



SASAE KZN Branch meeting

Date: 28 August 2013
Time: 10H00
Venue: SASRI Loading Zone

1.0 Present

2.0 B. Bhengu
Kuben L. Moodley
T.T. Madonsela
N.L. Ntshangase
B.H. Zondo
K.G. Mathe
T. Ndlovu

2.0 Apologies

Simphiwe Mngomezulu, Thulani Masondo, Ms Mkhize from Mangosuthu as she was not invited and Mr Poku

Absent: Prince Danquah, Mr Khoza and Mr Ngubane

3.0 Welcoming

Ms Bhengu opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

4.0 Matters arising from the meeting

Ms Bhengu informed the members that Mr Stevens has requested for headshot photos of our KZN branch members for the website. All members to forward their photos to Mr Stevens.

4.1 Financials

The resignation letters have been drafted by Ms Bhengu. Clarification need to be obtained regarding the second signatory. It was suggested that the letters should be sent to them so that they can sign and return them. Ms Bhengu has enquired with the Bank (Kalida) regarding the process to be followed to appoint new signatories. She is still waiting response. Ms Bhengu to discuss the account and balances with Steve.

4.2 Provincial Extension Workshop (New Approach to Extension and Advisory)

Friday, 30 August 2013 is the Provincial Extension Workshop host by Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs. This workshop will be held at Coastland. (See attached Agenda). Ms Bongzi to prepare a short presentation about SASAE and Mr Moodley will present SACNASP.



4.3 Subsidization of SASAE Registration

Mr Moodley proposed that the Department should pay half for the registration and the official pays the balance. To meet them halfway will promote professionalism, and to ensure commitment from the Extensionist.

The meeting reached a unanimous agreement that Mr Moodley should put a submission that 50% to be paid by the department for membership of SASAE Departmental staff only. It was further agreed that 50% to be paid for SACNASP as well by the Department. More recruitment needs to be made.

An Extension road show was held in Zululand. Mr Madonsela was introduced as the person who has done a hard job in recruiting members. It is not yet clear as to how many members have been recruited but 7 members have joined SASAE in his local municipality and he is hoping to have more members. They have elected sub committees in each local and a District committee and drafted a constitution. They are looking forward to some funding for symposiums and mini extension summits.

Mr Ntshangase made mention that the organisation has got its constitution they should make sure that the drafted one is aligned with the existing constitution. It was then indicated that we must make sure that people are not joining SASAE for different reasons. It was clarified that SASAE is a professional body which will only deal with professional issues and is not a union where people can lobby their grievances.

Challenges

- Compromising extension
- No policies in place as a guide to clear the operation of the Extension Officer.

Ms Bhengu wanted to get clarity of at what levels will the symposium happen? Mr Madonsela responded by saying it can be done at a District level up to a Provincial level. It was then suggested that Regional Extension Forums be formulated.

Mr Moodley asked where the members will be getting money to do symposiums. Mr Madonsela responded by saying members will contribute and it will be managed internally. It was agreed that the independent extension forum be formed and they should nominate a representative that will sit in the regional extension forum so that they don't mix issues.

Ms Bhengu raised a concern as to who are the other extension practitioners if looking at other commodities excluding sugar. It was mentioned that there is Wool Growers Association, Forestry and Institutions. All these organisations should be invited. It was noted that KwaNalu, NAFU and AFASA to be included. Mr Madonsela made mention of LIMA and Siyazisiza Trust who should also be recruited. Ms Bhengu was requested to draft a general letter to be sent as an invitation for the next meeting.

5.0 Road shows

- Provincial Extension workshop will be held on the 30th August 2013 and the programme was discussed. The main objective of this workshop is to raise the profile of Extension.



- Sugar conference on the 7 & 8 November for the Department which will be held at Empangeni.
- Performance Awards – Extension summit on 28- 29 November 2013
- 10-11 October workshop for the KZN Branch Committee members

It was also highlighted that the Board meeting for SASAE will be held on the 18th October 2013 and 7th February 2014

6.0 2014 Conference

To be held in Western Cape. SASRI plans to make poster and success story submissions.

7.0 Theme of the conference

Two themes were discussed and unpacked. Bongi to forward comments to Executive.

8.0 General

Portfolios SASAE

Mr Moodley was co-opted on the board with 2 portfolios:

1. Public sector liaison: His role will be to liaise with all other provinces regarding SASAE and extension matters.
2. To provide support to the website committee.

The KZN Branch supported the 2 portfolios. AFAAS report from Botswana will be available on the website

9.0 Closure

Ms Bhengu thanked everyone present with special thanks to Mr Madonsela.

Date of Next Meeting: To be announced.

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