

DRAFT MINUTES

19th Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday 19 July 2022 at 16h00 NCE Boardroom, and virtually via Zoom

Present: Charles Loots – Chairperson (CL), Chris Brown (CB), Morgan Hauptfleisch (MH), Stephan Bezuidenhout(SB)

Apologies: Malan Lindeque (ML), Reinhold Mangudu (RM), Hilma Angula (HA)

Agenda item	Discussion	Decision	Action Points
1. Welcome by Chairman	The chairperson welcomed all present.		
2. Apologies	Hilma Angula Malan Lindeque Reinhold Mangudu	Quorum present.	
3. Approval of Agenda	Approved	Agenda adopted with three additions.	
4. Minutes of 18 th Meeting 4.1 Correctness 4.2 Matters arising	 No corrections. Sardines / Pilchards - CB to inform ExCo on the response from the Minister. 	Minutes approved with no corrections. No response.	

	Office accommodation.	MH to organize a meeting to view the property at NUST.	Continue looking.
5. Eight Programme Areas	 Membership support Membership currently stands at 70. No new members to approve. National Facilitation 		
	ReconAfrica Kavango drilling	The office of the Ombudsman is currently investigating. This matter is currently in the High Court, represented by the LAC, on behalf of the community. No drilling is taking place, but they have lodged the application. No published or drilling results are available.	
	Uranium in Kalahari basin	Exploration certificates issued. Farmers are still active but the NCE to wait until the information is out to the public. Thorough EIA processes are currently being conducted. Due processes must take its course, hence the NCE will refrain from expressing an opinion, until the process is completed.	

Wildlife Lead (Pb) Poisoning Working Group	The EIF took the lead on the levy on the lead ammunition. The levy is ring-fenced for subsidy of non-lead ammo, research and raising awareness. The process of bringing the non- lead ammunition into the country from South African for distribution to the 20 selected hunters for testing and reporting is taking longer than anticipated.	
	This will be tested on Vultures, through UNAM (Blood, feathers, dead bones) and Carnivores through the Veterinary School. All samples to be sent to Japan for testing.	
	Lead levels in humans, with trophy hunters as the main target, to be tested at a later stage by the UNAM Medical School.	
Wildlife Economy Working Group	A meeting to be set up with NAPHA, FENATA, NUST and Stellenbosch University.	
Pangolin Working Group	A successful exhibition was held at the National Art Gallery.	
	There are dedicated courts in Rundu and Katima Mulilo. Fines are now set between N\$ 60 000 to N\$ 80 000, which sets a real precedent.	
	Since these establishments, there has been a rapid decline in pangolin poaching.	
● "Green" hydrogen	This project is largely funded by the German Government. CB has been approached to be an external advisor to Hyphen. The board noted with approval.	

	Advocacy Marine Phosphate Sardines Socio-economic (urban development programme)update	EIA completed. 27 separate specialists studies and two independent reviews. No significant issues raised. Information is out in the public domain. Potential corruption and mismanagement exist. A meeting with the Ombudsman was held. There should further be provision in the ACC Act to be more proactive. Beat Weber moved to Switzerland to manage DWS as the umbrella organization, network and raise funds, and look onto bigger donor foundations. KFW funds are in the final stages and now need final approval from the Office of the Auditor General. A home loan scheme has now been established providing loans of up to N\$ 50 000 for land delivery and sanitation. A survey is currently being conducted to look at people's affordability.	
5.	Young Namibian Training and Mentorship - Bursaries 2022	The Fund is going well with 40 bursary students for this academic year.	NCE to arrange an Alumni Event.
	Fund raising ● Project funding	Barloworld has not yet contributed.	
7.	Grant making		
	 A list of projects supported (2016 to date) 	A list of projects presented and accepted. To date, over N\$ 21 000 000 has been disbursed – mostly to NCE members.	

6. Finances			
6.1	 NCE Draft Financial report as at 30 June 2022. 	Accepted.	
6.2	NCE Projects Draft Financial report as at 30 June 2022	Accepted.	
	NCE draft Budget for the 2022/23 financial year.	Accepted.	
8. Any other business	None		
9. Next Meeting	TBC		

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Chairperson	Chief Executive Officer