



## NBAA: MINUTES OF EXCO MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 26 June 2019

Time: 18:00

Venue: Omeya Golf Estate

### 1. **WELCOMING**

**Action**

- 1.1 The Chairman, Mr Richard Grant, welcomed everyone present to the NBAA EXCO Meeting and declared the meeting open.  
RG extended a special word of welcome to Mr James van Rooyen and Mr Neil Engelbrecht who attended the meeting by invitation.

### 2. **ATTENDANCE:**

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

Guests:

James van Rooyen (JvR)  
Neil Engelbrecht (NE)

### 3. **MEMBERSHIP:**

- RG is still in the process of updating the B.A.S.S. Nation online roster.
- For discussion – junior members registration at B.A.S.S. Nation? Juniors don't pay membership fees and cannot qualify for the B.A.S.S. Nation championships. Is the NBAA going to subsidise their membership just so that they can receive a magazine monthly?
- To compete as the B.A.S.S. Nation Championships one must be 18 or older.
- A suggestion was put forward to remove any Country Members that is not currently making their yearly payments and replace the members with the current active Junior members.
- B.A.S.S. only requires 60 paid up members to be registered at B.A.S.S.
- RG will forward country members list to NE to contract members who are still interested in B.A.S.S. magazines and the yearly fee needs to be paid yearly to still received the magazine.

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#### **APOLOGIES:**

None

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

The minutes of 8 May 2019 is approved NvT and JC.

### 6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Matters arising will be discussed under various points below.

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

- Upcoming Fisheries Management Day is scheduled for 13 July 2019. JC to provide feedback on arrangements made thus far.
- The upcoming Fisheries Management Day will only be structure building and a suggestion

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was to use pallets to build boxes to put brush into and then to sink the boxes for coverage for larger fish and food for smaller fish.

- Moss will grow on the pallets which will attract baitfish and in turn attract bass.
- RG to contact Mr/Mrs Benade to make arrangements.
- Pallets will be transported by truck. JvR generously offered the use of his business truck and driver.
- Pallets will be assembled at Lake Oanob and dropped by boat at specific locations.
- EXCO urges all members to get involved as the results will benefit us all in the long run. Only members that attend will know the location of the structure.

#### **DISCUSSION OF ASSOCIATION BUSINESS AND MATTERS AT HAND:**

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

8. 8.1
- Still awaiting signed contracts from Surf & Turf & Medicine World. AH & NVT has contacted the relevant people and contracts will be signed and send to RG.
  - NE to resume negotiations with Tungeni, Von Bach Dam.
  - RG has e-mailed documentation to Kitty Oosthuizen.
  - Order for the printing of the cards to be placed by this coming Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2019.
  - Currently layout of the membership cards has been presented at the meeting and layout has been approved by EXCO.

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##### **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP – NBAA HALL OF FAME:**

- 8.2
- The next NBAA Hall of Fame member will be Naas Jacobs and will be only inducted in 2020.

##### **WEIGH STATION:**

- 9.
- As discussed at the last meeting the weigh station will remain at Lake Oanob and will only be used there.
  - Tournaments at Von Bach Dam will be done like the last tournament with Gazebos as well as the tables purchased by the NBAA.
  - As soon as the permanent weigh station is built the mobile weigh station will be moved to Von Bach Dam.
  - RG and Wilbur Slabber have a meeting with Mr Benade at Lake Oanob, on Tuesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2019. All logistics and location of the permanent weigh station will be discussed with Mr Benade and when the structure building can commence.

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##### **NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE:**

- 10.
- President's team is confirmed (only 5 members available) and will be competing at the President's Test from the 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2019 – 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2019 at De Hoop dam in SA.
  - Applications for participation in an international sports event has been handed in to the NSC by the NFFA.
  - National Selection Committee to nominate and send out the B.A.S.S. Nation qualifiers next. The venue is Lake Hartwell.

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##### **SPONSORSHIP FOR 2019:**

- 11.
- Deepcatch has ordered the shirts and buffs. The first shirts and buffs will be handed out at this coming weekends Winter Classic with NALAA.
  - The President's Team managed to secure a sponsorship of N\$ 65 000.00 plus some more other sponsors. RG congratulates the team for their efforts.
  - All participating teams needs to get to a point where the participation fees is as low as possible through obtaining sponsorships and the efforts of all anglers.
  - Sponsor letters are available from the NBAA EXCO.

##### **MAGAZINE ARTICLES, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, RADIO, WEBSITE, FACEBOOK - MARKETING:**

- 12.
- Website is currently being re-vamped.
  - NE asked to add FLW Namibia page which is currently being compiled. RG will compile an information sheet and will forward it to NE to confirm the content.
  - Facebook is still our best marketing tool. RG once again thanks AH for his efforts.
  - The vacancy advertising campaign has proven to be a success. More to follow below.

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### **2019 TOURNAMENT TRIAL**

- 13.
- Next national tournament is scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 at Lake Oanob.
  - RG asked that the planning for this tournament commences at least 2 weeks prior to the tournament.

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### **DEVELOPMENT EVENTS:**

- 14.
- Winter Bass Classic in association with NALAA.
  - We have managed to arrange really nice prizes and nobody will walk away empty handed. AH to please thank all the sponsors individually on Facebook.
  - NALAA has also secured great prizes.
  - All entries at NBAA & NALAA will be put together to see the amount of entries received for the tournament and applications have already been received.
  - RG asked JC & JvR to work together to compile a report after the event. The report will be submitted to the NFFA.

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### **JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT:**

- 15.
- RG once again emphasized the importance of junior development.
  - JC to commence with the planning of the next event to be held from the 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2019.
  - RG thanked NvT, AH & JvR for taking juniors on their boats for tournaments. This sacrifice means a lot to junior development in Namibia.
  - RG urges all members to consider taking juniors on their boats for practice days as well as tournament days.

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### **2019 REGION V TOURNAMENT:**

- 16.
- The Region V committee has been advised that Namibia is unable to send a team for 2019.
  - RG and Mr Max Pieper will find a way to attend the AGM remotely.

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### **2020 REGION V TOURNAMENT:**

- 17.
- No / very little inflow into our bass angling impoundments means that we will be in no position to host a Region V tournament in 2020.
  - RG will communicate this to the committee at the AGM which will be attended by Namibia remotely by himself and Max Pieper.

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### **NBAA MERCHANDISE STORE:**

- 18.
- Samples have arrived. RG will prepare a presentation for EXCO for the next meeting.
  - RG has also printed domed stickers which will be for sale too.

### **2019 RADIO WAVE SUMMER BASS CLASSIC:**

- 19.
- The 2019 Summer Bass Classic has been cancelled due to low water levels.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **FLW NAMIBIA:**

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- NE to elaborate.
  - NE asked the NBAA EXCO members to confirm that FLW Namibia is apart of the NBAA and it is indorsed by the NBAA.
  - FLW Namibia finals will take place from the 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> of August @ Lake Oanob. The week-end unfortunately clashes with the Zambezi Classic but there is no other date available.
  - Any information needed regarding FLW Namibia can be obtained from NE.

### **2019 NBAA GOLF/ BOWLS DAY:**

- 20.2
- The event was cancelled at the last minute due to poor attendance and cancellation of teams.
  - A suggestion was put forward to contact Mr Alec Williams to arrange the 2020 NBAA Golf / Bowls day and to pay him for his services. This will be discussed again in 2020.
  - The hosting of a golf day in 2020 was discussed and the NBAA Golf / Bowls Day cannot be cancelled / postponed again as this is a great fund raiser for the NBAA.
  - RG asked that planning commences at least 90 days prior to the event.

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## **21. GENERAL**

### **21.1 Vacant conservation portfolio:**

- Mr James van Rooyen has volunteered to fill this position.
- EXCO voted unanimously.
- Welcome James van Rooyen.

### **21.2 Vacant Tournament Directors Portfolio:**

- Mr Neil Engelbrecht has volunteered to fill this position.
- EXCO voted unanimously.
- Welcome Neil Engelbrecht

### **21.3 Score Fishing:**

- AH to elaborate – EXCO to discuss.
- Score Fishing is a company in the UK that has an online weigh in scoring system.
- This system can be use offline as well which means if there is poor internet access the system can still be used.
- The scoring system works differently in the way we are currently calculating the scores however they are able to assist to develop the program for our comfort.
- A demo / test run on the system can also be done to see if it is something the NBAA can use to make the scoring faster and to see the standings immediately.
- This will help us to hand out the medals immediately after the weigh in is done after each tournament.
- The costing is 500.00 pounds per year.
- AH will contract them for more information regarding the test run.

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### **21.4 Keepnet.com:**

- JC to elaborate – EXCO to discuss.
- Keepnet.com is used by Zimbabwe and they have had a lot of success during tournaments.
- The system is an online system and it can also be used offline and anglers can login and have assess to the score sheets.
- The logistics regarding the login of all anglers needs to be determined and more information needs to be obtained to see if it will be beneficial to the NBAA.
- The system also needs to be tested to determine if the NBAA can use it or if development needs to be done.
- JC will contact them to determine if the program can be modified to suite the NBAA.
- More information will be gathered regarding the above apps and see which one will be more beneficial to the NBAA.
- The costing involved to develop a new app just for the NBAA will also be looked at and will be discussed at the next EXCO meeting.
- A suggestion was also put forward to use the current method NALAA is using to take a video of all fish caught and using a measuring mat to determine the weigh and the length of the fish.
- Taking a video of the catch will become difficult once an angler is alone on the boat.
- Conservation of the fish is being kept in mind with regards to the app and more information will be put together and discussed at the next EXCO meeting.

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### **21.5 Treasurer Vacancy:**

- The vacancy was discussed, and RG asked JC if he would mind taking over the portfolio of treasurer as he is a qualified accountant. JC agreed.
- RG has spoken to Mr Pierre Fourie to take over the conservation officer portfolio. Mr Fourie agreed and will be invited to the next EXCO meeting.

### **21.6 Breeding Bass:**

- EXCO met with Mr Wilhelm Steenkamp who is on the process of building a hydroponic facility to grow vegetables. Mr Steenkamp will be breeding / keeping freshwater fish in the facility and has offered to try breeding bass.
- Various studies will be conducted to determine if this option will be a feasible one for the NBAA.

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22. **CLOSURE**  
The meeting closed at 19:33
23. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
7 August 2019

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