



NBAA: MINUTES OF EXCO MEETING

Date : Wednesday, 16 January 2019

Time : 17:30

Venue: Bauernstube Restaurant

1. **WELCOMING**

Action

- 1.1 The Chairman, Mr Richard Grant, welcomed everyone present to the NBAA EXCO Meeting and declared the meeting open.

2. **ATTENDANCE:**

- 2.1 Richard Grant (RG)
Neels van Tonder (NvT)
Johan Coetzee (JC)
Andrew Hall (AH)
Collette Carstens (CC)
Hendrik Pretorius (HP)

3. **MEMBERSHIP:**

• **NBAA Membership 2019**

The NBAA Membership application & annexures has been sent out to all members to be completed and should be send back to CC & HP.

- The following documentation should be send to CC & HP to be able to participate during the 2019 NBAA angling year:
- NBAA Application for 2019 (Annexure 1)
- Annexure 3
- Annexure 4
- Valid MOF&MR Freshwater Angling License
- Valid MOF&MR Boat License (if you are a skipper / boat owner)
- Proof of payment (N\$1 600.00 for senior member / free for junior members / N\$ 600.00 for country member)
- NFFA boat license form needs only be completed for new boats or boats with NFFA licenses that have expired.

- All anglers must be in good standing with the NBAA to be able to participate in the 2019 calendar year and to be able to qualify for any teams during the 2019 / 2020 calendar year.
- All forms and fees must be received before the first tournament that will take place on the 23rd of February 2019.
- All anglers not currently in good standing with the NBAA will be notified by NvT.
- NvT will send out invoices to anglers on request.
- HP will complete the file that will be taken to all tournaments with all anglers' forms and licenses.

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4. **APOLOGIES:**

None

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

- 5.1 The minutes of the 9th of August 2018 were approved by NvT and seconded by JC.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Matters arising will be discussed under various points below.

7. CREATION / MAINTENANCE OF NEW & CURRENT SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES:

- 7.1
- Awaiting final risk analysis for Hardap Dam from Dr Deacon. Dr Deacon has been busy with a project in the Lowveld in Zimbabwe and has been unreachable for a few months. **RG**
 - Fisheries management proposal with costs to be presented at the SGM. JC to submit the proposal to the chair 1 week prior to SGM. **JC**
 - Planning for the 1st Fisheries Management weekend from the 8th – 10th of March 2019 to commence.
 - JC to contact Mr Max Pieper in order to make arrangements with MOF&MR as well as UNAM for the 1st fisheries management event of the year. **JC & CC**

8. DISCUSSION OF ASSOCIATION BUSINESS AND MATTERS AT HAND:

8.1 B.A.S.S. NATION ALLIANCE & MEMBERSHIP CARDS – DEADLINE SET:

- Deadline was set at the 2018 AGM for the end of February 2019.
- AH to get quotes for cards at Schoemans. **AH**
- AH & RG to finalise the proposal and draft contract in order to meet with potential alliance partners as soon as possible. **AH & RG**
- Cost of cards will be carried by members as decided at the 2018 AGM.
- Sponsors that have supported the NBAA throughout the years will be contacted.
- All outlets will have the freedom to determine own discount structure and the NBAA will not force any outlet to a certain percentage discount.

8.2 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP – NBAA HALL OF FAME:

- The next NBAA Hall of Fame member will be Naas Jacobs.
- RG will contact Alec Williams to get info that he has compiled about Naas Jacobs and the Hall of Fame will be updated accordingly. **RG**

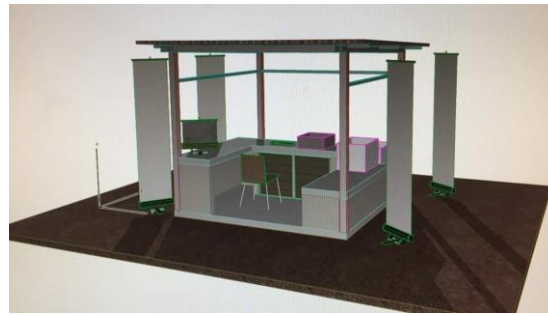
9. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR CIPS/ FIPSeD BLACK BASS WORLD CUP TEAM:

- The selection criteria was set at the 2017 AGM it was voted in that the World Championships team could contain 1 foreign national. At the time members were under the impression that the team members who are Namibian would still obtain national colours and only the non-national team member would not obtain national colours.
- The NFFA confirmed with the NSC they will not issue national colours to a team containing 1 foreign national and should a foreign national qualify the entire team will compete as a non-national team. This confirmation was received after the 2017 AGM. **RG**
- CIPS/ FIPSeD allows for non-national team to compete.
- **Question to be posed to members: Yes / No – MUST the team competing at the Black Bass World Championship be a national team?**
- **The chair will ask members present at the SGM if the matter above can be added to the agenda.**
- EXCO has discussed and voted on the matter and a recommendation will be made to members should the point be allowed.

10. WEIGH STATION:

10.1 Discussions pertaining to the building of a permanent weigh station at both Oanob & Von Bach Dam has been underway with both parties through the course of 2018.

- Tungeni cannot approve as the location where the weigh station has been planned is owned by NWR.
- NWR will be contacted to put forward the plan on the weigh station and approval will be sought. **HP**
- HP will research who the contact person is and will start with discussions for permission. **HP**
- Lake Oanob Resort has been willing to discuss the matter further. The biggest concern for Lake Oanob is the high water mark. The weigh station might have to be built on stilts. **HP**
- HP to contact Mr Wilbur Slabber as soon as possible to resume with the envisaged project.
- RG thanked Mr Thinus Williams for the architectural renderings (below) for the envisaged permanent weigh stations.



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10.2

Advertising space on the weigh station is due to be replaced for the 2019 season.

- NBAA long banner advertising space to be sold again in 2019.
- Advertising space on the new NBAA banner which will be displayed at all NBAA events and will be up for sale in the next few weeks. RG appealed to all members that would be interested in purchasing advertising space to contact him personally.
- Permanent advertising space (on display 365 days of the year) will be sold for the new permanent weigh stations. Funds raised will be utilized to cover costs.

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11.

NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE:

- National Selection committee for 2019 was elected at the 2018 AGM with Neels van Tonder as Chairman and Andrew Hall and Johan Coetzee as assistants.
- World Games team has been nominated.
- According to our constitution, all anglers that will be participating in the World Championships must be in good standing with the NBAA. RG asked NvT to double check if all nominated anglers are indeed in good standing. If there are members not in good standing then the debt MUST be settled before the team departs for the World Games in February.
- Region V team to be nominated next. Deadline for nomination is set for the 25th of February 2019. Once again, as per NBAA rules, only members in good standing can be nominated. Members who are not in good standing who are eligible for nomination must be contacted before the
- Additional information to be obtained from SA (host country for 2019) before the President's team is nominated, NvT to co-ordinate.
- The NBAA could be in a position not to be able to nominate a presidents team for 2019 due to the 2018 qualifying criteria.
- The selection committee was asked to report back to EXCO with the current presidents' team nominations for 2019 in order to determine the feasibility of having a team at all for 2019.

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PRIZE GIVING EVENT 2019:

- Date for the prize giving for 2019 is set for the 2nd of March 2019.
- Trophies to be returned to RG office ASAP, CC will contact each angler personally to notify anglers' trophies needs to be returned to RG.
- The venue was selected to be Arrebusch again seeing as the prize giving event of 2018 was a huge success.
- NvT will contact Arrebusch to confirm if the date is available, book the venue and get a quotation as soon as possible.
- Invites will be sent out to all anglers & sponsors as soon as possible.

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2019 SPONSORSHIP:

- RG is meeting with Bank Windhoek on the 17th of January 2019.
- AH to contact other sponsors of the past year and confirm meeting times and dates.
- JC mentioned that the NBAA should focus their attention more on insurance companies as sponsors.
- The use of presentations will be integrated going forward for potential sponsors as it proved to be a great success for the World Champs team in getting sponsorship.

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14. **2019 TOURNAMENT TRAIL:**
- 1st Tournament of the year is set for the 23rd of February 2019 at Oanob Dam.
 - HP to commence with planning as soon as possible.
 - HP to implement and be clear on all rule changes / rule implementations decided at the 2018 AGM.
 - The pull away sequence for the 2019 angling calendar has changed from the random generator to drawing the pull away sequence out of a hat after the captains meeting before the start of each competition.
 - An enquiry regarding the first league competition date was put forward, seeing as the World Championships team will be back in Namibia and then the first competition is to take place the weekend that they are back.
 - The date cannot be change as it was discussed and set during the 2018 AGM and no other possible dates are available as the NBAA angling calendar for 2019 is full. Unfortunately the World Champs team will not have the opportunity to practice for the 1st tournament of 2019.
15. **WEBSITE UPDATES:**
- Website updates are up to date. Only changes to the constitution, house rules and annexures vote in at the 2018 AGM to be added.
 - RG will complete the changes to the constitution, house rules and annexures and update the website.
 - The updated hard copies of the constitution, house rules and annexures will be available at the 2019 AGM.
16. **MAGAZINE ARTICLES, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, RADIO, WEBSITE, FACEBOOK - MARKETING:**
- This is an ongoing process.
 - The World Championships marketing campaign is currently underway.
 - AH to publish the calendar
 - AH to promote the NBAA tournament trial. Statistics from last year can be used to prove to people that the bass are on the bite and the tournament trail is once again fun.
17. **2019 REGION V TOURNAMENT:**
- Mr Carl Hack from Zimbabwe has already established a Whatsapp group for the 2019 tournament. Once the team has been selected the team captain and team manager will be added to the group.
 - The 2019 tournament will be hosted by Zambia and the likelihood of it being at Lake Chicamba is 99%.
 - The team will have to organise their own tournaments, the team captain and manager to make all arrangements regarding the team, payments, logistics, clothing, travelling, accommodation, etc.
 - RG will be able to assist the team captain and manager with contact details of people / companies required to put together a Region V tour as well as procedures and protocols to be followed.
18. **2020 REGION V TOURNAMENT:**
- Namibia was next in line to host as per the rotation system in place.
 - A decision was made at the last Region V AGM that the rotation system for hosting be abolished and replaced with a tender system. Countries that want to host will tender based on good fishing as well as costs. The country that wins the tender will host. The biggest reason for the implementation of the system was the cost of the 2018 event.
 - Namibia submitting a tender for the 2020 tournament will by determined on the amount of inflow both our bass angling impoundments receive in the first months of 2019.
 - EXCO will have to make this decision at the end of May 2019.
 - Should the decision be favourable the tender will be submitted at the 2019 Region V AGM to be held in June / July.
 - RG mentioned how dear hosting the Region V tournament is to him and how much it would mean to the sport of bass angling in Namibia.
 - RG asked EXCO to do everything in its power to ensure that the tender is submitted.

- RG also committed to continue planning talks with all stakeholders as if the 2020 Region V was going to be hosted in Namibia.

- 19. NBAA MERCHANDISE STORE:** **RG**
- RG to present proposal at the next EXCO meeting.
 - RG has printed NBAA & B.A.S.S. Nation Namibia stickers that can be put onto anglers' boats or trailers or cars.
 - RG will have a shirt and cap sample with the NBAA logo and pricing for goods will be determined and presented at the next EXCO meeting.
- 20. 2019 RADIO WAVE SUMMER BASS CLASSIC:** **RG**
- Planning to commence in February 2019.
 - RG will contact Radio Wave.
 - If the dam level does not increase, the amount of boats will be limited.
 - Feedback will be given once Radio Wave has been contacted by RG.
- 21. EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING – 30 JANUARY 2019:**
- NvT to ensure that all documentation is available for scrutiny. **NvT**
 - NvT to supply Annual Financial Statements and documentation to RG and JC to scrutinise. **NvT**
 - A suggestion was made that a separate bank account will be opened for all deposits and payments in connection with any and all tournaments during the 2019 year. All payments will be paid out of the same account. The chair welcomed the suggestion and asked NvT to put it in place. **NvT**
 - All documented procedures must be followed 100% when it comes to the finance of all teams. Decisions made based on these procedures must be recorded in writing.
 - RG is in the process of researching EXCO minutes dating back to 2016. Findings will be presented at the SGM. **RG**
 - The chair mentioned the importance of having structured EXCO meetings in order to ensure that all information / decisions are recorded correctly for members to see and take note of. **CC**
 - The chair also asked all EXCO members to refrain from consuming alcohol during EXCO meetings as the meetings almost always last for 2-3 hours and sometimes important decisions must be made whilst under the influence. **RG**
- 22. 2019 NBAA RAFFLE:** **EXCO**
- Discussion was held pertaining to the viability of a raffle for 2019 as per 2018 AGM a suggestion was put forward for the raffle to be incorporated with the Radio Wave Summer Bass Classic and the tickets be sold at a cheaper price.
 - A suggestion was put forward that due to the low number of tickets sold in 2018 as well as financial constraints on people the NBAA raffle be postponed to 2020. The suggestion was voted in unanimously.
 - RG reminded EXCO that the 2018 raffle made a rather substantial loss.
- 23. EXCO MEETINGS FOR 2019:** **EXCO**
- Calendar to be set for Exco meetings for 2019.
 - RG recommended a minimum of 8 meetings for the year considering the amount of work to be done.
 - The meetings will be as follows:
 - 20 February 2019
 - 26 March 2019
 - 15 May 2019
 - 26 June 2019
 - 7 August 2019
 - 11 September 2019
 - 9 October 2019
 - 19 November 2019
 - The dates were welcomed by all EXCO members and a commitment was made to plan around these dates.

24. CORRESPONDENCE:

Junior Development Events for 2019:

- JC will contact Chris de Bruyn from the Scouts of Namibia to confirm the Development event dates as set out at the 2018 AGM.
- RG asked JC to commence with the planning as soon as possible.
- RG reminded EXCO that companies are far more likely to sponsor junior events than senior events due to the great exposure opportunities kids offer.
- RG asked AH to assist JC with obtaining sponsorships for the events.

25. GENERAL

- HP suggested the NBAA to purchase a megaphone to assist himself and the weigh master during pull away before each tournament. **HP**
- HP will put forward all quotations and a decision will then be made by EXCO.
- EXCO herewith announces that currently there are 2 vacancies on EXCO, which are currently filled by EXCO members occupying 2 positions. This is allowed by our constitution but for obvious reasons not ideal.
- The current "open" portfolios are as follows:
 - Conservation Officer
 - Treasurer
- Members willing to fill these posts to make a difference are please to contact RG.

23. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 19:52

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

20 February 2019

Secretary of the Namibian Bass Angling Association

Date

Chairman of the Namibian Bass Angling Association

Date