NBAA:
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date :	Wednesday, 28 November 2019
Time:	17:30 for 17:45
Venue:	Baurnstube Restaurant, Conference Room Thorpe Street, Windhoek, Namibia

1. WELCOMING

1.1 The chairman, Mr. Richard Grant, welcomed all members, mew members and returning old members to the NBAA AGM.
The chairman officially declared the 19th annual general meeting of the Namibia Bass Angling Association open.
Change to AGM format – AGM packs will no longer be printed in an effort to save on costs as well as do our part for the environment. Most of the AGM content will be displayed via a projector and all of the content of the AGM will be available on our website.

2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1 As of the 28th of November 2019 the NBAA stood on 64 members in total which is made up of:

26 Paid up full members (senior men & ladies)
28 Country members (not paid)
2 Honorary members (not paid)
8 Junior members (free)

A question was raised during the meeting as to why do the active members need to make an extra payment to keep country members on the list for B.A.S.S?
Mr Neil Engelbrecht informed the meeting that all country members have been contacted to see if they are willing to pay and 99% of the country members have said they are willing to pay the yearly country membership fees.
RG informed the meeting that all members willing to pay the membership form will be invoiced in 2020.

3. ATTENDANCE

3.1 An attendance register was circulated and signed by all parties present.

4. APOLOGIES

4.1 Apologies were noted for the following members:

- Wilmar Fourie
- Lourens Delport
- Wilber Slabbert

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **ACTION**

5.1 No changes to be made to the AGM minutes of 2018.

One point on the agenda will be discussed

5.2 The acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Mr J. Marais and seconded by Mr J Coetzee and unanimously accepted by the meeting.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND STATEMENT FOR 2017

1. **Members present raised a few queries regarding the income and expenses for all NBAA events held during the 2017 which could not be clarified without the relevant documentation.**

The executive council of 2019 was mandated by the meeting to call a special general meeting (SGM) early in 2019 to provide clarify as Mr van Tonder did not have all relevant documentation available at the meeting as the queries data back to the 2017 financial year.

The SGM meeting was scheduled for January 2020 and unfortunately could not proceed as there was not a quorum present. The meeting was used as a discussion to clarify the matters at hand. It was decided to clarify all 2017 queries at the 2019 AGM.

Mr Neels van Tonder (NvT) elaborated on the queries posed at the previous AGM. National team spending was analysed dating back to 2011. National teams from 2011 – 2014 were obliged to request funding in writing from the executive council (EXCO) of the NBAA. EXCO had to approve / decline the request and only the amount approved would be made available to national teams. This practice however stopped in 2014 and national teams were granted funding irrespective of having received a request. Additional funding for national teams was approved based on funds generated at various fund-raising events. The 2018 Region V team that competed at Lake Chicamba in 2018 was the only team that over-spent on their funding due to irrecoverable debt stemming from the 2018 Golf & Bowls day.

The meeting mandated NvT to ensure that all members of the 2018 Region V team are invoiced for the amount over-spent.

The NBAA will be opening a separate bank account for national teams. National team members will be expected to pay full participation fees into this account which will be used to pay for the tournament. Team fund raising proceeds will also be deposited into this account. Should this account show a positive balance once the team has returned the balance will be split and paid to team members.

6.2

2. **The executive council of 2019 was also mandated to collect all outstanding debt to the NBAA. Should there be any outstanding debt by the time of the SGM in January the option of making use of debts collectors will be explored.**

RG was tasked to attempt to collect outstanding NBAA debt:

1. Neil Basson / N$ 2000
2. Henning van Wyk / N$ 6500
3. Surestart Properties / N$ 3000

Numerous attempts have been made via e-mail as well as telephone calls. RG feels that it is time to write off this debt and move on. Unfortunately, the debt is usually made in a drunken state. The NBAA has made in excess of N$ 250 000.00 over the years just on auction (excluding hunting auction) and the write off is an acceptable percentage considering the circumstances.

2018 Region V team members will unfortunately be liable to pay the debt written off as explained in point 6.1.

Suggestion was made to go to a debt collector. This option was opposed by RG stating cost and effort outweighs the benefit. The meeting unanimously agreed to write off the debt.

RG informed the meeting that changes will be made for the next fund-raising event which will include having a speed point on site at future auctions.

7. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS

7.1 **The following annual reports were presented with subsequent approval of the meeting (slideshows):**

- Chairman's Report – Can be viewed on www.nbaanamibia.com
- Administrative Report – Can be viewed on www.nbaanamibia.com
- Development Report – Can be viewed on www.nbaanamibia.com
- Conservation Report – Can be viewed on www.nbaanamibia.com
- Public Relations Report – Can be viewed on www.nbaanamibia.com
- Tournament Director Report – Can be viewed on www.nbaanamibia.com
- Captains Report (FIPSed/CIPS Black Bass World Championships / Presidents Test) – Can be viewed on www.nbaanamibia.com
- BNC 2019 reports (Boater & Non-Boater) – Can be viewed on www.nbaanamibia.com
- FLW 2019 reports (Boater & Non-boater) – Not received – Can be viewed on www.nbaanamibia.com

8. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND STATEMENTS 2018

8.1 Mr N van Tonder, NBAA Treasurer, informed the NBAA that the financial statement has been completed for 2018 by Ben Mouton Chartered Accountants.

Mr N van Tonder explained all income and expenses incurred during the financial year starting from 1 January 2017 till 31 December 2018. The profit for the 2018 financial year totalled to N$ 28 200.00.

Financial statement for the financial year for 2018 was accepted Mr J Coetzee & Mr M Pieper.

The short fall payments for the International Event of 2018 were accepted unanimously and invoices will be sent out to all anglers for payment in 2020.

8.2 The management statement for 2019 was put forward. The Management statements are from the 1st of January 2019 till 31st of October 2019, due to the financial year end of the NBAA being from 1st of January till 31st of December.

Bank Windhoek sponsorship for 2019 was N$ 50 000.00 and the main sponsor has already committed for 2020. No international event was held in 2019 and due to this no fund raising events was held.

Mr N van Tonder explained all income and expenses incurred during the financial year starting from 1 January 2017 till 31 October 2019. The loss for the 2019 financial year totalled to N$ 4 274.00.

8.3 The NBAA EXCO have been asked to look into the bank charges that the NBAA is being charged currently as the bank charges is extremely high for a non-profit organization.

The Management statements for the 2019 year were accepted Mr N Engelbrecht & Mr J van Rooyen.

9. FUND RAISING EVENT & INICIATIVES FOR 2019

- Golf & Bowls Day – **CANCELLED** - (N$ 0.00 profit/loss)
- CBC – **CANCELLLED** - N$ 11 200.00 credit balance available at Lake Oanob resort which can be utilized toward the 2020 event should one be hosted. Old Mutual unfortunately first withdrew their sponsorship completely and then came back to us offering half the sponsorship amount. This forced a format change from a 2 day event to a 1 day event. Unfortunately not enough teams entered to host a successful event and the decision was made to rather cancel.
- RG pointed out that member support for the events was not existent in 2019 and members EXCO asserting maximum effort could not rescue the events. Fund raising events are only successful with full member support and effort.

10. 2020 PROPOSED ANGLING/ EVENT CALENDAR

RG addressed the meeting to put into perspective that it is virtually impossible to implement a calendar which remains unchanged all year. EXCO has been working on the 2020 calendar for over 4 months and have taken all possible scenarios into consideration. The NBAA has grown exponentially in the last 5 years which have led to the hosting of 6 national tournaments in a single angling year becoming virtually impossible. The addition of FLW Namibia has added even more pressure to an already pressurized calendar.

EXCO suggested that double header national tournaments would be a great way of relieving pressure on the calendar. SABAA Natal implemented double header tournaments a few years back and the system is working very well for them. The logic behind double header tournaments is quite simple and can be broken down as follows:

- 8 national tournaments instead of 6 per year.
- Only 4 week-ends instead of 6. National tournament 1 and national tournament 2 to be held on the same week-end and so the trend will continue for the balance of the year.
- All selection / awards to be based on 8 national tournaments per annum.
- Members can save drastically on costs incurred per tournament.
- Tournament angling becomes more attractive to members from outside the Khomas region.
- Members that can't attend a Saturday tournament due to work / family commitments still has the option to attend the Sunday tournament.

All the pros and cons have been carefully considered.

The meeting voted for the proposed changes to the calendar, is it was accepted unanimously

11. **DISCUSSION OF MOTIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS SUBMITTED BY EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

11.1 **Motion 1 – 8.6 Extra-ordinary general meeting quorum - Constitution** **EXCO**

Amendment of article 8.6 & 8.6.1 Extra-ordinary General Meeting in the Constitution.

The point currently reads as follows:

8.6.1. *An extra-ordinary general meeting may be convened by the executive management committee, or because a request of sixty-six per centum (66 %) of the regional members, to the executive management committee.*
Such a requisition by the executive management committee shall be signed by the chairman and the reason or reasons why the meeting should be convened, must clearly be set out and minuted.
The secretary and/or representative of the applicants shall sign such a requisition by the members, and the reason or reasons why the meeting should be convened, must be clearly set out.
The request by the members shall include inter alia, the agenda, mandate, minutes, and decision of their meeting, with a confirmed list of supporting members.
The executive management committee shall upon receipt of a requisition convene an extraordinary general meeting for a date no later than sixty (60) days from the receipt of the requisition.

Motion:
Change the wording to a quorum shall be the members present at said Extra-Ordinary General Meeting which will be in the line with quorum requirements for an Annual General Meeting.

Vote: for change – unanimously **EXCO**

Motion carried.

11.2. **Motion 2 – Team Selection – House Rules**
Article 7.9 – National Selection Committee
Article 7.9.A National Association Team
Article 7.9.B Regional Team
Article 7.9.C Federation Team
Article 7.9 D International Team Selection Criteria
Article 7.9.F International Team Selection Criteria – FIPSed/ CIPS World Championships

Motion:
To change all nationals tournament scores (2 out of 6) to all national tournament scores (3 out of 8) tournaments fished. This may include tournaments dating back onto the previous angling year.

Proposals:

	To leave at 2 tournaments out of 8 tournaments rather than 3 out of 8 tournaments. **Vote:** 2 out of 8 tournaments – 5 votes 3 out of 8 tournaments – 7 votes 3 out of 8 national tournament scores to count voted in. The meeting mandated EXCO to make the necessary changes in the house rules under team selection. **Motion carried.**	**EXCO**
11.3.	**Motion 3 – B.A.S.S. Nation Selection – House Rules** Amendment to: Article 7.9.E. – National Selection Committee *7.9.E. B.A.S.S. Nation Competitor Selection (Boater & Non-boater)* *7.9.E.2. B.A.S.S. Nation Championships team nomination (if required) will be given (in order of points accumulated) to an angler, according to the following criteria:* *a) 50% of the points of the best, last four (4) out of six (6) tournaments fished, during a current angling year.* *Added to:* *b) 25% of points achieved in the last B.A.S.S. Nation Qualifier event held during a current angling year.* *c) 25% of points achieved in the last National Trails event held during a current angling year.* **Motion:** Change to: 7.9.E.a) - *a) 50% of the points of the best, last four (4) out of eight (8) tournaments fished, during a current angling year.* **Vote:** Unanimously voted in. The meeting mandated EXCO to make the necessary changes in the house rules under team selection. **Motion carried.**	**EXCO**
11.4.	**Motion 4 – Junior Region V Team Selection** The progress that the NBAA has made in 2019 with regards to junior development is astounding. Namibia received an invitation to attend the 2019 Region V junior test between South Africa and Zimbabwe. Unfortunately we could not attend the 2019 event but have committed to doing everything in our power to compete at the 2020 event, even if it's as an invitation team. Currently the NBAA does not have any selection criteria in place for Junior Teams. Motion: To add the following to the House Rules: Point 7.9.G. Junior Region V Team Selection Criteria: Junior Classification: Any member, can be male or female, under the age of 18 years. If a junior turns 18 in angling year then they are still classified as a junior for the balance of the year. 7.9.G.1. The national selection committee may determine an international junior association team, which may consist of any members of the association anglers who: a) Are in good standing in the association b) Are registered junior members of the NBAA c) Are Namibian citizens d) Have participated in at least 2 of the last 8 national tournaments, in the current angling year,	**EXCO** **EXCO**

e) Have competed in the last junior national trials.

7.9.G.2. International junior association team nomination (if required) will be given (in order of points accumulated) to an angler, according to the following criteria:
a) 50% of the points of the best, as a percentage (out of 100), last two (2) out of eight (8) tournaments fished, during a current angling year.
Added to:
b) 50% of points, as a percentage (out of 100), achieved in the last junior national trials held during a current angling year.
c) If, by using the prescribed ratios to calculate the scores, anglers are tied on points then the angler that caught the biggest bag out of all eight (8) tournaments in the same calendar year will be selected ahead of the other angler. If the heaviest bag weights result in another tie, then the anglers that caught the heaviest fish during the NBAA eight (8) tournaments in the same calendar year will be selected ahead of the other angler. The eight (8) tournaments include National Tournaments, National Championships (Trials) and the B.A.S.S. National Qualifier event.
7.9.G.3. The national section committee will nominate team members to their respective teams by means of the association team nomination sheet in annexure 15, within thirty (30) days of determination of said team.
7.9.G.4. The national selection committee will determine the team's manager. The respective team will determine its captain and vice-captain.
7.9.G.5. Team participation in any national, non-national or international tournaments, is to be announced to, and sanctioned and approved by the Namibia Federation for Freshwater Anglers and in turn by the Namibian Sports Commission. This includes hosting of events as well as participation in tournaments. Applications for all such are to be done to the Namibia Federation of Freshwater anglers, at least 8 weeks before the start of such tournament or event. **EXCO**
7.9.G.6. Team captains are to submit a full report of the tournament / event addressed to the Namibia Federation for Freshwater Anglers, ten (10) days after the return of the team / participants from said tournament or event. Team managers / escorts / parents & guardians may assist in compiling this report.
7.9.G.7. International team members are bound by annexure 8, The Namibia Sports Commission Code of Conduct for Sports Bodies.
7.9.G.8. International team members will be bound by annexure 17: International Team Commitment. 7.9.D.9. International team members will be bound by annexure 24: Junior Team Rules.

7.9.H. Junior Federation Team Representation:

To be mirrored from 7.9.G. with the following change:

7.9.H.1. The national selection committee may determine an international junior federation team, irrespective of nationality which may consist of any members of the association anglers who:

Mirrored from 7.9.G. with the omission of: **EXCO**

c) Are Namibian citizens

Junior trials has also been added to the NBAA angling calendar for 2020.

Vote:
Unanimously voted in.

Motion carried.

11.5. **Motion 5 – Addition of Annexure 24 – Junior Team Rules (see attachment)**

Vote:
Unanimously approved to add annexure 24

Vote:
Unanimously

Motion carried.

11.6. **Motion 6 – cancellation of last tournament of 2019**

Cancellation of the final NBAA national event of 2019 that is scheduled to be hosted on the 25th of January 2020. Adding an additional event to an already pressurized calendar is a recipe for disaster, which is the driving force behind this motion. **EXCO**

What does the motion effect?

1. Angler of the year
2. Team selection

EXCO

Suggestion: Make no changes to AOY selection or team selection i.e. calculate AOY and selection in the same prescribed manner as is currently in place, the only difference is that members will have competed in one less national tournament for the year.

Members who have only competed at 3 national tournaments for the year still have the opportunity to qualify for team selection.

B.A.S.S. Nation qualifiers for 2020 have been confirmed regardless of the scores of the last tournament.

Some anglers could still have qualified for the Black Bass World Championships team in 2020 pending a good score at the last tournament of 2019.

Due to changes to the calendar for 2020 and the introduction of double header tournaments we should never be faced with this situation again.

Vote:
To fish the last tournament in 2020 – 6 votes
To not fish the last tournament in 2020 – 7 votes

The last tournament for 2019 will be cancelled. The selection committee have been mandated to nominate teams as soon as possible based on scores of five (5) national tournaments for 2019.

Motion carried.

11.7. **Motion 7 – Amendment to annexure 12 – 7.9 Selection Committee**

Anglers to nominate the availability for Team Selection in the beginning of the year (same as rock & surf) selection committee to contact members that have met qualification criteria for teams in order to determine that members availability for teams in the year to come. This includes B.A.S.S. Nation World Championships, region V as well as the Presidents Test.

Team nomination to then be done according to availability nominations received. Teams to be nominated as soon as the angling year has concluded.

The motion was submitted as reserve or next best qualifiers never have sufficient time to fill in for members that withdraw and are always pressured into accepting / declining.

The motion was discussed by the meeting and a unanimous agreement ensued that the motion would be difficult to enforce and needs more careful consideration before implementing.

The motion was withdrawn by Mr N Engelbrecht.

Motion not carried.

11.8. **Motion 8 – Amendment to article 18 – House Rules**

Article 18: Association Tournaments, Tournament Objectives, Rules and Regulations

18.1. National Tournaments: Six (6) national tournaments will be held within an angling year. These will be held at venues as determined by the executive management committee. The executive management committee sets all dates and venues, for all national tournaments, at the beginning of the angling year. Changes in dates

and / or venues, as decided by the executive management committee made known to all members, at least fourteen (14) days before a said tournament.

Proposed change:

18.1. National Tournaments: Eight (8) national tournaments will be held within an angling year. These will be held at venues as determined by the executive management committee. The executive management committee sets all dates and venues, for all national tournaments, at the beginning of the angling year. Changes in dates and / or venues, as decided by the executive management committee made known to all members, at least fourteen (14) days before a said tournament. Tournament start / end times are to be made known to members at least fourteen (14) days before a said tournament.

Vote:
Unanimously

Motion carried.

11.9. **Motion 9 – AOY determination**
Addition of article 7.9.H Angler of the Year determination to article 7.9 National Selection – House Rules
7.9.H Angler of the Year determine is not recorded in any official documentation of the NBAA. Angler of the year titles have been awarded

RG withdrew the motion.

EXCO have been mandated to make all necessary changes to all documentation pertaining to motions carried at the 2019 AGM.

Vote:
Unanimously.

12. DISCUSSION OF MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS

None received.

13. DETERMINATION OF ASSOCIATION FEES 2020

13.1 The membership fees for 2020 was unanimously voted on as follows:

- Seniors – N$ 1 800.00 per annum + N$ 200.00 for membership card
- Juniors – N$ 0.00 per annum + N$ 200.00 for membership card
- Guest Angler – N$ 200.00
- Country member – N$ 400.00 + N$ 200.00 for membership card (only paid up country members to enjoy membership card benefits)
- Complaint fees – N$ 500.00

RG suggested the following for discussion: Proposal that EXCO members get NBAA membership for free and that other members make up for the shortfall in revenue. EXCO members sacrifice time, effort and money to serve on EXCO. This is all done for the love of the sport.

The meeting calculated the shortfall which would be left by the suggestion. The reality is that the void left would be too large and as a result the meeting suggested that EXCO members pay half of full membership fee (N$ 900 + N$ 200 for membership card) as a token of appreciation from members.

Vote:
Unanimously

14. NBAA MEMBERSHIP CARDS

NE addressed the meeting to emphasize the scale of the project which the NBAA has embarked on. NE thanked RG for the work put in for the implementation of the membership card benefit program.

Members present at the AGM received samples of the credit card style membership cards. Refer to the attached card lay-out as well as benefit brochure.

Alliance partners for 2020 are:

Bushwackers Windhoek
Lake Oanob Resort
Cymot Countrywide
Jan Jonker Service Station
FrameTique
Surf & Turf
Optic Exclusive
Tyre Rack
Medicine World Maerua Mall
Tatekulu Barber Shop

RG placed emphasis on the effect that this initiative could have for NBAA membership and thanked all alliance partners for their willingness to participate in the program.

RG appeals to all members to utilize the system as much as possible. If NBAA members commit to only supporting our alliance partners, the program will be a resounding success benefiting all parties involved.

15. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2020

Vacancies:
Secretary – no nomination received **EXCO**
Conservation officer – no nomination received **EXCO**

15.1 **Chairman/ Chairlady:** Only one nomination was tabled, being that of Mr Richard Grant. The nomination was approved by the meeting.

15.2 **Vice Chairman/ Chairlady:** Only one nomination was tabled, being that of Mr Johan Coetzee. The nomination was approved by the meeting.

15.3 **Secretary:** No nominations received. This portfolio will be managed by EXCO collectively until the vacancy can be filled. RG emphasized the importance of this portfolio and urges members to consider filling the position to ensure the continued smooth running of the NBAA. Should no members volunteer then EXCO might be forced to outsource the position at the expense of members.

15.4 **Treasurer:** Only one nomination was tabled, being that of Mr Neels van Tonder. The nomination was approved by the meeting.

15.5 **Tournament Director:** Only one nomination was tabled, being that of Mr Neil Engelbrecht. The nomination was approved by the meeting.

15.6 **Development Officer:** Only one nomination was tabled, being that of Mr James van Rooyen. The nomination was approved by the meeting.

15.7 **Conservation Officer:** No nomination received. This portfolio will be managed by the conservation committee collectively until the vacancy can be filled. RG emphasized the importance of this portfolio and urges members to consider filling the position to ensure the continued smooth running of the NBAA.

15.8 **Public Relations Officer:** Only one nomination was tabled, being that of Andrew Hall. The nomination was approved by the meeting.

16. ELECTION OF NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR 2020

Chairman: Only one nomination was tabled, being that of Mr Johan Coetzee. The nomination was approved by the meeting.

Secretary: Only one nomination was tabled, being that of Mr Andrew Hall. The nomination was approved by the meeting.

Treasurer: Only one nomination was tabled, being that of Mr Neels van Tonder. The nomination was approved by the meeting.

17. ELECTION OF CONSERVATION COMMITTEE FOR 2020

Chairman: Vacant.

Committee Member: Only one nomination was tabled, being that of Mr Neil Engelbrecht to stand in as chairman. The nomination was approved by the meeting.

Committee Member: Only one nomination was tabled, being that of Mr Max Pieper. Nomination was declined by Mr Max Pieper.

EXCO will discuss and advertise the vacancies in 2020. RG urges members to consider filling the vacancies on the conservation committee to continue performing valuable tasks in the management and improvement of our fisheries.

18. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS AND/ OR PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

The proposal for auditors for 2020 is Ben Mouton & Associates. Mr Max Pieper approved the appointment & Mr James van Rooyen seconded.

19. ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING REPORT

Report on 2018 prize giving:
The chairman congratulated the followings anglers:

- Heaviest Bass of 2018 – Johan Coetzee
- NBAA Ladies Champion for 2018 – N/A
- Junior Heaviest Bass for 2018 – N/A
- Heaviest Bag of 2018 – Max Pieper
- Best Junior Overall 2018 – N/A
- Angler of the Year 2018 – Jurgen Geiger
- 2nd place Angler of Year 2018 – Max Pieper
- 3rd place Angler of Year 2018 – Andre van Vuuren
- Heaviest Bag Juniors 2018 – N/A
- Ladies Heaviest Bass for 2018 – N/A
- National Champions 2018 – Johan Coetzee
- B.A.S.S. Nation Championship Qualifiers: Thinus Williams, Jurgen Geiger

RG addressed the meeting on the poor member attendance at the 2019 prize giving event. EXCO goes through a lot of trouble to arrange a family orientated event for all members to attend and enjoy and to recognise achievements through-out the year. Sponsors are also invited as special guests and poor attendance reflects poorly to our extremely valuable sponsors. RG urges all members to enter the date scheduled for the 2020 prize giving into their calendars and to make a concerted effort to attend.

20. 2019 REGION V TOURNAMENT/ 2020 REGION V TOURNAMENT

Regrettably Namibia could not field a team at the 2019 Region V tournament due a shortage of members that qualified.
Mr Max Pieper and RG attended the 2019 Region V AGM via Whatsapp. Namibia submitted a motion to reduce the team size at the Region V tournament to 4 boats (8 + 1 reserve). The motion was supported by Zambia and Mozambique and was discussed at length. South Africa and Zimbabwe were totally against the motion and South Africa threatened to withdraw from Region V should the motion be voted in.

The vote was cast and it was voted in that the team size will remain as is. Should a country not be in a position to field 6 boats they will be permitted to field 4 boats and the tournament scoring will change to a 4 boat scoring system which means that countries fielding 6 boat teams will be able to discard the scores of their 2 weakest boats. This system will give the larger countries a huge advantage over the smaller countries.

Namibia advised the Region V Committee that we will not be in a position to host the event in 2020 due to the ongoing drought.

Zimbabwe has put forward a proposal to host on Tokwe Mukhosi in 2020. The preliminary budget proposed is $ 8 000.00 (N$ 120 000.00 or roughly N$ 10 000.00 per team member) per team and involves camping at the venue. This excludes getting there and getting back but includes food, accommodation and boat fuel.

Swaziland, who's turn it would be in 2020, have been invited to submit a counter bid.

21. FLW NAMIBIA

FLW Namibia was launched in 2019 and resulted in 2 Namibian anglers competing at the FLW Costa Championships for the 1st time in history. Johan Coetzee and Neil Engelbrecht were the lucky qualifiers and represented Namibia with pride in a tough tournament. Refer to the captain's report for more about the 2019 Costa Championships.

The NBAA has added the FLW Namibia angling dates to its 2020 Calendar.
Boater / non boater qualification criteria is available on the NBAA website.
The cost per angler for the 2020 tournaments is N$ 500 per angler per event and N$ 5000 to compete in championship Monday on the final event.
2019 saw Major League Fishing (MLF) buy FLW USA. FLW will continue as normal in the meantime. All changes will be communicated with members as soon as we receive them.

22. FISHERIES MANAGEMENT 2019/2020:

+/- 700 live bass were imported again this year from the Cape and were released in Lake Oanob on Sunday the 24th of November 2019. The bass ranged from 15cm – 25cm and have been certified by Dr Olaf Weyl as Northern Stain Largemouth Bass. The biggest reason for the stocking is not purely for getting numbers of bass but rather for the introduction of new genes in order to strengthen the genes we currently have. Mr Francois Jacobs from the Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources asked us not to publish the stocking in the media or on social media as it could lead to an uproar from tree huggers for stocking an invasive species. The bulk of the funding for the fish imports was donated by Mr Reinhard Laggner. Thank you Reinhard, your contribution to improve our sport.

Bass Imports for 2020 must be re-evaluated. The import of live bass is extremely expensive (+/- N$ 100 – N$ 140 per fish). Spending this type of money to introduce fresh genes was justified. We have however now introduced the genes for 2 years consecutively and doing it for a third time would make no sense unless we are stocking a new venue.

<u>2019 fisheries management summary:</u>
Only 1 event was held which was a structure building / habitat enhancement day at Lake Oanob. Only 1 member attended, the balance of the attendees was made up by EXCO members.

All other fisheries management events had to be cancelled due to poor member support.

2020 objectives: – The stocking of a third venue. **EXCO**

23. 2020 FUND RAISING EVENTS

- Golf & Bowls Day – this will be up to the Region V as well as the World Championships Team. RG suggested that the NBAA approaches Mr Alec Williams to assist with the hosting of the golf & bowls day in 2020 at a fee.
- Corporate Bass Classic – Old Mutual must be approached early in 2020 if the event will once again be sponsored by them. Hopefully 2020 will be the year of the revival of the CBC. If another company is also willing to sponsor or assist with sponsorships they are welcome to approach the NBAA. **EXCO**

- 2020 Raffle – We have skipped a year now. The 1st NBAA raffle was a resounding success which led to considerable income generated. **EXCO**
- Promoting the NBAA membership cards to sell cards & become a country member of the NBAA. RG urges all members to try to sell the card concept to as many people as possible.

24. GENERAL

24.1 Point raised by Mr. Jacques Marias – how many country members actually pay?
Question was answered during the discussion of point 2 of this agenda.

Mr Engelbrecht informed the meeting that all country members have been contacted to see if they are willing to pay and 99% of the country members have said they are willing to pay the yearly country membership fees.

24.2 NBAA Boat: **EXCO**
The NBAA purchased a small aluminum boat in 2019. The boat will be available to hire in 2020 and is specifically intended for junior members, junior members as well as for fisheries management. The NBAA will communicate the procedures regarding the hire of the boat public early in 2020.

RG thanked all the sponsors that made the purchase of the boat possible:
Surf & Turf
Tyre Rack
Neels van Tonder
Johan Coetzee
Frametique

24.3. Standardizing of National Colors: **EXCO**
Mr. Thinus Williams asked if the NBAA can start to standardize the National Clothing and Battle dress for the National Team and all other participating teams. As each year new clothing needs to be purchased and it is becoming costly for all anglers with the participating fees to all events. As anglers are participating in more than one event during the year. This is to help minimize the costing for all anglers during the year.

24.4. Conservation: **EXCO**
Fish mortality at the weigh station has become a matter of concern. Members are urged to take steps to reduce fish mortality. The NBAA will launch a Facebook campaign in 2020 to educate members on the steps to take to reduce mortality.

24.5. Cleaning of venue after tournaments:
Mr Neil Engelbrecht appeals to all members not the use the weigh station area as a dump. Anglers are to keep their trash on their boats and dispose of it when storing their boats. 2020 will see the addition of a bin for old plastics. Members are urged to make use of this bin.

24.6. Weigh master for 2020:
RG pointed out to the meeting that Mr Hubert Maye (Tjokker) is in the process of changing workplace and might not be available for 2020. EXCO already has a contingency plan in place should Mr Maye not be able to assist in the form of Mr Pierre Fourie. Should Mr Fourie be competing himself, his wife, Mrs. Erika Fourie will be available to assist. **EXCO**

25. CLOSURE

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