



## NBAA: MINUTES OF EXCO MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 3 June 2020

Time: 18:00

Venue: Online via [www.Zoom.com](http://www.Zoom.com)

### 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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VACANT	Executive Secretary			
VACANT	Conservation Officer			

### 3. MEMBERSHIP:

- 3.1. Online membership is live on the NBAA website ([www.nbaanamibia.com](http://www.nbaanamibia.com))  
3.2. RG & NE are sending invoices to country members who have agreed to pay for membership card benefits.

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### 4. APOLOGIES:

None

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

- 5.1 The minutes of 18 February 2020 were approved by JC and seconded by NE.

### 6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- 6.1 No matters arising from the minutes were identified. On going matters will be addressed at the next meeting to be held.

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

- 7.1. Conservation officer portfolio still vacant.  
7.2. Not discussed at this meeting.

AH

### 8. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP – NBAA HALL OF FAME:

- 8.1. Not discussed at this meeting.

### 9. NBAA WEIGH STATION:

- 9.1. Not discussed at this meeting.

## 10. NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE:

- 10.1. RG informed the meeting that he has held extensive talks to Mr Craig Fraser, President of SABAA, about the way forward post Covid19 and post lockdown based by and large on decisions handed from from National Government. The situation we find ourselves in is unprecedented and one that the modern world has never had to deal with before. The effects of Covid19, not only on human, life but the after-effects it has on economies as well as the livelihood of people had to be taken into consideration when making decisions regarding international participation. **RG**
- 10.2. RG informed the meeting of the following international postponements for 2020:  
Region V Bass Angling Championships – Zimbabwe  
FIPSeD / CIPS Black Bass World Championships – USA  
Region V Junior Bass Angling Championships - Zimbabwe **RG**
- 10.3. RG informed the meeting that as it stands the B.A.S.S. Nation Championships due to be held from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2020 on Pickwick Lake in the USA is still scheduled to continue. B.A.S.S. has been informed about the concerns over travel bans by international countries. B.A.S.S. has taken note of the concerns and still plans to proceed. **RG**
- 10.4. RG informed the meeting that selection in 2020 would be very difficult due to all the cancellations / postponements of international tournaments as well as local tournaments in 2020 caused by Covid19. The suggestion was made to cancel 2020 selection and make use of 2019 results to determine teams for 2021. The meeting discussed the matter at length and all pros and cons were taken into consideration including the economic hardships members may face due the effects of the Covid19. **RG**
- 10.5. The meeting unanimously voted that 2020 selection will be cancelled and all team selection / international participation for 2021 will be based on 2019 result except for junior selection which will be based on 2021 national tournament / junior trials results. The teams / anglers that qualified for 2020 will stand over to 2021. **EXCO**
- 10.6. The meeting unanimously voted that due to the above decision the NBAA will not endorse any international participation in 2020 should such participation be possible. This decision was influenced by the NBAA's responsibility towards the safety of its members as well as our country. **EXCO**
- 10.7. The selection committee will once again go through the process of nominating qualifying anglers for teams as well as B.A.S.S. Nation Qualifiers at the end of 2020 for 2021. **EXCO**

## 11. Revised 2020 Calendar

- 11.1. Refer to the revised calendar attached.
- 11.2. The decisions made regarding selection for 2020 necessitated the cancellation of the B.A.S.S. Nation Championships (which was during our national lockdown and announced as postponed), Junior National Trials as well as National Trials. National Championships will proceed as per calendar and a National Champion will still be crowned.
- 11.3. National tournaments remaining for 2020 have been increased from 1 double header with the addition of 2 one day tournaments. The matter was discussed at length and an unanimous decision was reached to change the 2 double headers postponed due to the lockdown to one day tournaments.
- 11.4. The Big Bass Fest will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2020. The concept behind the tournament is that every hour for 8 hours competitors have the opportunity to weigh a fish for instant prizes. More information will be shared in due course.
- 11.5. The Mercury Bass Classic will be held from the 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> of October 2020. FLW finals will follow on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>. More information will be shared in due course.

## 12. SPONSORSHIP FOR 2020:

- 12.1. RG informed the meeting that he has been in contact with Bank Windhoek, our headline sponsor, all through the lockdown informing them of postponements.
- 12.2. RG agreed to communicate the contents of this meeting with Bank Windhoek. **RG**
- 12.3. RG asked AH to inform all other sponsors of the revised calendar as well as of decisions made at this meeting. **AH**
- 12.4. RG mentioned that with the current economic climate obtaining sponsorships for the balance of 2020 will be tough. EXCO will however make a concerted effort to continue sourcing sponsorships as far as possible.

## 13. MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

- 13.1. RG asked AH to publish the revised calendar. **AH**

**14. DEVELOPMENT:**

- 14.1. JC informed the meeting that the Scouts of Namibia had cancelled the balance of their 2020 calendar due to Covid19.
- 14.2. RG mentioned that without the Scouts getting numbers of juniors at the development events would be tough. The safety of junior participants as well as government regulations were taken into account.
- 14.3. EXCO unanimously voted that the Junior Development event scheduled for 10 October 2020 would be cancelled.
- 14.4. The hosting of development events will resume in 2021.

**15. 2020 REGION V TOURNAMENT:**

- 15.1. Postponed to 2021 due to Covid19. Zimbabwe still to host.

**16. 2021 REGION V TOURNAMENT:**

- 16.1. Zimbabwe to host due to 2020 postponement.
- 16.2. Namibia can now only bid to host in 2022.

**17. 2020 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

- 17.1. Postponed to 2021 with USA hosting.

**18. 2020 BANK WINDHOEK TOURNAMENT TRAIL:**

- 18.1. As mentioned above the Bank Windhoek Tournament Trail will resume on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August at S.Von Bach Dam. The tournament will be a 1 day event.
- 18.2. The second event will be a double header on the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> of September at Lake Oanob.
- 18.3. The last event for 2020 will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November at S. Von Bach.
- 18.4. As mentioned in point 10 the tournament results will not be used for selection. Anglers will be competing for Angler of the Year titles (senior, junior, ladies).

**19. 2020 SUMMER BASS CLASSIC / FLW Finals:**

- 19.1. The date was moved from September to October to allow for sufficient time to plan.
- 19.2. The venue is still to be determined.
- 19.3. RG asked NE to contact the main sponsor in order to design a new poster in order to start marketing and to source potential sponsors for the event.

NE

**20. 2020 NBAA GOLF/ BOWLS DAY:**

- 20.1. RG asked NE to contact Mr Alec Williams to discuss the feasibility of holding a golf day in 2020 and should the discussions be fruitful to set a new date.

NE

**21. FLW NAMIBIA:**

- 21.1. FLW Namibia managed to host 2 events prior to the national lockdown.
- 21.2. FLW Finals will be hosted on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October at the same venue as the Mercury Bass Classic. More information will be communicated in due course.

NE

**22. NBAA BOAT:**

- 22.1. The boat is currently at Surf & Turf being registered. Once this is done the insurance will be finalised and rental can commence.
- 22.2. RG mentioned that the attempt to get safety equipment sponsored failed and as a result the NBAA will have to buy the equipment prior to registering the boat with the NFFA.

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**23. ANNUAL NBAA PRIZE GIVING:**

- 23.1. Dates set fell in lockdown.
- 24.2. RG asked EXCO to give the matter some thought in order to set a date at the next meeting.

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**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.

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**24.2. Vacant executive secretary portfolio:**

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AH

**25. EXCO MEETING DATES FOR 2020:**

25.1. RG mentioned that the Covid19 pandemic cancelled 3 scheduled EXCO meetings which could not proceed due to uncertainty.

26.2. The date for the next meeting was set for 15 July 2020.

**26. CLOSURE**

26.1. The meeting closed at 19:40

**27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

27.1. 15 July 2020

VACANT

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Secretary of the Namibian Bass Angling Association

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Date



10.06.2020

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Chairman of the Namibian Bass Angling Association

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Date