



## *South African Deep Sea Angling Association*

GOVERNING BODY OF DEEP-SEA FISHING IN SOUTH AFRICA

## *Suid-Afrikaanse Diepsee-Hengelassosiasie*

BEHERENDE LIGGAAM VAN DIEPSEE HENGEL VIR SUID AFRIKA

### **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEEP SEA ANGLING ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE MANNAH GUEST HOUSE LODGE ON THE 8<sup>th</sup> OF APRIL 2022 AT 08H30**

#### **1. NOTICE OF THE MEETING.**

Notice of the meeting was distributed on time.

#### **2. ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

##### **In attendance were:**

Mr Chris Schorn - President  
Mr Edwin Freeman – Treasurer  
Mrs Vikki Bezuidenhout –Secretary  
Mr Nick Nel - Tournaments Officer  
Mr Peet Koekemoer – Acting Records Officer  
Mr Mark Beyl - Environmental Officer  
Mr Justin Paynter – PRO  
Mr Carl Krause - National Safety Officer  
Mr Neil Coetzer – Development & Transformation Officer  
Mr Barry Turk – Selection Convenor  
Mr John Luef - BDSAA Delegate  
Mr Wayne Gerber – EPDSAA Delegate  
Mr Gary Truluck – Free State Delegate  
Mr Janes Wasserman - GDSAA Delegate  
Mrs Mary-Ann Hodgskin - GWDSAA Delegate  
Mr Paul du Toit - LDSAA Delegate  
Mr Nico Zaayman – MDSAA Delegate  
Mr Dave Murgatroyd - NDSAA  
Mr Stiaan du Plooy- NGDSAA Delegate  
Mr Harry Nysschen - NWDSAA Delegate  
Mr Marius Alberts - SCDSAA Delegate  
Mr Wynand Wiering – SGDSAA Delegate  
Mr Colin Joubert - WPDSAA Delegate  
Mr Gerrie Delpont - ZDSAA Delegate

##### **Observers:**

Mrs Mariette Hendriksz – GDSAA  
Mr Sam Botha – MDSAA  
Mrs Zelda Viviers - MDSAA  
Mr Anton van den Berg – NDSAA  
Mrs Michelle Bell – SADSAA  
Mr Johan Zietsman - IGFA

##### **Apologies:**

Mr Tyrone Gower – BDSAA  
Mr Dewald Smith – FSDSAA  
Mr Koos Scholtz - SGDSAA  
Mr Paddy Venske – SGDSAA

#### **3. WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

The President, Mr Chris Schorn (CS), welcomed and thanked everyone for taking the time to be at the meeting. Mr Edwin Freeman opened with a prayer. Apologies received from Tyrone Gower (Border), Dewald Smith (Free State), Koos Scholtz (Southern Cape), and Paddy Venske (Vice Chairman).

Our thoughts go to Paddy, who hopefully will be out of hospital at the end of the month, to Tyrone, following his knee replacement and to Johan van Vuuren for a speedy recovery.

A formal welcome to Mr Dave Murgatroyd, at his first meeting as Chairman of Natal; Mr Anton van den Berg, new Natal Vice Chairman; Mr Justin Paynter, the new SADSAA PRO; Mr John Luef, Border Vice Chair standing in for Mr Tyrone Gower; Mr Gary Truluck, Free State Vice Chair, standing in for Mr Dewald Smith; Mr Marius Alberts, Southern Cape representative; Mr Wynand Wiering, Southern Gauteng Acting Vice Chairman; Mrs Zelda Viviers, new MDSAA secretary and Mrs Michelle Bell from the SADSAA Admin office. CS thanked Michelle for all she is doing and formally welcomed Mr Johan Zietsman of IGFA.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 taken as read and accepted with one correction to the apologies list.

Proposed: Mr Nick Nel

Seconded: Mr Edwin Freeman

#### 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

#### 6. OFFICE BEARER'S REPORTS

##### 6.1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

###### 6.1.1. IGFA

CS read Mr Johan Zietman's Biography from the IGFA website.

Johan (JZ) thanked CS and SADSAA for the invitation to attend the meeting. IGFA regards SADSAA as one of the best organised Associations in the world. JZ praised SADSAA for following the IGFA rules so closely over the years at tournaments and as a core basis for its ethos. JZ gave a brief history of IGFA, and its emphasis on conservation. IGFA is a member of the United Nations Conservation Council. Africa requires a lot of work, and has appointed representatives around the continent, including Mr Nick Nel (NN), and are forming an African Regional Council

JZ congratulated CS on his nomination as an IGFA Trustee, which will strengthen the relationship between SADSAA and IGFA. They are very please CS has accepted the nomination.

A message from Mr Jason Schratwieser, IGFA President, was played.

CS thanked JZ for attending our Council meeting.

Mr Neil Coetzer (NC) asked JZ whether the Junior Development aids supplied by IGFA in previous years are still available/ JZ will follow up on locally available kits, and will liaise with CS.

Mr Mark Beyl (MB) asked JZ if he would be able to assist us with billfish migration information. IGFA's Billfish Foundation get sponsorships for Billfish tagging, which has been produced interesting results, as part of the Great Marlin Race. IGFA are also studying the Global Warming effect on the ocean, which will result in marlin disappearing from the Cape Verde waters. IGFA will be eager to work with SADSAA on this as well. JZ will put MB in direct contact with IGFA's conservation team.

###### 6.1.2. Report

The Acting President, Mr Chris Schorn's (CS) report was circulated prior to the meeting and was accepted as read.

CS had a good meeting with SASACC President, Mr Andries Maree (AM), and one of SASACC's two Vice Presidents, Mr Mike Milligan, who flew to George for the meeting. The relationship between SADSAA and SASACC, was discussed, and it was agreed the relationship needs to be strengthened. The major points under discussion were as follows:

1. SALTBAAs have a new 4kg reef fishing facet, based on SALTBAAs' rules, approved by FIPs-M, and will be hosting the first World Games in 2023, a 4kg offshore tournament. SADSAA approached SALTBAAs requesting to enter an Association team. FIPs were happy, provided SALTBAAs approved the team, but SALTBAAs was not happy with this. In an attempt to resolve the issue, AM made the suggestion that if SALTBAAs would allow a SADSAA team to enter, SASACC would stop SADSAA from entering Protea teams in the EFSA Line Class Championships, which we have successfully fished in the past 6 years, and beaten SALTBAAs team. SADSAA then withdrew the request, and asked SASACC to prevent SALTBAAs anglers from fishing in SADSAA's domain (deep sea). Waiting for feedback from SASACC on that after they have discussed with their ManCom. In EFSA Championships, only one day is a Line Class day, and the lowest we are aware it has been is 6kg (only one day in the last 5 tournaments), which is above SALTBAAs' 4kg maximum.
2. FIPs-M was discussed with respect to the Big Game World Championships in Italy. The final day was called off for so-called safety reasons, despite video evidence to the contrary, when in fact it was because the Italian team was sitting in first and third. At a meeting attended by all the participating nations, other than Italy, it was requested that the final results be called nul and void, and that sanction be taken against FIPs and their Italian body, and the entry fees returned to the teams. CS requested SASACC, as our governing body, write a very strong letter to FIPs requesting the same. Awaiting a response from SASACC. Mr Colin Joubert (CJ), captain of the participating Protea team, said that the process was very blatant, and not an isolated incident, to the point where some nations have boycotted the tournament. The teams are still working on taking it further.
3. FIPs M does not recognise SASACC, as the South African Federation of Sports Sea Anglers (SAFSSA) is actually the affiliated body and used to cover the affiliation fees of four federations (SDSAA, SASAA, SALTBAAs and SAUFF), which were paid completely by SADSAA and is still the organisation recognised by FIPs-M. CS has requested the SAFSSA be re-established, and a representative from each of the bodies be elected (SADSAA, SAUFF, SALTBAAs and SASAA) to represent our salt water angling interests at FIPs-M, as SASACC ManCom mainly made up of freshwater anglers. SASACC doing a great job representing us at CIPs. No feedback received from SASACC as yet. CS asked for Council's feedback on that request. NC asked if there were definite dates for feedback, and CS confirmed there were not, but mentioned that usually SASACC are very prompt with feedback, but that he would push for a date should we not receive a response.
4. Participation and formal clothing issues were discussed, including the use of badges. Due to the issues that have been experienced, SASACC are looking at employing a full-time person to deal with clothing. Currently, Mrs Elaine Rossouw's deals with the clothing on a part-time basis for SASACC. A major issue is due to not having the capital available to enable them to keep stock on hand. CS would like to offer SASACC an interest free loan to enable them to employ a full-time person (Elaine), and keep clothing stock on hand. In the AC meeting, it was agreed to bring an amount of R200 000 to the Council for consideration to assist them to set up the stock holding. This loan would not require a repayment as a single amount. Should it become necessary, it would be done via the membership fees, or claiming of stock, but would be considered to be open-ended, and would have a formal contract signed. CS requested Councils approval to make a formal offer to SASACC. MB asked if the stock purchased would be for SADSAA's use only. CS confirmed that as the formal clothing is worn by all the Associations, it could be purchased by all, but it would be replaced immediately. This means that our lead times would be greatly reduced, with only Deep Sea badge to be added. CS also mention that it would be a condition that SASACC handle SADSAA's clothing along the same lines. MB also queried the quality that would be stocked. CS confirmed that items like wool blazers could be stocked, as the minimum numbers for the orders

- would no longer be an issue. CS also confirmed that there would be transparency as to the mark-ups which would cover the salary costs, which SASACC has agreed to. On a show of hands, there were no objections nor abstentions.
5. SASACC also made clear that going forward, Protea anglers may not wear any additional badges on the Protea blazer lapels other than their SASACC-issued name badges, unless they have received written permission from SASCOC for a World Games Badge, via the correct channels. SADSAA will be taken action against anglers breaking the rules, as it could affect our nominating of Protea teams if we do not adhere to the rule, and CS asked all Provincial Chairmen to go back to their anglers, and inform them of the rule. Mr Dave Murgatroyd (DM) asked whether we could have a single contact to deal with SASACC, rather than everyone contacting them directly. CS confirmed that as with all communication, the written request should be sent to the SADSAA Secretary, to be forwarded via Elaine at SASACC to SASCOC. Mr Gerrie Delpert (GD) asked if the South African flag was an approved badge, and CS confirm that it was not. Only a SASACC issued name badge is approved.

There were no additional questions from Council on the President's Report

#### 6.1.3. Action Committee

We held one action committee meeting, and dealt with a few issues via email and Whatsapp.

We had a report of SADSAA anglers selling fish, specifically tuna, from a commercial fisherman. On investigation, it was false, and a misunderstanding, and the anglers named were not culprits. There may have been fish being sold, but it was not our SADSAA anglers. We did send out a letter stating SADSAA do not condone the selling of fish, as it goes against our ethics, as well as the laws of the land. Any SADSAA angler found to be selling fish will be dealt with in terms of our SADSAA Disciplinary Code. Please take this back to your anglers and ensure that it doesn't happen.

There was a discussion about the amount and quality of work being received from the SADSAA Secretary, and it was agreed to pay Mrs Vikki Bezuidenhout (VB) a small, once off amount in recognition of this. VB thanked the Action Committee.

We put out a letter to the Provinces asking them to respect the SADSAA structures as well as the reporting structures. People like AM are incredible ambassadors of our sport, and make an incredible effort to get to the various tournaments and meetings. We need to ask though that any communication with SASACC go through SADSAA, as we cannot have people talking directly to SASACC on behalf of the Provinces, or SADSAA, and we, the Action Committee and Council are not aware of what is going on. Please ensure your Provincial structures adhere to this, and put your communication through the SADSAA Action Committee or Portfolio holders. NC asked if this includes invitations to send offs, prize givings, AGMs, and CS confirmed this. There were no further comments.

We received a letter from Border following a request from Border to allow them to stop their Surveyors surveying any boats other than those of members, as they felt that SADSAA does not have the right to deal directly with the public. CS got financial and legal advice from various people, and MB confirmed that the SADSAA Constitution covers this aspect. Part of our mandate from SAMSAA is to survey members of the public's boats, and may lose our agency if we do not. Mr Carl Krause (CK) confirm this was the reason SADSAA had been issued with the SR numbering system. SADSAA's Constitution allows that any member of the public that has their boat surveyed by SADSAA becomes a non-voting member of SADSAA for a year, regardless of the number on the boat, and this was confirmed by MB. Border felt that as a Province, they could not take the public's money, but they do not have the right to refuse to do so. They should be selling the books to the Club, and the Club sells on to the Surveyor to use. Issue has now been dealt with.

The AC has also manage to track down the artwork by Guy Harvey, had them reframed and they are now hanging in Michelle's Benoni office. CS thanked Michelle for having them framed, and for trying to get a true valuation. CS thanked CK for having the three honours boards made, which are now also hanging in the offices, and they will be populated with the various honours holders' names. We are also in the process of getting a trophy case that will be able to accommodate the trophy won by the Protea team in Cuba earlier this year. CS thanked CK for giving SADSAA its new home.

The ILTTA 2023 will be held in Panama by invitation only. The AC agreed to enter a SADSAA team and pay the initial deposit, which Mr Edwin Freeman (EF) confirmed was in the region of R50 000. CS thanked Mr Dave Martin on the ILTTA Board for organising for SADSAA to receive an invitation. Disappointingly, we have not received sufficient qualified nominations to form a team, despite a recall. However, we have a number of competent anglers who will qualify to nominate following the upcoming Nationals, so we will extend the recall deadline to the first Friday of December, if everyone is in agreement, and see if we are able to select a qualifying team. The balance of the entry fee is due by 15 December 2022 at the latest, so we will need to make the selection process quickly CS asked if everyone was comfortable extending this deadline, and there were no objections received.

There were reports of some Surveyors using the certificates printed from the CoF database as the CoF. This is not valid, and a CoF must be issued in triplicate from the correct SADSAA book. Please let your Surveyors know that this cannot happen again.

Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June in St Lucia, at the same time as the ILTTA 2022 capping ceremony.

NN updated the AC on the arrangements for the EFSA 2024 Tuna International to be held in False Bay. CS thanks Colin Joubert (CJ) for all he and WP have and will be doing to assist with the arrangements, as well as NN for all his efforts

SASACC has let us know that Senegal as well as some other African Nations would like to compete against us on a reciprocal arrangement, one year in SA, the next in Senegal. NN is busy working on that as well, and is waiting for paperwork from AM.

Issues with clothing was discussed at length. CS thanked CJ as we received compliments regarding the way the clothing was dealt with by his team.

We discussed Portfolio responsibilities. We sent out a letter asking Portfolio holders to give us details of what they felt their responsibilities were, but did not get much feedback. We want to strengthen our organisation going forward, and ensure that when a new Portfolio holder comes in, they know what is expected from them, and what their responsibilities are. CS requested that this information be submitted so that we can add to the Resolution Register.

We discussed Portfolio holder terms, considering two and three years, with an extension of two or three years, and then to prevent stagnation, to step down, but to make themselves available for another year to assist the new Portfolio holder. We did not reach any specific conclusion, and CS open to the floor for discussion.

A Vote of No Confidence can be brought against any Portfolio holder not performing.

DM suggested that ordinary anglers should not be electable for the Action Committee, as they do not have sufficient knowledge of what is going on within SADSAA. If the Action Committee or Financial Committee member is voted out of their position, they would automatically stand down at the next AGM.

Council agreed that President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer should be three year terms, and rest of the Portfolios two year terms (safety and selectors will retain their current three year terms), with the option of a second term.

Constitution change proposal to be drawn up to be voted on at an SGM via Zoom or Teams in January or February so that it can be passed before the processes start for the 2023 AGM.

Council previously discussed the inclusion of a Legal and Compliance Officer as an additional Portfolio holder, and the proposed Constitution changes were distributed prior to this meeting, and can be voted on in the same SGM.

SADSAA Signatory change requirements were discussed, and have subsequently been sorted out.

AC discussed the SADSAA Tournaments Whatsapp Group progress for the 2023 Tender process.

AC discussed the Provincial and Nationals Safety Officers getting involved in the BIB courses, and approved the budgets presented to us by the NSO. CS thanked CK, Mr Jannie de Jonge and Mr Riaz Hussain for successfully putting together the courses. 75 Surveyors have attended the courses so far, with another two courses to run this year.

AC discussed having an annual SADSAA Awards evening for anglers that have received SADSAA and Protea colours. Mr Anton van den Berg (AvdB) has been looking into the venue options, and CS thanked him.

AC do put out a set of minutes as an internal document for the AC to work with. Currently, these minutes are available to Provincial Chairmen on request only, and may not be circulated.

VB happy to send out the minutes, and suggested to do the same for the Selection meeting minutes, for the Chairman to be able to develop their up-and-coming anglers.

CS stated that all the AC's actions are currently reported back to Council in full, for ratification.

MB commented that the President has the authority to withhold any specific information he deems to be too sensitive, with regards to personal information

CS reverted back to MB's suggestion of returning to three meetings, at a cost of approximately R100 000 more per year. There were Chairman for and against, and it was agreed to only do it should it become necessary, possibly via Teams/Zoom. Additional AC meetings are held between Council meetings when required, with next one in February if needed.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council for the President. CS thanked Council for all the support over the past six months.

## **6.2. NO VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **6.3. TREASURER**

SADSAA Management Accounts as at end August 2022 were distributed. The net surplus was R270 000, of which Safety Contributed R243 000 for the 8 months. SADSAA's financial position and cash flow position is healthy

Proposed 2023 Affiliation fee is R155, slightly over the 10% previously agreed to, as last year was less than 10% Going forward, will put forward a proposal at the AGM, so that it is finalised before the Provincial AGMS.

There were no objections to this amount.

### **6.4. NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS OFFICER**

The Tournaments Officer, Mr Nick Nel (NN)'s report was circulated and taken as read.

2024 EFSA Tournament: a short presentation was shown, the final version of which will be sent to the EFSA by middle November. NN asked for anyone who has suitable footage to please forward to him for possible inclusion.

Report backs on Tournaments Scheduled since the April 2022 meeting:

Game Fish Interprovincial Pennington March 22

DM reported: 6 teams; 3 days of great fishing and every team caught fish, excellent venue; great catering  
Gold – Zululand; Silver – Natal U21; Bronze – Southern Gauteng

a. Game Fish Nationals Zinkwazi June 2022

DM reported: initially postponed due to flooding; 11 teams; fishing conditions difficult; launching treacherous, catering below par, boats a little small.  
Gold – Natal U21; Silver – Natal; Bronze – SADSAA Ladies

b. Bottom Fish Nationals East London May 2022

Mr John Luef (JL) reported 18 teams Very good fish caught; Divan Burger caught a red steenbrass of 38.6kg  
Gold – SADSAA U19; Silver – Natal; Bronze - EP

c. All Inland Interprovincial Sodwana Bay Apr 2022

Mr Nico Zaayman reported. 10 Provincial teams & 6 Club teams took part  
Gold – MDSAA Yellow; Silver - Limpopo; Bronze – MDSAA Green

d. Tuna Nationals Hout Bay May 2022

CJ reported. Very successful competition; 8 teams; Own boat format was well received; 46 yellowfins caught over the three days with an average weight of 47kg, 180 longfin.  
CJ thanked NN for the help with forming Barbarian teams, which boost the tournaments, as well as the selectors that attended.  
Gold – WP; Silver – SADSAA Masters; Bronze – WP/EP/MP Barbarians

e. Junior Game Fish Nationals St Lucia June 2022

NC reported back. Skippers did a phenomenal job, and the kids were awesome. Not a lot of cuta, but wahoo and yellowfin were weighed  
NC thanked NN for coming through to assist on the beach at the last minute.  
U16: Gold – Natal; Silver – SG Blue; Bronze – Free State  
U19: Gold – SADSAA Blue; Silver – SG Yellow; Bronze – SG Green

- f. Tuna Interprovincial Shelly Beach July 2022  
DM reported. 9 teams and every angler caught fish, 4 fishing days, excellent catering, very good spirit and camaraderie  
Gold – WS Barbarians; Silver – Natal U21; Bronze – Mpumalanga Green
- g. All Coasts Bottomfish Interprovincials Rod & Reel Durban August 2022  
8 teams, had a fruitful night shot.  
Gold – Natal Grey; Silver – Natal U21; Bronze – Eastern Province
- h. Bottomfish Interprovincial Umhlanga September 2022  
DM reported. Very nice Skiboat Club, well organised, launched from DSBC, all fish bagged and transported to weigh-in venue which created a good atmosphere.  
Gold – Natal; Silver – Zululand/Natal Barbarians; Bronze – Natal U16
- i. Bottomfish Interprovincial Kleinbaai September 2022  
CJ reported. New format mixing the teams up on different boats. Thanks to JL for doing the scoring. Great camaraderie and this format will alleviate the accusations of cheating that always surround these types of tournament. 9 teams including two ladies' teams and two junior teams; 3 days fishing.  
Gold – Border Ladies; Silver – Western Province; Bronze – Border Men's
- j. Junior Gamefish Interprovincial Mapelane October 2022  
Mr Gerrie Delpont (GD) reported and thanked NN for attending. 8 teams, 2 U16 and 4 U19. Weather not good but fished one and half days of the three.  
U16: Gold – Zululand; Silver – S Gauteng  
U19: Gold – Natal; Silver – Free State, Bronze – S Gauteng  
Small Fry record pending record 7.5kg Skipjack Josh Lingenvelder
- k. Light Tackle Billfish Interprovincial Sodwana October 2022  
Mr Stiaan du Plooy (SdP) reported. 6 Interprovincial teams and 5 Interclub teams; 4 fishing days; excellent fishing; 24 sailfish and 1 black marlin released with 109 strikes; SdP thanked SADSAA and his committee. SdP appreciated the Protea anglers sharing their information with the newer anglers. Average time fighting a fish 10-15 minutes  
Gold – Gauteng; Silver – N Gauteng; Bronze – GQ/Natal Barbarians

#### Report backs on Tournaments Scheduled after the SADSAA Council Meeting

- a. Light and Heavy Tackle Billfish Nationals Sodwana Bay November 2022  
NZ reported. 12 LT teams entered, 14 HT teams; all arrangements are in place; looking forward to hosting everyone one

#### 2022 International Tournaments

- a. EFSA Big Game Tournament Cape Verde April 2022  
Mr Janes Wasserman (JW) reported. Well organised, and definitely one we should send teams to in the future. Unfortunately no medals but enjoyed it.
- b. International Bill Fish Tournament Cuba May 2022  
MB thanked SADSAA and the selectors for choosing the teams. Fished against very experienced anglers. MB thanked Mr Sam Botha (SB) for his excellent tackle preparation. Team was very well received by the people of Cuba, both local, and from the fishing community. Language and food were a challenge. Recommends sending future teams, and will be happy to give advice. MB thanked NN for arranging this new competition.  
MB and SB handed their winning trophy over to CS for SADSAA's trophy case.
- c. EFSA European Species Championships Iceland May 2022  
Mr Wayne Gerber (WG) reported, and thanked the selectors and SADSAA for the sponsorship. Allen Ford well organised captain. Iceland is a special place with amazing fish. WG gave a brief overview of the type of fish caught. Mr Francois Beukes ended with bronze individually, and team placed third overall. Exceptional experience, and very emotional. 11 medals overall in various categories.
- d. ILTTA Costa Rica June 2022  
NN reported. Unfortunately team did not get any medals, but individually, did really well for a new team. The team sent thanks to the selectors and to SADSAA for affording them the opportunity to fish the tournament.
- e. EFSA European Boat Fishing Championships Denmark August 2022  
JL reported. The team thanked SADSAA for all they do for the anglers. JL also thanked CS, NN and SASACC for all they did to assist with replacing his passport, leaving him only three days behind the rest of the team. Brilliant experience, and so different: highly technical fishing, and there is a lot to learn. Team did exceptionally well, including the two new caps, finishing 5<sup>th</sup>, with 2 medals.
- f. 69<sup>th</sup> IBT Tournament Puerto Rico August 2022  
NN reported. Mr Dave Martin, Mr Henry Gouws and Mr Mark Cockcroft. Didn't place, with slow fishing, but all enjoyed the tournament.
- g. FIPS-M Big Game Championship Italy September 2022  
CJ reported. Thanks selectors and SAADSAA for contribution and giving the team the opportunity to take part. Great experience as captain. Team was very positive, and confident about the tuna. Fishing not great, but new friends were made. Some skippers a little inexperienced. Interpreter was a great help. Ended 8<sup>th</sup> due to technicalities, and the unfortunate ending.

#### 2023 International Tournaments

- 1. IGFA International Light Tackle Tournament Miami March 2023  
Team has been selected
- 2. 82<sup>nd</sup> ILTTA Panama June 2023  
Insufficient qualified nominations received, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> recall will go out, with the selection after the Light Tackle Nationals
- 3. Cuba Billfish Tournament in June 2023
- 4. EFSA Species Championship to be held in Weymouth, England in July 2023
- 5. IGFA Tuna International in Italy in July 2023
- 6. IBT San Juan, Puerto Rico Tournament in August 2023
- 7. EFSA Boat and Line Class Tournament in Ireland in September 2023

#### 6.4.1. Inclusion of an in-shore line tackle class

We would like to resurrect the 4kg bottom- and gamefish tournaments, as a new combined facet. We have a number of SADSAA anglers that belong to LTB as well, who have requested the off shore option. Looking at rolling out in 2023 with the Council's blessing, as an Interprovincial at Kleinbaai or Struisbaai, if W Province are happy to host, and it will be the IGFA rules with SADSAA scoring system

CS stated SADSAA would like to accommodate the anglers that may be affected if SALTBA are restricted. We would be offering a highly technical competition. It will be a 6<sup>th</sup> facet falling under SADSAA. Will probably be an own-boat tournament.

No questions received from Council. NN said there is a need for this, and we need to adapt and accommodate these anglers. Council agreed that SADSAA could go ahead with this.

#### 6.4.2. Inclusion and Combining of an International with our local Nationals

Has been previously discussed at Council. NN has approach CJ at W Province, and we will be inviting Internationals teams to the 2023 Tuna Nationals, and are planning the same for the gamefish Nationals and the Billfish Nationals. NN busy with the Tuna Nationals program to send it out. With reduce costs for our anglers.

NN also suggested that we introduce an Eaton cap for SADSAA anglers in the same way that the Proteas are now using.

CS explained that SASACC are planning to have a ceremony for every angler that has ever received their Springbok or Protea colours. They will be issuing caps with a number on it which will be the number in which they came in. i.e. the first Springbok angler from any facet will be number 1, which you will keep for life.

VB reminded the Chairmen that several emails were sent out as we went out combing the various records list we had of our anglers, in order to try and get them as accurate as possible. The final combined list has been submitted to SASACC, and cannot be changed now. It is inevitable that when the invitations and numbers come out, that there will be queries as to possible omissions and inaccuracies. Unfortunately, the number system cannot be redone, and anyone who was not on the combined list can be added, but will have a more recent number

There were no additional questions for NN.

#### 6.4.3. Tournament Tender Voting Rights

WG on behalf of E Province suggested that in order to get more Provinces to commit to attending Tournaments, but also to get a fair playing field that are prepared to host the Nationals, that only the Provinces who had a competing team in the previous year's tournament be allowed to vote on the current tournament tenders.

MB stated that we would need to amend the Constitution, and reduce current voting rights, which would be ill-advised. After a brief discussion, Council voted against this proposal.

#### 6.4.4. Standardising Price per Team for Nationals and Interprovincials

DM on behalf of Natal suggested that to reduce amount of time involved in preparing tournament tenders, that in the same way the BIB course costs were averaged, SADSAA establish a standard entry cost, and Provinces just nominate to host, in order for Council to vote.

CS verified that Natal is suggesting SADSAA establish various standard entry fees for, say 3 man Interprovincial teams, and then the Provinces let us know what they would offer for that entry fee? DM clarified that SADSAA would need to state what must be included in that entry fee.

EF confirmed that the Tender document was drawn up to ensure that all tenders are based on the same basics, and that it would be difficult for SADSAA to determine what costs are for a Cape Town tournament as opposed to Sodwana.

After discussion, including the option of a rotational system, it was agreed to leave the process as it is, with the Provinces working out their costs based on what they are prepared to offer service and food-wise, so that SADSAA does not become too prescriptive. Natal is requested to come back with a more detailed formal proposal to present at the next Council meeting.

#### 6.4.5. Selectors Costs for National Tournaments

DM suggested that since there is no final decision as to whether two or three selectors are required at a Nationals, that SADSAA should cover Selectors costs to avoid having uncertainty in the tender process. CS confirmed that Council has previously agreed that should a third selector be required at a Nationals due to the number of teams entered, that SADSAA would cover the third Selectors costs. Provinces must allow for two selectors.

WG suggested averaging the costs of the Selectors and deducting the costs from the sponsorships. This would mean that SADSAA would only pay the net Sponsorship over at the end of the year, which would pose problems for smaller hosting Clubs, and final sponsorship amount remains uncertain.

Final Council decision after discussion was to leave the current process in place.

#### 6.4.6. Quantity of Tournaments per Year

DM stated there has been a decline in the number of teams participating in Nationals and Interprovincials.

Number of Junior tournaments has doubled, as now fishing Bottomfish and gamefish every year instead of alternate.

CS confirmed SADSAA have limited the number of sponsorships to one Nationals and one Interprovincial per facet, plus Juniors and All Inland/All Coastal. However, sanctioning additional Interprovincials to take places makes it easier logistically for anglers to attend tournaments. So the tournament may be smaller, but gives anglers more opportunity.

#### 6.4.7. Junior Categories in transition from U19 and U21 to seniors

DM feels that U19 category under pressure as children writing matric, and should be removed, leaving only U16 and U21.

Mrs Mariette Hendriks (MH) feels that smaller Provinces would be disadvantaged when fielding mixed teams containing, say a 13 year old with a twenty year old. It is difficult enough having the thirteen year old with a school going eighteen year old.

NC also concerned that a talented angler making the U21 team seventeen may well then make it for several years, limiting the chances for other anglers to get their colours.

It was confirmed that Internationally, U21 is the age limit.

JW requested there be written clarity on age categories if an angler's birthday falls during a tournament. CS confirmed that this was clarified in the Resolution Register under Selection Matters: if the angler's birthday falls during the tournament, he may not fish in the lower age division. VB later read the Resolution out.

Combining the U16 and U19 would result in the benefits of a team manager and bigger boats etc currently in place to encourage younger anglers to fall away.

Council agreed to continue with the three Junior age categories for the moment.

#### 6.4.8. U16 Safety at Tournaments

DM noted that parents had concerns about the younger children, especially in open launch sites, regarding safety when wearing adult life jackets, and procedures should the skipper be knocked off the boat (for example).  
Natal have decided that their own U16 teams must be accompanied by a manager with a registered skippers licence on the boat, and that the participating juniors must bring their own life jackets.  
CS agreed completely with the suggestions, and asked DM to formulate the proposal into a format appropriate for the Resolution Register for inclusion as soon as possible. To ensure allowance for should there be any U16 on board, even in a mixed team, there may be a second registered skipper on board. Also to be added to the Tournament Rules.  
There were no objections from the Council.

#### 6.4.9. Tournament Opening & Closing speeches

DM asked that this item be removed from the Agenda.

#### 6.4.10. Point Scoring System per Natal's distributed proposal

JL summarised the proposal, as well as the reasoning behind it. This system is more in line with EFSA scoring, and is fairer for the anglers. Also promotes catch & release. Proposed testing it in a competition, and JL offered to make himself available to explain it to the anglers, and to test the system.  
JW suggested running new system alongside the old, until such time as kinks are ironed out. JL stated system would be localised to Provinces, depending on the specific line class and species.  
As it is in line with international standards, Council agreed that it should be implemented at an Interprovincial first, and if that works well, roll it out.  
CS thanked JL and FB for all the effort put into formalise the new system document.

#### 6.4.11. Voting on 2023 Tournament Tenders

NN thanked Michelle Bell for receiving and compiling the tender summary spreadsheet. NN summarised each Tender for voting purposes.

Junior Bottomfish Nationals	One tender received from Natal (DSBC). No objections
Junior Gamefish Interprovincial	Tenders from Natal (Umhlanga) & Zululand (RBSBC) Council voted to award the tender to Natal
Junior Bottomfish Nationals	One tender received from Natal (DSBC). No objections
Junior Gamefish Nationals	One tender received from Natal (Shelley Beach). No objections
All Coastal Interprovincial	One tender received from Zululand (RBSBC) No objections
All Inland Interprovincial	One tender received from Mpumalanga No objections
Bottomfish Interprovincial	Tenders received from W Province (CBSBC) and Natal (withdrew) No objections to W Province
Gamefish Interprovincial	Tender received from Natal (Pennington) No objections
HT Billfish Interprovincial	Tender received from Zululand (RBSBC) No objections received
LT Billfish Interprovincial	Tenders received from N Gauteng (Sodwana) and Zululand (St Lucia) Council voted to award the tender to N Gauteng
Tuna Interprovincial	Tenders received from W Province (CBSBC) and Natal (Shelly Beach) Council voted to award tender to W Province
Bottomfish Nationals	Tenders received from E Province (Diaz), Natal (withdrew) and S Cape (Knysna) Council voted to award tender to E Province
Gamefish Nationals	Tenders received from Zululand (Mapelane) and Natal (withdrew) No objections received
Tuna Nationals	Tender received from W Province (ABC) No objections
Billfish Nationals	LT tender received from N Gauteng (Sodwana) and combined LT & HT tender from Mpumalanga (Sodwana) Council voted to award tender to Mpumalanga

### 6.5. NATIONAL SAFETY OFFICER

The NSO, Mr Carl Krause (CK)'s report was circulated.

CK and JdJ have been extremely busy with the BIB course. Have done 72 candidates with 116 to go (excludes course Jannie busy with now). Have made a profit to date, but as numbers reduce, this will even out. Plan on completing all courses by July. New Surveyors cards will be ready then, and surveyors that have not yet completed the course will not get a new appointment card. Have had three surveyors resign, and three surveyors that failed the course, and must redo it.

Have not had as many COCs this year compared to last year. Are currently ahead on CoF book sales at the same time last year.

SAMSA currently employing and training Gatekeepers to be situated at slipways, starting in the Eastern Cape. Using freshwater clubs as examples. If Clubs are running a slipway, they are as guilty as boat owners that does not have safety equipment.

NC stated that with the resignation of Surveyors refusing to do the BIB course, and asked if SADSAA Safety could put some training in place to overcome the shortage this will leave. CK suggested the Provinces start identifying suitable, committed candidates, and making applications to SADSAA for this training.

CS confirmed SAMSAs have now opened the door to replacing Surveyor where required due to shortages. CS thanked CK, JdJ and RH for the enormous amount of work they have put in, especially with the BIB courses.

KC asked if SADSAA would sponsor the Provincial Safety Officers with a shirt. CS confirmed SADSAA would sponsor 50% if the Province pays the other 50% (R265 each). All Provinces agreed. SADSAA badge on one side, Provincial badge on the other.

JL thanked CK and JdJ for the excellent BIB course he attended, as well as the BIB software.

CS asked the Council to please read the balance of CK's report.

#### **6.6. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mr Mark Beyl (MB)'s report was circulated and taken as read.

The initial application for the reconnaissance permit by Shell granted in 2014, was renewed an updated application, which was taken to court successfully. There is currently an application to appeal, so the matter is not finalised, and it will probably be a long road (2 or 3 years) with the money Shell has behind them. Was based on legal procedure points, rather than for conservation reasons. Anglers do need to look after our resources, but must be based on legal principles and not emotion. We need to look at scientific research, which is why SADSAA should work with IGFA and our local scientists.

There were no questions for MB from the Council.

CS thanked MB.

#### **6.7. SELECTION CONVENOR**

Mr Barry Turk (BT) confirmed a four-man team was selected at the National Selectors meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 for the 2023 IFGA Light Tackle Tournament.

BT had a request from his selectors that the angler reports should be sent to the Selectors Convenor only and not to the Tournaments Officer as well, as is the current procedure. Convenor would forward on to the rest of the selectors at his discretion. CS asked why the request had been made. BT said that it is only in the last few years that the Tournament Officer has been copied in. The Tournaments Officer needs to receive the Tournament Report back to know going forward if the tournament is worth supporting.

MB said that in order to checks and balances must be put in place to ensure that Convenor of Selectors should undertake pertinent information to send on to Tournaments Officer and/or the President

Council agreed that the angler reports should be split, and Anglers Reports be sent to Convenor of Selectors and Tournament Report to Tournament Officer.

CS reminded Council that we are required to send Minutes of the Selection meetings to SASACC, and in turn to SASCOC as a part of our Colour Applications. CS suggested we have an independent party, who has no interest in getting selected, such as the SADSAA Secretary, to sit in on the meetings to take proper minutes that can be forwarded on. Currently we are using a generic set of minutes. These minutes will still remain confidential, and will not be distributed, but there will be record. There were no questions nor objections to this by Council, and this will go ahead from the next Selection meeting.

There were no further questions for BT.

CS thanked BT and the selectors for the time and effort they put into selecting the National teams. Other than the current ILTTA team, we have been able to select all our teams timeously. CS asked BT to pass on our thanks to the other selectors.

#### **6.8. NATIONAL RECORDS OFFICER**

Peet Koekemoer's (PK) report was circulated, and taken as read.

We are now working according to IGFA rules for our records. From this, we have five new SADSAA records, 9 All Africa records and 2 IGFA World Records.

PK encouraged Chairmen to encourage their anglers to apply for records. Communication between the angler, the Club Records Officer, Provincial Records Officer and PK needs to improve, and the SADSAA Communication channels followed.

Whattapp Group will be started for Provincial Records Officers.

We are going to put approved records onto Facebook as well.

We need to start educating the anglers as to what is required to apply for a record: documentation, photos, measurements etc, including for Catch & Release. Need to start with Provincial Records Officers, who can train Club Records Officers and then the anglers.

WG showed a sample of the measurement mats. Council asked for the mat to be 2m in length. CS thanked WG for organising that.

JL queried as to whether there a specific set of rules when it comes to measurement of fish etc. PL confirmed that they have been emailed out twice in the last year to Provinces. They are available anytime from PK, and are also in line with IGFA Rules.

CS confirmed that application fees for records are to be paid directly to SADSAA, and there payments will reflect on the Provincial account.



CS has been speaking to IGFA regarding the All Africa records, and they are also comfortable with SADSAA being custodian of the records, and using their brand. We will be looking into how we develop that website so that anyone in Africa can make an application.

There were no further questions for PK and CS thanked him.

#### **6.9. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER**

A highlights reel of the All Stars was played  
Mr Justin Paynter (JP)'s report was circulated and taken as read.

JP reported back on the great success of the All Stars Tournament, and thanked SADSAA and SASACC for their sponsorship. We will be looking at including more of the family members, as they are just as much in need of this. JP encouraged everyone to get involved if they would like to. JP thanked AvdB and NC for all the efforts.

JP suggested adding a tick box to Indemnity Form to allow us to use their images on Social Media, both Facebook and Instagram to ensure we are covered in terms of the POPIA.

JP encouraged Chairmen and anglers to send through photos and information to be used on Facebook to give every tournament and team exposure.

JP submitted a budget including GoPros so that SADSAA can continue to post everything possible, and discussed his proposal for increasing awareness.

JP noted that Chairmen should allow for data costs of R400-500 for a live-stream, if there is no wifi, as well as GoPro app costs R900 to download.

CS thanked JP for his competence and energy in dealing with the other portfolio holders, anglers and tournament officers. Council approved unanimously that JP move ahead with the items as per his budget.

JP hoping to have either himself or the Provincial PRO live stream every capping ceremony. Planning to collate all the footage we receive from International, National and Interprovincial tournament into a highlight reel to play at the Awards Ceremony, should it go ahead.

CS asked the Provinces to respect that all tournament footage be run through JP to follow the Communication Policy.

#### **6.10. DEVELOPMENT & TRANSFORMATION OFFICERS REPORT**

Mr Neil Coetzer (NC)'s report was circulated and taken as read.

NC congratulated Natal for starting leagues, etc and for the Provinces doing Development.

NC thanked JP and AvdB again for the effort they put into the All Stars, which was the highlight of the year from a Development perspective.

NC would like the Finance Committee to explore the idea of involving a finance house to assist anglers in financing the overseas tournaments at a favourable rate. CS asked JW to look into that, with feedback for the next meeting.

There were no questions from Council for NC.

#### **6.11. NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Vikki Bezuidenhout (VB)'s report was circulated and taken as read.

VB reiterated CS's earlier comments about the need to get the Protea clothing up to scratch. The same applies to those anglers receiving their SADSAA colours. The step outs cannot be worn in part.

VB thanked Michelle, as a large amount of the responsibility created by the formalisation of documents and procedures falls onto her shoulders. We are grateful for all that she does.

We need to focus on the communication channels. As soon as there is a deviation, we are finding problems arising. Going forward, no inventory will be issued unless the request comes via the Provincial structure, and the payment is in the bank. So no last minutes request to save courier fees etc will be entertained. All invoicing will go through the Province, in order to ensure proper records keeping

There were no questions from Council for VB.

### **7. CORRESPONDANCE**

Nothing new that has not already been distributed.

### **8. GENERAL**

8.1 Make-up of Selection Committee.

WG on behalf of EP proposed that:

- a. Minimum of two dedicated selectors per facet, so currently a minimum of 10.
- b. Minimum of one selector per Province, in order to have proper feedback to develop their anglers

The pro's and con's of each were discussed. The Selectors present felt that having more people would only make selection more difficult. Provincial Chairmen are always welcome to query what the anglers need to do in order to make the teams.

On both proposals, Council voted to keep the current structures in place.  
CS thanked EP for their input.

**8.2 Legal and Compliance Officer proposal.**

The proposed change to the Constitution was circulated, but not in time to be voted on at this meeting, and CS read this out. CS requested Chairmen to take the proposal back to their Councils for a Mandate. We will vote on this, together with changes previously discussed, and an SGM to be held by Zoom or Teams early in 2023.

**8.3. SADSAA angler/affiliation data base and capture data base for anglers.**

CJ would like to develop an on-line database for SADSAA anglers. This has been previously proposed, and CJ would like to drive the project, and starting off with a basic version, to be built on in stages as it proves itself. Angling records, contact details for information distribution, scoring systems etc.

CS confirmed that this had received Council approval several years back, and as there were no objections from the current Council, we can go ahead with this. We would be looking at about R5 000 per month due to the volume of information, and we will need to ensure that the security is tight, to protect us.

CS suggested that CJ also consult with PK, as this is his profession.

CS also confirmed that as mentioned earlier, there have been rumours of selections being spoken about before the anglers have been notified by the President, and we have asked MB to draw up a Non-Disclosure document for Selectors and Council members to sign, and we would need the developers of the database to sign something similar.

CS wished CJ luck, and offered any assistance from Council needed.

JP suggested looking into the systems that schools are already using, that can be adapted to our needs.

**8.4. CK asked VB when the Safety Organisational Structure was to be voted on. VB checked the previous minutes, and confirmed it had been approved by Council, and CK and JdJ were requested to write it up in a format suitable for inclusion in the Resolution Register – this has still not been done.**

CS asked the Council if there were any additional items for discussion

JL requested the number of fishing days at Nationals and Junior Nationals be added to the Agenda for the next Council meeting.

Marius Alberts (MA) asked there is a presentation or similar that SADSAA can share with the members at Cub level to change the negative perception to a positive opinion. We need the Provincial Development Officers and PROs to do their jobs as well, as we very rarely speak directly to the Club members. The young and energetic PRO is doing an excellent job of presenting the Association on Facebook. Our Development Officer is very enthusiastic, and willing to come through to the Clubs to assist with development, but the request needs to come from the Clubs and Provinces. We are always open to any proposal. MA suggested a 5 minute presentation on who SADSAA is, and what SADSAA has done for the year. JP will look into this. JP always to ensure everyone knows competitive angling is for everyone, not just a select few, and the more people that get involved, the more competitive we will be.

PK asked that the Chairmen collect their Province's record certificates as soon as CS has signed them.

**9. DATE TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.**

The next Council Meeting date was set as 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023. CS reminded Council members to ensure they make travel arrangements that allow them to attend the full Council Meeting, and not have to leave early.

**10. CLOSING.**

There being no further business to discuss, the President, Mr Chris Schorn, thanked the Council for all they do, closed the meeting at 15h55.