



MINUTES OF THE QACCS NATIONAL CAPTAIN'S MEETING HELD ONLINE ON 9 OCTOBER 2023

1. **Welcome:**

Piet van Wyk (National President) welcomes all to the meeting and thanks everyone who attended the meeting.

2. **Attendance:**

The attendance was recorded as follows:

Present:

Piet van Wyk (PVW)	National President
Bryan Wilson (BW)	Junior Vice President/Southern Cape
Bernhard Lindner (BL)	Current Past President/Border
Nico Maas (NM)	Past President and Honorary Life Member
Meredith Jordan (MJ)	Past President
Ralph Rex (RR)	Past President
Shaun Du Preez (SDP)	Free State
Anton Swanepoel (AS)	Gauteng
Eduard Bisschoff (EB)	KZN
Darryl Garner (DG)	PE
Theron Kemp (TK)	Northern Free State

Apologies:

Kerry Bonnage (KB)	Vice President
Karl Rabie (KR)	Treasurer and Honorary Life member

3. **Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting:**

3.1 The minutes of the previous meeting held online on 29 November 2022 was approved by the meeting.

4. **Matters arising from the previous minutes not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:**

4.1 Obituaries:

Ben Cloete and Jan Kotze from Northern Free State passed away.
Chris Magson from Free State also passed away.

5. **Report back from regions:**

5.1 Southern Cape

BW reported that they are going strong. They had their first captain's cup which was a success even through adverse weather. They are supporting a few charities and supported a girl that was burnt. Membership stands at 85.

5.2 Northern Free State

TK reported that it is going well with NFS. Attendance at the outings is at 40 plus players. They had a charity day which raised R 43 000 for charity. Started a QACCS wives club which are meeting quarterly to get the wives involved as well. TK reported that their trophy cupboard is bursting as they won both trophies at the new inland tournament against Free State and Gauteng.

Membership stands at 72.

5.3 Port Elizabeth

DG reported on Whatsapp that they have a 91% member playing rate.
Membership stands at 47.

5.4 KZN

EB reported that they have a 65% attendance rate. Some of their usual playing courses were unavailable due to renovations. The region is doing well.

Membership stands at 53.

5.5 Free State

SDP reported that their attendance is around 60% with around 40 plus players at their outings. They have 9 local sponsors. He noted the new inland triangular tournament which Gauteng has joined. It is going well with them. They are aiming to get their membership up to 80 again. There are 5 possible new members.

Membership stands at 60.

5.6 Gauteng

AS reported that they feel that they have turned the tide and things are looking up. Things are going well at Gauteng. Reported on the triangular tournament that was well organised by SDP and his team. They will be hosting the triangular in 2024.

Membership stands at 58.

5.7 Border

BL reported that they are very strong at the moment. They have 91% attendance at the outings with an average of 72 players. They had 82 players at their open day. They have donated R 87 000 to charity in the year.

Membership stands at 79.

5.8 Summary

PVW confirmed that overall QACCS has grown with a couple of members. Most regions increased their number with only KZN and FS having dropped.

PVW noted that it was amazing that QACCS is still growing and operating considering the pressures on the construction industry and the economic situation the country is facing.

PVW commended all the captains and the regional committees for carrying on the good work.

6. Report back from National Committee:

PVW reported that the National Committee has met twice already since the Nationals tournament. Discussions were held around what the future is for QACCS.

The aim is to make QACCS a truly national organisation which gives each member national exposure through the national structure to be competitive nationally. To strengthen QACCS nationals to give greater support to the regional bodies.

The national committee have identified 5 keys areas which they will use to strengthen QACCS nationally as follows:

Marketing	Articles and newflashes in major construction related publications. Portfolio to be handled by PVW. This will then tie into the website.
Website	Generate interest and usage through the website. Website will be managed by BL. If enough interest is generated through the website, it will then tie in with the possibility of generating more sponsorships.
Sponsorship	Through the website then generate good sponsorships that we can tie up for at least the next five years. Portfolio will be handled by KB.
The above three area will work together to form the strong national organisation we are aiming for.	
Members Support	Space where we can support our members and market their services and on-board new regions. Portfolio will be handled by BW.
Nationals Tournament	More support to regions hosting the Nationals tournament as they are hosting on behalf of the National body. Set up a guide which will be issued to the hosting region. This will be handled by BW as they are busy organising Nationals for 2024.

PVW noted that we can only achieve this through the buy-in and support from every region and every member. We need every member to participate and use the website as this is our link to everyone else. Every current member of QACCS needs to use the link set up by BW (that will be forwarded to all the captains) or go onto the website and enter as a new member again for the details to be updated. All members who entered will be eligible for a lucky draw to win either a free fourball in your region or a fee entry to the Nationals tournament in 2024.

PVW reiterated that potential sponsors look at the website and the members listed on the website to see what QACCS can offer them and what marketing opportunities are available for them.

BW said that the QR code image will be sent to everyone to keep with them. This can be issued to potential members to scan, which will take them straight to the website to register as a new member. PVW requested that each captain ensures that a fourball sponsorship is available in their respective regions for the lucky draw.

PVW requested that all the captains push their members to register as soon as possible.

PVW reiterated that it is important to tie up the sponsors at national level. Sponsors require tax certificates etc. Looking at two tiers of national sponsors. First tier which is Safintra currently and then a second tier of national sponsors. The national body needs to generate funds to use for the work that is necessary to grow QACCS nationally. Membership fees does not generate enough funds to do the

work that is necessary. It is important to have a face-to-face captain's meeting at least once a year outside of the AGM at the Nationals tournament, and for that we need funds as well.

There is a possibility of two new regions that may come on board namely Mpumalanga and possibly North West. These discussions with the relevant persons are ongoing.

7. Website:

BL reported that the website is running smoothly and is up to date. The membership form has been updated.

Website is available for booking t-times for the outings as used by Border.

A demand was received from Adams & Adams Attorneys for payment of R 70 000 for copyright infringement of pictures belonging to Agance France-Presse which were posted on the website by the original developers of the website. These pictures were immediately removed. A replying letter was issued to Adams & Adams and no further correspondence was received from them. This may have been an attempted scam.

PVW thanked BL for all the hours he is spending on the website and his dedication towards the website.

8. Growth of QACCS:

PVW noted that all the captains and the national committee is on the same page with the growth of QACCS.

BW requested that the captains talk to each other and share ideas on an ongoing basis.

9. National Constitution:

A change shall be suggested to the National Constitution that new regions shall be on-boarded through the National Committee.

This change shall be communicated for comment to all the captains and if in order presented for adoption at the next AGM.

10. Nationals 2024:

BW updated the meeting on the progress with Nationals 2024. All the venues around the Wilderness Hotel are exciting to host all the players. Shuttles are being organised between the courses and the hotel. Large focus on getting early t-times and getting everyone back to the hotel as soon as possible after the games. There will be between 220 to 240 spots available for the tournament depending on sponsor players. George is a walking course and Kingswood is a cart course.

The entry fee currently is estimated at R 4000 per person sharing. BL enquired on when this will be finalised. BW said that it will be finalised within the next couple of days.

BW requested the estimated number of players from the regions. RR said that the number of spots per region are first allocated relative to the number of members of each region. If these are not filled, then the allocations will be offered to the other regions. MJ noted that the allocations were made originally due to limited spots available on previous tournaments. PVW noted that there have not been more than 180 players in the last 6 years. If we reach 240 it will be amazing. MJ stated that it must be a nationals tournament entry criteria that you are registered on the QACCS website. This was agreed on by all.

DG requested that the registration process be standardised to avoid confusion. BW said that this will be included in the Nationals tournament guide.

11. National sponsor:

KB was out of the country and the report on the sponsors will be issued at the next captain's meeting.

12. General:

12.1 Captain's meetings:

PVW said that it is important that at least one of the captain's meetings in the year be a face-to-face meeting. A date needs to be agreed for the next captain's meeting which should be before the next Nationals.

MJ noted that the captain's meeting was always hosted at the region hosting Nationals to get the captains excited about the venues and the tournament. The meeting agreed that this is a good idea.

BL suggested that the meeting be held in March. RR noted that the captain's meeting was usually held at the region and golf played with the region as well. MJ suggested that the meeting be planned around the SC outing in March with accommodation at the actual hotel for Nationals. This was agreed by all.

PVW raised concerns regarding the funding of the meeting. BL confirmed that the region pays for half and Nationals pay for half of the costs. This was agreed to and will be discussed with the treasurer.

BW will confirm the proposed date, and all will be communicated to the captains once finalised.

13. Meeting close:

PVW in closing made the following comments:

We can communicate a lot more and exchange ideas and solutions.

We need to move out of our silos and network amongst the regions.

We are hopefully at a turning point in South Africa and believe that QACCS can provide the platform for networking and communication.

Members are to be encouraged to use the website more.

PVW thanked everyone for attending and for their input.

The meeting was adjourned at 18h20.