
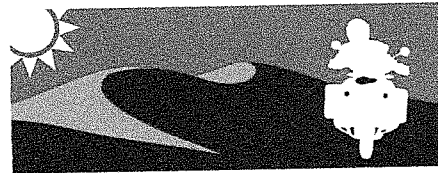


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Windhoek, 10 August 2019

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 2019 AGM

Dear Members,

Welcome to this year's AGM here in Windhoek and to those who have made the effort to attend the meeting. Welcome also to the Pupkewitz BMW dealer principal and his delegation, it is a pleasure having the dealership present at the meeting again and also the dealers support over the last year.

Our BMW Motorrad Club Namibia was established on 15 October 2010 and it is now the 9th annual club meeting something we can all be proud of especially those members who have been part of the club since its inception and continue to be part of this club. A big thanks to our loyal and active members in the club.

Memberships:

There is still a marginal decline in Club membership with no new members who have joined. This is a similar trend with our counterparts in South Africa with who the EXCO is in continuous contact.

2015 – 98 members

2016 – 107 members

2017 – 103 members

2018 – 92 members

2019 – 87 members, 73 paid up

Events:

It seems that the current economic climate is hampering member's participation in leisure events and it is also sensed in our society at large. It looks like everyone is under time pressure and making time available for trips has become difficult to achieve. We have previously asked members to propose or organize club events or trips without much success. Even the Club WhatsApp group is quiet in this regard.

There was one trip organized going to Dordabis as well as the few riders that went for a braai at the Kuiseb River.

We however had members who went elsewhere on personal trips and they have shared their trips and photos on the WhatsApp group, which is great. The likes of Ulrich Thude (Cape Town trip), Fanie Terblanche (Zambezi Region and Botswana), Gideon Brink and friends went to Epupa and recently Tiaan Greyling who again went to Motorrad Days in Garmisch.

A big thanks must go to Robbie and Frikkie who have made an effort to arrange Kalahari trip to Stampriet but due to my limited free time available I could not get the communication out in time.

Peter Hearne has offered spontaneous refresher rider training, like tomorrow. Thank you Peter for your efforts.

BCA Membership:

Our Club continues to be a member of the BCA and I attend these quarterly meetings with BCA via Skype. The AGM I always attend in SA, normally in February. I have established good connections with the SA counterparts and exchange club ideas with them. BMW SA is also feeling the economic down turn by not availing extra monies to the umbrella clubs.

I attended the International BMW meeting in München last October, which was a great experience and exposure to the brand. More about meeting will be given under the general discussions as per the agenda.

Last year it was reported that there is a possibility to have our own rider instructor. The suggestion was extensively discussed with the International Council chairman but unfortunately it was concluded that the idea is not economically viable as it should be self sustainable by have continuous training of riders. With our limited number of bike riders in Namibia in general it will be difficult to sustain this.

EXCO Members:

As you have seen on the meeting circular our Club secretary Stephen Kenny has decided to step down from his position as secretary. Stephen has been on the EXCO from inception and we as the club are very grateful to him for all his contributions from the early days. Stephen a special thanks to you and a big hand of applause. I would also like to announce that this will also be my last year as chairman and the EXCO. We are also appealing to our members for younger members to become involved with the EXCO to bring in new ideas and impulses.

Activities:

Apart from the economic climate we are facing we are again appealing to the members to come forward and assist in organising events and activities, it is a members club.

The EXCO had earlier in the year organized an event planning session. Apart from those few members who had excused themselves only 1 member and the EXCO were present, which is very disappointing. We will discuss this matter as a separate topic later during the meeting.

FB:

The Club Facebook page remains active with about 344 friends.

Website:

Divan is continuing to look after our website and we will keep it as a so-called Club portal for information access such as membership forms for new prospective members.

The BCA is offering all affiliated clubs for a free one-stop shop type web based club site where all the club's admin can be undertaken however the payment system is an issue with Namibia. I can elaborate on this matter later.

Finance:

Financially the Club remains in a healthy state. Thank you to Janine as the Club's treasurer for looking after our finances so diligently, your efforts and work are much appreciated. The financials are presented separately.

Merchandize:

The Club is still offering a variety of branded merchandize.

Club MX shirts are still available if any member is interested as well as leisure shirts.

The Club has also acquired small flags that can be used for event trips or wherever members want to promote the Club. If anyone is interested in borrowing these flags please get in touch with the EXCO.

OWC:

Our Club remains affiliated to the OWC.

Club Cards:

Due to time constraints new club cards were not printed.

BMW Dealership:

Our relationship with the Pupkewitz BMW Group remains strong. Thank you Armand and your team for being present today and always helping our members. We appreciate it.

Conclusion:

Finally, a special thanks must go to my fellow EXCO members for their work over the last year.

Lastly, thank you to all the members who made the effort during these trying times to attend the AGM.

Please travel safely home. Thank you.

Your Chairman - Richard Laborn