



MINUTES OF THE QACCS NATIONAL CAPTAIN'S MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2024 IN GEORGE

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
Kerry Bonnage (KB)	Vice President
Bryan Wilson (BW)	Junior Vice President/Southern Cape
Bernhard Lindner (BL)	Current Past President
Van Zyl Brink (VZB)	Free State
Anton Swanepoel (AS)	Gauteng
Shaun Pearman (SP)	KZN
Darryl Garner (DG)	PE
Theron Kemp (TK)	Northern Free State
Jacques Theron (JT)	Southern Cape
Rob Gillard (RB)	Border

Apologies:

Karl Rabie (KR)	Treasurer and Honorary Life member
Nico Maas (NM)	Past President and Honorary Life Member
Meredith Jordan (MJ)	Past President
Ralph Rex (RR)	Past President
Wynand Du Plessis	Past President
Garth Haywood	Past President

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

- 3.1 The minutes of the previous meeting held online on 9 October 2023 was approved by the meeting.

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

4.1 **Obituaries:**

Doug Stevenson of KZN passed away.

5. **Report back from regions:**

5.1 **Southern Cape**

Attendance at 60 players per outing They have a few new members especially young members who joined. They have an annual QACCS versus Nomads game. They supported PDSA with an inverter system.

Membership stands at 85.

5.2 **Northern Free State**

Attendance at the outings is at 44 plus players. They donated R 36 000,00 to various charities.

Started a QACCS wives club which are meeting quarterly to get the wives involved as well. A couple of young guys have joined them.

Membership stands at 73.

5.3 **Port Elizabeth**

Attendance at outings is at an average of 44 players. They have a 64% conversion rate per visitor.

They supported a member's son to attend Q-school.

Membership stands at 54.

5.4 **KZN**

Some of their usual playing courses were unavailable due to the floods. They have some young guys joining their membership. Attendance is an issue at the outings with attendance between 35 to 40 at outings. They have a lot of last-minute withdrawals.
Membership stands at 60.

5.5 Free State

The attendance is around 60-65% players at their outings. They have some issues with local sponsors. They have some new younger members coming in. They are busy with planning for Nationals in 2025 with the courses booked and confirmed for 7 to 9 May.
Membership stands at 67.

5.6 Gauteng

The attendance at the outings is around 40 to 44 players. They are busy organising the second triangular between Gauteng, Free State and Northern Free State. They also have some younger members joining the club. They are donating to Hospice every year. This is the only donation Hospice received in the last two years.
Membership stands at 54.

5.7 Border

They have an average of 77 players at their outings. They have donated R 200 000 to charity in the year. They also had a request for a QACCS versus Nomads game. They have their outings on Thursdays. They need some younger members. Looking at having a Border versus PE game as well.
Membership stands at 88.

5.8 Summary

PVW confirmed that overall QACCS has grown with 20 members in the short period since the last captains meeting. Most regions increased their numbers.
PVW commended all the captains and the regional committees for carrying on the good work.

6. Report back from National Committee:

6.1 The state of QACCS:

PVW thanked all the captains for making the effort to join the meeting in person. It is important that the captains meeting be held face to face at least once a year and preferably at the venue of the Nationals tournament in order for the captains to see and promote the National tournament with their respective membership.

PVW reported that the National Committee was committed to ensuring that a national footprint and exposure is provided to all members through the National structure. To ensure that there is collaboration between all regions and members through the National committee and the related infrastructure. QACCS Nationals must provide the platform for networking for all the members in all the regions.

A discussion was held regarding the proposed National sub-committees. The following points were raised:

KB noted that there is an overlap in the portfolios.

DG said that there seems to be a disconnect between the captains and the National committee.

BW said that he agrees with the formation of the sub-committees.

PVW informed the meeting that 5 areas were originally proposed.

VZB requested clarity on the areas and how these will be implemented.

AS noted that there is a narrative of the National committee being “up there” and the rest “down here”.

The regions organise the National tournament and the National committee takes the credit. He agreed that the sub-committees is a good idea. Questions have to be asked about the vision of QACCS.

PVW stated that the vision of QACCS is to be a networking platform for the construction industry nationwide.

AS proposed that three sub-committees should be formed namely Marketing, Constitutional and Nationals.

BL noted that the simpler sub-committees are the better it would be.

BL proposed the following sub-committees:

Sponsorship, Marketing, Constitutional and Nationals.

The proposal was seconded by RG and there were no objections. The motion was approved by all parties present.

The structure in general was discussed and agreed as follows:

Sponsorship – To obtain national sponsors for QACCS

Marketing – Marketing of QACCS including the website and social media.

Constitutional – History of QACCS, Constitutional issues, Financial, Administration and membership issues.

National Tournament – Tournament matters, tournament “playbook”, support for the region hosting the tournament.

The national committee shall set up the implementation of the agreed sub-committee structures as soon as possible.

6.2 **Sponsorship:**

KB reported that he and BW is in contact to finalise the national sponsorships.

Safintra has been confirmed as the national sponsor for an amount of R 200 000,00.

Safal Steel is also a possible sponsor and is being pursued.

It is important that the national sponsors be signed up for at least three years in order to support the hosting region.

6.3 **Website:**

BL congratulated all the captains for the effort in getting the required information to him for inclusion on the website.

He reported that the MBA complimented him on the well-run website. 217 membership applications were loaded in the last couple of months. New applications are being done through the website.

BL thanked Nico Maas and Tommy Du Plessis for their assistance in recovering the information on the past presidents that was lost. He reiterated that there is still some information missing.

PVW requested that all the captains push that membership applications be done through the website and that all members information is captured on the website.

RG commented that the booking system on the website is not interactive. This is something that needs to be investigated.

7. **National Constitution:**

No amendments were proposed to the National Constitution.

8. **Nationals 2024:**

BW reported that the Nationals organisation is going well. The following items were discussed regarding the Nationals.

All regions shall pay 50% of the entry fees to Southern Cape by the end of March. The remainder shall be paid by the end of April.

All regions shall issue the registration sheets to SC by 1 April.

All the functions and prize giving will be at the Wilderness Hotel.

There will not be any shuttle services between the hotel and the courses. BW will provide the captains with the numbers for local shuttle services.

National committee to ensure that the tournament rules are on the website.

BW confirmed that they will not use Score Capture for this event. This needs to be investigated for future tournaments and regional outings.

All captains were reminded that medical certificates are not required for players wishing to use a cart on the non-cart courses. It is the duty of each captain to ensure that their players requesting carts are in fact eligible for a cart due to medical reasons or other valid physical reasons. The Nationals tournament is in essence a walking tournament.

A discussion was held regarding the prizes for the tournament and the following was proposed and unanimously accepted by all parties present at the meeting:

Due to the fact that the National Tournament is an amateur event mainly centred around regional teams and that there are always issues with the prizes that were issued to winners in previous tournaments, it was proposed that the winners in each of the categories be awarded with medals only. This will also contribute to the reduction of the budget required to host the tournament.

There are currently floating trophies for the winning Regional Team, the Millworth Trophy, Best Individual Gross, and Best Individual Nett.

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be issued for the following:

Individual Gross

Individual Nett

Fourball alliances

If sponsors want to give out prizes these can be handed out through a lucky draw or any other means that is not dependent on the individual scores and which involves all the players at the tournament.

9. **Future Nationals Sequence:**

The future Nationals sequence is as follows:

2025 FS

2026 KZN
2027 NFS
2028 PE

10. General:

10.1 New Regions:

There are discussions happening with possible regions in Mpumalanga and North West. No further feedback is available.

Establishing a Western Cape region is still a challenge.

10.2 National apparel supplier:

DG proposed that the National Committee identify a national apparel supplier/sponsor from which all regions can order their apparel. This shall be investigated further.

11. Meeting close:

PVW thanked everyone for their valuable input.

He thanked BW and Southern Cape for organising the captains meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.