



## **NBAA: MINUTES OF EXCO MEETING**

Date :	Wednesday, 8 May 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.

### **2. ATTENDANCE:**

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

### **3. MEMBERSHIP:**

- The NBAA member lists are updated and send to both Lake Oanob Resort and S von Bach Dam.
- Updated membership lists for B.A.S.S. Nation online roster. B.A.S.S. deadline for the roster update is the end of May 2019.
- B.A.S.S. membership payments will begin deducting from the NBAA bank account as the renewal for memberships is due.

### **4. APOLOGIES:**

Johan Coetzee (JC)

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

- 5.1 The minutes of 20 February 2019 & 26 March 2019 is approved NvT and AH.

### **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
- Namwater predicts that S Von Bach will run dry by April 2020 should there be no inflow before then. This is a serious concern for EXCO.
  - JC to commence with the planning of the next Fisheries Management weekends scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2019 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2019.
  - The weekends will be solely dedicated to the creation of cover/ structure to protect our bass.
  - RG is still awaiting the final risk analysis report from Dr Deacon.

**RG**

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

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

- 8.1
- Alliance partners have been contacted and meetings have been held.
  - The last contract still needs to be signed.
  - Once contract signed & cards designs completed
  - Card fees N\$ 150.00

- An email will be sent to members for card as the angler's name & ID number to be put onto card to be able to print the cards that will be presented to all alliance members to be able to qualify for the discounted rates offered by the alliance members.
- Feedback need to be received from members who want cards to start printing

8.2 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP – NBAA HALL OF FAME:

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

**WEIGH STATION:**

- 9.
- Weigh station at Lake Oanob, contact Mr Benade to leave weigh station at Lake Oanob and use gazebo and table at Von Bach dam due to logistics to get the weigh station to and from the dams.
  - All banners, scale, tag board and mega phone to be taken out of weigh station to take to von Bach Dam
  - Mr Benade will be asked where weigh station can be parked for the weigh station to not become a problem.
  - Until permanent weigh station at Lake Oanob is completed the weigh station will stay at Lake Oanob. The weigh station will then be moved to von Bach dam once permanent structure is completed at Lake Oanob.

**NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE:**

- 10.
- RG has notified Zambia (hosting country) as well as the Region V Committee that Namibia will not be competing at the 2019 Region V championships to be held at Lake Chicamba in July/ August 2019.
  - RG asked the Selection Committee to nominate a 6 man/ 3 boat invitational team for the President's test to be held at De Hoop Dam in Limpopo from the 27<sup>th</sup> of July – 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 2019. (Same time as Region V).
  - SA must be notified by no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 as to whether Namibia will be able to field a team.
  - President's team budget to be requested by RG from John Wickham and budget will be send out to nominated members by NvT.

SC

NvT

**SPONSORSHIP FOR 2019:**

- 11.
- RG asked AH to contact some sponsors for the shirt proposed by Deep Catch/ Jared.
  - Sponsors can have their logos printed on the shirt's for N\$ 1 500.00
  - The shirts will be given away as prizes for tournaments and can be purchased by members.
  - Any sponsors can contact RG or AH if they are interested to have their logos added to the shirts.

AH

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

- 12.
- AH to start a marketing campaign for EXCO vacancies. Posts to be made on a bi-weekly basis to get members to understand the importance of filling these vacancies.
  - RG explained that it is critical that the NBAA has a full complement of EXCO members not only for the workload but also for fair votes when it comes to important decision making.
  - RG asked CC to send out vacancies along with the duties and responsibilities of the respective portfolios out via e-mail as.
  - Members must bear in mind that without an executive council there will be no NBAA.

AH

CC

**2019 TOURNAMENT TRIAL**

- 13.
- 18 May 2019 @ S von Bach dam
  - RG has taken over the portfolio of tournament director since Mr Hendrik Pretorius's sudden resignation.
  - RG is busy making arrangements with Tungeni for the upcoming tournament.
  - RG thanked Mr Pretorius for his service and commitment to the sport of bass angling in Namibia.

RG

## **JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT EVENTS:**

- 14.
- The NBAA is still enjoying the results of the 1<sup>st</sup> junior Development held on S von Bach Dam early in 2019.
  - RG once again emphasized the importance of the junior development and to increase the participation of junior anglers.
  - Since the last junior development event 2 new junior anglers joined the NBAA.
  - 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.

JC

## **WEBSITE UPDATES:**

- 15.
- RG has uploaded the updated constitution, house rules and annexures to the website.
  - RG asks all members to delete all old copies and download the updated versions to avoid confusion.
  - All other updates are done during the year.
  - RG asked the assistance of AH & CC for the updating of B.A.S.S. Nation, gallery, results and all news.

RG,  
AH &  
CC

## **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 have to attend the Region V AGM via Skype / Whatsapp call.

## **2020 REGION V TOURNAMENT:**

- 17.
- EXCO has made the decision that due to no/very little water inflow into our bass angling impoundments means that we will be in no position to host a Region V tournament.
  - RG will communicate this to the Region V committee.
  - Inflow into our impoundments will determine the next year in which it will be possible to tender for the hosting of the Region V tournament..

RG

## **NBAA MERCHANDISE STORE:**

- 18.
- Samples are being sent from Johannesburg.
  - AH & RG to set up the store.

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RG

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

- 19.
- RG held a meeting with Radiowave. They are not in a financial position to be headline sponsors but will still sponsor airtime for the marketing of the event.
  - RG reminded EXCO that Lake Oanob will be on about 35% or less by the date set for the classic which will make hosting a successful Classic a real challenge even with limited boats.
  - The reality is that Lake Oanob will not be able to handle 30 boats with current dam levels by the competition date set.
  - RG proposed to postpone the event due to low water levels and the effect of low water levels which is poor fishing. This can be proven with catch statistics over the years.
  - A state of emergency due to the drought has been declared in Namibia and the situation is far more critical than most people realise.
  - EXCO unanimously voted to postpone the event to 2020.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **FLW NAMIBIA:**

20.  
20.1
- FLW Namibia is official.
  - Mr Neil Engelbrecht has been requested to start marketing campaign which EXCO will assist with.
  - RG offered Mr Engelbrecht a page on the NBAA website free of charge
  - Feedback will be given to members about FLW Namibia and for any member to apply if they want to.

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

- 20.2
- RG appealed to EXCO members to make some real effort to get teams/ sponsors/ prizes or hole sponsors
  - RG appeals to all members to assist

- At least 14 teams are required to make a success of the day
- RG will print the posters for the Omeya Pro Shop and to put up at other alliance members.
- Teams that have participated in previous years will be contacted to enter teams for either golf or bowls or both.

RG

## 22. GENERAL

### 22.1 NFFA AGM:

- RG attended the NFFA AGM that was held and minutes will be distributed once received from the NFFA.
- NFFA EXCO vacancies are a concern and RG appeals to all members to consider applying for the vacant positions to improve angling in Namibia.
- Mr Max Pieper, president of the NFFA can be contacted directly if any member is willing to fill a position on the NFFA executive.
- RG mentioned that Species Angling Namibia (SAN) is in the process of ceasing to exist in Namibia mainly due to no members being willing to fill positions in the executive committees. The loss of SAN is indeed a great blow to angling in general in Namibia.

### 22.2 WORLD BLACK BASS SHORE AGLING CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- Correspondence received was read.
- The event takes place in Portugal and Namibia has been invited to participate in the event.
- The approximate cost is 1000 Euro per angler excluding flights.
- RG mentioned that the NBAA is a boat-based sport. The invitation / introduction of the event will be added to the agenda of the 2019 AGM.
- EXCO agreed that the NBAA will not be nominating a team for 2019.

### 22.3 LETTER FROM NATIONAL SPORTS COMMISSION – LACK OF INCLUSIVITY:

- A was letter received from NFFA which they have received from the National Sport Commission regarding the lack of inclusivity of different cultures and race members of society.
- RG read the letter to EXCO.
- RG mentioned that the NBAA's selection processes are 100% transparent and certainly not discriminatory.
- The NBAA held a Junior Development event which included different junior anglers and from all nations.

### ASSETS OF THE NBAA:

- RG informed EXCO that he is currently in possession of the NBAA scale, tag board, mega phone, radios, fuel pump as well as various other items.
- RG made a suggestion to build transportation boxes of all assets to transport from one dam to another to keep the assets of the NBAA safe and prevent breakages.
- RG will submit a quotation for the construction of the boxes.

EXCO

### CHANGE OF ANGLING DATE – 17 AUGUST 2019:

- Clanwilliams Classic will be hosted from the 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2019.
- The competition of the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2019 will be moved to the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2019.

RG

### CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM MR JURGEN GEIGER:

- Correspondence was received by Mr Jurgen Geiger regarding the NBAA not being able to send a Region V team to Chicamba however the NBAA has send out nomination for the President's Team to participate in De Hoop, South Africa.
- RG mentioned that the NBAA was not able to put together a 12 angler team to compete at the Region V but can put together a 6 angler team to compete at the Presidents Test. The decision to nominate a Presidents team is based purely on this. All qualifying anglers must be giving a fair opportunity to compete internationally annually.
- NvT will discuss correspondence received with Mr Jurgen Geiger.
- Due to withdrawals of members a Region V team could not be put together, however nominations has been send out for President's Team to see availability of members.

NvT

### NFFA PROPOSAL TO START A BREEDING PROGRAM:

- 22.7
- RG informed EXCO that the NFFA has submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources for the creation of a largemouth breeding program at the Hardap dam aquaculture centre. The facility is currently only 80% utilized and the NFFA has requested to make use of some of the unutilized dams.
  - The success of this program could lead to massive developments in our fisheries.
  - RG asked that the NBAA be ready to assist in any way possible.
- EXCO**

**COMPLAINT RECEIVED FROM DR VAN VUUREN:**

- 22.8
- Alleged disgraceful conduct by the chairman of the NBAA.
  - NvT elaborated regarding the e-mail received from Dr van Vuuren.
  - RG elaborated on the letters received from Dr van Vuuren and his attorneys as well as the responses sent by RG.
  - NvT read through the reply sent to Dr Van Vuuren pertaining to the investigation of disgraceful conduct by the NBAA Chairman, Richard Grant.
  - NvT requested that responses to attorneys of members should be approved by EXCO.
  - EXCO unanimously dismissed the allegations made by Dr van Vuuren.

**23. CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 19:55

**24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

26 June 2019

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Secretary of the Namibian Bass Angling Association

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Date

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Chairman of the Namibian Bass Angling Association

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Date