process of registering trucks at his company. RG thanked JvR for the offer and asked him to proceed as soon as possible. **JvR**
- 22.3. Once the trailer is registered RG will get a quote from Williams & Knight for insurance. **RG**
- 22.4. RG informed EXCO that final arrangements need to be made with Surf & Turf, who have generously agreed to store the boat as well as handle the rental of the boat. RG is in the process of drawing up a rental agreement. **RG**
- 22.5. EXCO discussed a fair rental price considering that the boat was purchased with development and particularly junior development. EXCO decided that N\$ 300 per day is fair and will cover costs incurred.
- 22.6. RG asked AH to compile a comprehensive Facebook campaign to launch the boat on Facebook once the wrap is done. **AH**
- 23. ANNUAL NBAA PRIZE GIVING:**
- 23.1. RG asked EXCO to set a date for the prize giving in order for planning to commence. A discussion ensued and low attendance figures at past prize events were scrutinized. NE mentioned that our 2020 double headers made for the perfect platform to host the prize giving on the Saturday evening. EXCO agreed unanimously that this was a good idea.
- 23.2. Unfortunately the 8th of February is too soon from a planning point of view and as a result the date was set for the 9th of May @ Lake Oanob Resort.

23.3. RG request that all members that still have trophies to return them to FrameTique as soon as possible.

24. GENERAL

24.1. Vacant conservation officer portfolio:

24.1.1. RG asked AH to advertise the position on Facebook.

24.1.2. RG requests any members interested in making a difference to contact him directly.

AH

24.2. Vacant executive secretary portfolio:

24.2.1. RG asked AH to advertise the position on Facebook.

24.2.2. RG requests any members interested in making a difference to contact him directly.

AH

25. EXCO MEETING DATES FOR 2020:

26.1. RG asked EXCO to set date for 2020 EXCO meetings. EXCO tasked RG to send proposed dates out. It was agreed that Tuesday evenings work best for all EXCO members.

26.2. RG proposed the following dates:

- 18 February
- 17 March
- 5 May
- 4 August
- 8 September
- 20 October

RG emphasised that that the dates are not set in stone and that additional meetings can be added if necessary.

26. CLOSURE

26.1. The meeting closed at 20:48

27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

27.1. 18 February 2020

Secretary of the Namibian Bass Angling Association

Date



01.02.2020

Chairman of the Namibian Bass Angling Association

Date