



DRAFT MINUTES

15th Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday 02 March 2021 at 16h00

NCE Boardroom

Present: Charles Loots – Chairperson (CL), Chris Brown (CB), Hilma Angula (HA), Malan Lindeque (MLin), John Pallet (JP), Beat Weber (BW)

Apologies: Stephan Bezuidenhout (SB), Morgan Hauptfleisch (MH),

Agenda item	Discussion	Decision	Action Points
1. Welcome by Chairman	Chairperson welcomed all present.		
2. Attendance / Apologies	Stephan Bezuidenhout Morgan Hauptfleisch	Quorum present.	
3. Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Association for Wildlife • Seven-day rally challenge • Environmental Defense Fund 	Agenda adopted with additions.	
4. Minutes of 14th Meeting 4.1 Correctness 4.2 Matters arising	No corrections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New ExCo Member nominations 	Minutes approved. To consider a possible candidate with a financial background.	CB to consult with possible member

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barloworld Equipment • Research Conservation Meeting • Marine and coastal bird programme • NCRST • Rangeland Early Warning Programme • Pilchards 	<p>Paid over N\$ 1.7 Million in donations for the period 2017 to 2020.</p> <p>NCE to put together a Research Conservation Meeting with Seth Eiseb (UNAM), Kenneth Uiseb (MEFT), Morgan Hauptfleisch (NUST) in August or September 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Joint venture between NAMCOB and SANCCOB. ➤ Debmarine – Namdeb Foundation has made available N\$ 2 Million. ➤ SANCCOB coming to Namibia in April for a comprehensive discussion. ➤ NCE submitted two proposals ➤ Out of the four that the NCRST will support, both the submitted proposals were successful. <p>Successful Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bio Succulent- Economy Project ▪ Water opt programme on <i>et al</i> sanitation and water supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Started by Agra and supported by the European Union. ➤ Less expensive process. ➤ The programme specifically for Conservancies and National Parks. ➤ CB wrote to the Minister in September 2020 with no response and followed up on several occasions. ➤ NCE to publish the letter in the newspaper and other public domains if no response received. 	
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<p>5. Eight Programme Areas</p>	<p>1. Membership support No new member applications.</p> <p>2. National Facilitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Practice Guide for the mining sector in Namibia • ReconAfrica Kavango drilling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Membership currently stands at 69. ➤ A suggestion was made for new members to give a short introduction at the scheduled research conservation workshop. ➤ Available electronically on the Chamber of Mines, NCE and the Ministry of Mines and Energy websites. ➤ Hardcover booklets are similarly available. ➤ The NCE and other stakeholders are tracking this closely; ➤ CB and CL met with ReconAfrica, together with Veston Malango. ➤ CB met with ReconAfrica for a second time at the NCE office with the intention of providing guidance and no interest shown from their side. ➤ JP and Samson Mulonga looked at a series of concerns and impacts with possible actions and solutions. ➤ N\$ 4.5 million set aside for investigative journalism into the ReconAfrica drilling. ➤ Suggested to setup a Trust, including a legal team to create a link between investigation and legal actions. ➤ There is a need for Environmental legal defense funds. ➤ Identify possible lawyers to perform pro bono work via their time, and possible financial contributions. 	
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	<p>3. Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation and Environment Magazine 2020 and 2021 • Conservation Website <p>4. Environmental policy research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid - 19 • Land and sanitation programme • Early childhood development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Noted. ➤ Very successful with great impact by Gail Thompson. ➤ Still in the process of acquiring a work permit as she has been denied via MEFT. ➤ Over 350 volunteers put up over 70 000 tippy taps. ➤ Hepatitis decreased drastically. ➤ Pit latrines setup across Namibia. ➤ Owners build their own latrines. ➤ Active in 8 different towns. ➤ Total of 26 towns at different levels of engagement. ➤ New opportunities / areas are emerging: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rental housing (mining towns); ▪ Infrastructure capital investments (KfW); ▪ FNB home loans for low income residents taken out as a personal loan as opposed to a mortgage. <p>Pilots during 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Teacher Training ➤ Teaching materials ➤ Parents support ➤ Toilets built in kindergartens <p>2021: Support from UNICEF / MTC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 200 Kindergartens 	
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	<p>5. Young Namibian Training and Mentorship</p> <p>6. Fund raising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project funding <p>7. Grant making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Grants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Main partner of Ministry of Gender ➤ Nutrition now introduced as well. <p>Social Impact Bond Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pay for success model introduced and explained by BW. ➤ 34 Successful students. <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
6. Finances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft NCE Financial Report as at 28 February 2021 • Draft Project Financial Report as at 28 February 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Financial report accepted. ➤ Financial report accepted. 	
7. Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Association for Wildlife <p>➤ Seven-day rally challenge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Initiated by Kirsten Conrad and Hank Jenkins, both with extensive working experience in Asia on animal rights movements. ➤ Proposed that the NCE becomes a member. ➤ Suggestion accepted. ➤ The Rally is planned for September 2021. 	<p>OM to initiate the process of becoming a member.</p> <p>Get more info and, if necessary, write to</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Environmental Defense Fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Can cause permanent and harmful damage as routes includes 12 protected parks and sensitive conservancies. ➤ If the first Rally in Namibia is successful, the event might become permanent. ➤ Assess the exact wants and needs; ➤ Setup a meeting with a legal team; ➤ Get partners together; ➤ Proposed to setup a separate Trust Fund, run by the NCE. 	<p>Minister before a decision is made.</p> <p>A meeting to be setup with lawyer, Angus Middleton and ML in April 21.</p> <p>Agenda point in next meeting</p>
<p>8. Next meeting</p>	<p>Next Meeting – 11 May 2021</p>		

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Chairperson

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Chief Executive Officer