



NBAA: MINUTES OF EXCO MEETING

Date :	Wednesday, 17 January 2018
Time :	17:30 for 17:45
Venue:	Bauernstube Restaurant, Windhoek

1. WELCOMING

Action

- 1.1 The Chairman, Mr Richard Grant, welcomed everyone present to the NBAA EXCO Meeting. The chairman also extended a special word of welcoming to Nic Kruger who joined EXCO as conservation officer and wished him well for his term in EXCO.

2. ATTENDANCE:

- 2.1 Richard Grant (RG)
Hendrik Pretorius (HP)
Neels van Tonder (NvT)
Alec Williams (AW)
Andrew Hall (AH)
Nic Kruger (NK)

3. MEMBERSHIP:

2018 is open for member renewal and for new member application. The application forms have been sent out via e-mail and are available to download from www.nbaanamibia.com. The chairman mentioned that even though the 1st tournament of the year is only scheduled to take place on the 21.04.2018 membership fees must be paid prior to the 1st Fisheries Management Days / Week-ends which has been scheduled for 17.02.2018. Members must remember to send copies of their MOF&MR Angling licenses as well as MOF&MR Boat licenses to CC along with the completed annexures (1,3,4) in order for HP to prepare for tournaments.

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4. APOLOGIES:

Collette Caarstens (CC)
Anton de Wit (AdW)

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

- 5.1 The minutes of the 26th of October 2017 was approved by AW & HP.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 6.1 All matters will be discussed during this meeting.

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

The chairman reminded EXCO of their duties and responsibilities as well as EXCO's role in the management of current fisheries as well as the creation of new sustainable fisheries. EXCO are the custodians of bass in Namibia and need to ensure that our fisheries remain sustainable even in time of drought through the implementation of an effective management and expansion plan. The chairman has e-mailed a list of 15 tasks to be addressed by the Conservation Committee and reminded NC that the list may change as we go along. The chairman mentioned that it is imperative that the conservation committee full all of their focus and energy on S. Von Bach Dam and Oanob Dam.

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- RG is still awaiting final reports from Dr Deacon on S. Von Bach Dam, Oanob Dam,

Swakoppoort Dam as well as the risk analysis for Hardap Dam. Final reports will be sent to all members.

- The Conservation Committee has been formed as per decision made at the AGM in 2017 and consists of the following members:

Mr Nic Kruger (Chairman) Mr Jürgen Geiger
Mr Jason Koudelka Mr Johan Coetzee (Secretary)
Mr Neil Engelbrecht

The chairman mentioned that the conservation committee has a mountain to climb and wished them best of luck in their mission which is to maintain and create sustainable bass fisheries in Namibia. The chairman asked EXCO to support the conservation committee in any way possible. The chairman also thanked each member of the conservation committee for their willingness to make a difference.

- RG has compiled conservation committee parameters for the conservation committee which have been included in the NBAA Constitution, House Rules & Annexures.
- Task to be completed by the Conservation Committee have been identified by Dr Deacon and can only aid in the maintenance and creation of sustainable bass fisheries. The tasks identified are specifically based on the current state of S. Von Bach Dam and Oanob Dam.
- Mr Max Pieper has volunteered to store / safe keep all of the NBAA barbell sampling equipment. The chairman thanked Mr Pieper for his assistance in this regard and made special mention of the amount of money Mr Pieper has donated thus far for the sole purpose of sampling barbel.
- Motion was raised to look into possibility of NBAA carrying some of the costs incurred for Fishing Management weekends. The chairman mentioned that this would be discussed in detail at the Extra-Ordinary Meeting to be held on 08.02.2018.
- Closing off of areas on Oanob Dam. Areas have been identified and will be shared with the members and public. The areas are as follows:
‘Bay at restaurant’, ‘Fires old bay’, ‘Jürgen’s bay’ and ‘Gorge Bay’. The chairman appeals to all members to adhere to these restrictions in order to protect the small bass. Members are to refer to the map which has been distributed for clarity.
- Dr A van Vuuren has agreed to sponsor a large sum of money for the purchase of bass. The chairman thanked Dr van Vuuren for his tremendous contribution. RG will be placing the order as soon as possible.

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DISCUSSION OF ASSOCIATION BUSINESS AND MATTERS AT HAND:

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B.A.S.S. NATION ALLIANCE & MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

- Deadline has been set for end of July. AW volunteered to spear head the project. AW mentioned that contracts will have to be drawn up with each alliance partner. The chairman mentioned that the project has been on the table since 2015 and EXCO needs to focus on it now as it can benefit all members and has the potential of growing membership exponentially.

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP – NBAA HALL OF FAME:

- Research to be done: Founders of the NBAA, Anglers of the year since the inception of the NBAA, Records holders, and people involved with the stocking of Oanob Dam, people that have served on EXCO for 8 years or more and B.A.S.S. Nation Contenders.
- The NBAA’s second Hall of Famer is Mr Anton Halgreen. The chairman thanked Mr Halgreen for his contribution to bass angling in Namibia.
- AW has been asked to do research into the NBAA’s 3rd Hall of Famer.

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SELECTION CRITERIA FOR CIPS/ FIPSeD BLACK BASS WORLD CUP TEAM & PRESIDENTS TEAM:

- Selection criteria for CIPS/FIPSeD Black Bass World Cup Team for 2018 will consist of Namibian Citizens only (National Team) as changes voted in at the 2017 AGM are only applicable from 2019 onwards.
- Selection criteria for the Presidents Team are as per house rules and can include non-citizens.

- 8.4 **WEIGH STATION:**
- The chairman mentioned that as it currently stands the first official tournament is only scheduled for 21.04.2018 which means that HP has a lot of time to ensure that everything that needs to be done on the weigh station is done.
9. **NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE:**
- The National Selection Committee for 2018 was elected at the AGM and consists of Alec Williams (Chairman), Neels van Tonder (Treasurer) and Anton de Wit (Secretary)
10. **PRIZE GIVING EVENT 2017 & 2018:**
- The chairman mentioned that the prize giving for 2016 was held at the AGM in 2017. EXCO may never have a repeat of this. The event must always be a prestigious affair no matter how poor the fishing. **RG**
 - Mr Jason Koudelka offered to organize the 2018 for 2017 prize giving event early in 2018. RG will contact Mr Koudelka and discuss the event with him.
11. **2018 TOURNAMENT TRAIL:**
- First National Tournament is 21 April 2018 at Lake Oanob.
 - EXCO must find a weigh master / mistress before the 1st tournament. **EXCO**
 - HP has more than sufficient time to ensure that everything on the weigh station is working and in place as envisaged when the concept was established. **HP**
 - Weigh station is currently standing at Surf & Turf
 - RG will investigate the possibility of establishing a permanent weigh station setup for each dam. RG will attempt to get approval from both Oanob and Von Bach. Small permanent structures at each venue will eliminate the need to tow the weigh station around which the weigh master / mistress currently needs a 4 X 4 vehicle to do as well as eliminate the effort put into the set-up of the heavy and cumbersome weigh station. AW agreed to discuss the idea with contacts in the construction industry. **RG**
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12. **WEBSITE UPDATES:**
- Website being updated constantly by RG.
 - The chairman appealed to EXCO to make use of the website as much as possible and to encourage all members to make use of the website as much as possible. All information about the NBAA including minutes of meetings, constitution, house rules, annexures, score and much more is on the website, www.nbaanamibia.com . **RG**
13. **MAGAZINE ARTICLES, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, RADIO, WEBSITE, FACEBOOK – MARKETING (PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER):** **AH**
- Meetings with all current sponsors for 2018 are being arranged by RG.
 - The headline sponsor for 2018 was discussed.
 - The chairman asked AH to ensure that all sponsors received as much mileage as possible and mentioned that AH has done a fantastic job of doing so in 2017.
14. **2018 Region V Tournament:** **RG**
- Dr Deacon advised that Namibia is in no position to host the 2018 event.
 - Swaziland has been asked if they would be able to host.
 - Swaziland cannot host and cannot even send a team to compete in 2018. Swaziland has offered for Namibia to host at Maguga Dam and have offered to assist with logistics.
 - The chairman mentioned that he strongly feels that Namibia should not host at Maguga Dam and that the Namibia Sports Commission would probably not allow it to host outside of Namibia.
 - Zambia is next in line after Swaziland but has already advised that they will not be able to host in 2018 and have already started planning to host in 2019.
 - The chairman to keep EXCO updated, Selection Committee to keep nominated team members updated.

- The chairman advised that Mr Max Pieper has once again agreed to be one of Namibia's representatives on the Region V Committee and thanked Mr Pieper for his time and dedication.

15. NBAA MERCHANDISE STORE:

- The matter was discussed and it was agreed to attempt to get phase 1 off the ground by the end of March 2018. RG & AH will initiate the process.

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16. TACKLE STORE PRIZE GIVE AWAY ON PURCHASES MADE:

- The chairman mentioned that this point is in conflict with the membership alliance cards and will be taken off the agenda.

17. 2018 Radiowave Summer Bass Classic:

- The matter was discussed at length and it was unanimously decided to postpone the event to 2019 due to uncertainty. The chairman mentioned that this event requires at least 4 months planning properly and that the current state of our fisheries most certainly do not allow for the NBAA to host this event.

18. Extra-Ordinary General Meeting – 08 February 2018:

- Notification has been sent out to all members.
- Motion and suggestions to be discussed pertaining to Fisheries Management Days / Week-end as proposed and voted in at the AGM in 2017.
- Parameters to be suggested which will be fair to all members including older members as well as lady and junior members.
- The chairman appealed to AW and to EXCO to make an effort to obtain as much sponsorship as possible for the fisheries management days / week-ends to ensure that it costs members as little as possible to attend.

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19. 2018 NBAA Raffle:

- We have 5 prizes secured for the raffle so far
- A discussion was held on the price of the raffle tickets and it was decided to change the price from N\$ 200 per ticket to N\$ 100 per ticket in an effort to sell more tickets.
- The chairman asked everybody in EXCO to assist with the sourcing of prizes, the more prizes, the better the sales of the tickets.
- The chairman will contact Zambezi Houseboat Safaris to discuss a possible main prize.
- The chairman appeals to all members to assist with the sale of raffle tickets.

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20. 2018 International Development Event:

- The chairman has been discussing a possible NBAA development event at Letsibogo Dam in Botswana with Gerry Jooste.
- Correspondence will be sent out to members to gauge interest.

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21. CORRESPONDENCE

- None received.

22. GENERAL

- EXCO received a request from the captain of the 2017 World Championships for an amount of N\$ 25000.
- The matter was discussed and EXCO decided to grant the request as funds raised at both golf days in 2017 were earmarked for both national teams of 2017.

26. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 20:35

27. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

EXCO will be notified.

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25 January 2018

Secretary of the Namibian Bass Angling Association

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Chairman of the Namibian Bass Angling Association

Date