

DRAFT MINUTES

9th Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday 26 June 2018 at 16h00 NCE Boardroom

Present: Charles Loots – Chairperson (CL), Malan Lindeque (MLin), Morgan Hauptfleisch (MH), Steve Galloway (SG), Chris Brown (CB), Stephan

Bezuidenhout (SB), Frauke Kreitz (FK), Maxi Louis (ML)

Apologies: None

Agenda item	Discussion	Decision	Action Points
1. Welcome by Chairman	Chairperson welcomed all present		
2. Attendance / Apologies	No apologies	Quorum present	
3. Approval of Agenda	Additions: 1. NCE office accommodation 2. Enterprise Namibia 3. Fishing quota 4. Hunting	Agenda adopted	
4. Minutes of 8 th Meeting			
4.1 Correctness	Grammatical errors on pages: 2, 3 and 4.	Minutes approved with three small corrections.	

5.1 Eight Programme Areas	New Member Applications	 Membership currently stands at 58 5 applications submitted for discussion and approval. 1 full member application rejected. (Unity Mining and Energy Resources) 1 associate member application accepted. (Dr Lima Maartens) 3 associate member applications rejected: (Dr Mark C Bilton) (Mr. Tarah Shapange Tarah) (Ms. Stefanie Urban) Environmental professionals of high standing can join the NCE as Associate Members – but not members of the general public, students, etc. 	Update Membership Policy and implement accordingly
	 National facilitation Best Practice Guide for the mining sector in Namibia 	Feedback sessions were held between the NCE, ECC and CoM. Mining companies have contracted to provide case studies.	ECC to look at the 'Africa Mining Vision Charter' as possibly useful.
	Best Practice Guide for the hunting sector	There is good progress and the Guide should be finalized by the end of July 2018. One intern replaced with a new intern under the mentorship and guidance of ECC. A Mining Meeting will take place on 22-24 August and the agenda will include <i>inter alia</i> , exploration operations and a 3-year strategic plan. This initiative is moving forward with NAPHA, with a first draft due by late July 2018.	CB to setup a meeting with Dennis Zekveld from the oil exploration industry, to gauge their interest in being part of the Best Practice Guide
		The editing and formatting of the draft will be done by Venture Publications. The document will then be	

Ban on Plastics	circulated to all members and involved parties for comments. The NCE provided 8 local authorities with a sponsorship of N\$5,000 each, to serve as catalytic funding to attract	
Campaign (and national solid waste initiative)	other sponsors, and an amount of N\$10,000 via MET to the national clean-up fund under the Office of the Prime Minister.	
	The NCE initiated a clean-up on 25 May 2018, at the Goreangab Dam, Windhoek, together with 40 children from Hope Village in Katutura. An estimated 600 000 bags were collected across Namibia.	
	The NCE also contributed to an initiative to bring an inspirational speaker to Namibia to talk about a Zero Waste lifestyle. Public presentations were given in Windhoek (18 June) and Swakopmund (21 June), as well as to the diplomatic corps, schools and FM99 radio.	
	Discussions in government suggested a levy on single use plastics and prohibition of importation thereof. A deposit on beverage containers will also be explored for implementation.	
	The idea of woman's groups manufacturing bags were suggested with the possibility of exploring ballooning material for shopping bags.	Office Manager to look for Woman's Groups for the manufacturing of the bags
 Carnivore Red Data assessment and national action plan 	The first draft will be completed by the end of July 2018. The status of the cheetah is the only specie that is of concern as only a small part of its range in Namibia is in protected areas.	
	An EIA scoping of three cactus species will be submitted. The implementation will start in October 2018. NUST's	

Biocontrol of Cactus Species Greater Waterberg Partnership Park NCRST	Prof Rolf Becker and students, Botanical Society and Rhodes University are working together on this project. The second stakeholder meeting was held on 20 June 2018 at the Otjikoto Training Centre. The overall meeting was extremely positive. The suggested abattoir / meat handling facility will enable wildlife and domestic animals to be processed. Atannery and cannery are envisaged to optimize production. The recommendations in the status quo report and comments from the consultative meeting will feed into the Master Plan. The issue of broader public engagement was discussed in some detail. In view of the upcoming Lands Conference, it was unanimously agreed that (a) the Master Plan study should continue, but (b) broader public engagement should not take place until after the outcomes of the Lands Conference are known and fully understood. At that point, a strategic public engagement process should be developed. The court case challenging the constitutionality of NCRST's Act is now put on hold as the Ministry of Higher Education is revising the Act. The NCE has established good relations with NCRST with a good and fact response rate	Greater Waterberg process to keep a low profile until after Lands Conference, when an engagement strategy should be developed.
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3. Advocacy	The NCE distributes EIA notices daily, as advertised in the newspapers, to over 100 individuals and organizations. In our view, almost 50% of EIA's done could be reduced to just guidelines; and only 24% of EIAs done are by EAPAN members – the only practitioners being vetted	

EIA	A process- i mpilation and r	for levels of competence. Undoubtedly, several individuals and organizations doing EIA's are not reputable – but there is no process (other than EAPAN) to provide due diligence.;	CB to contact EAPAN and share the list. CB to suggest to EAPAN, to write to the Minister
a Pa	£	The reward system is going well. A first responder's guide was developed to enhance the survival of confiscated pangolins. CB to write to the Minister to encourage institutionalizing the guide as MET policy.	for encouragement of the registration of all environmental practitioners.
		The NCE currently supports 8 interns. The Bursary Trust Deed is in the registration process;	CB to explore possibility of setting up a national "Natural Scientists Council" to which all EIA practitioners and
• Bu	erns rsaries and entorship	 The next round of bursaries will open in October 2018; The NCE will allocate N\$250,000 towards the 2019 bursaries; US funding will be about N\$350,000. 	practitioners and practicing scientists generally, must register to work in the sector. CB to discuss this with Peter Tarr
5. Environ researc	imental policy h ban development/ vironment	Financial match support for this initiative has been obtained from: FNB/RMB Foundation: N\$250,000 Chamber of Mines: N\$500,000 GIZ: about N\$1,200,000 (institutional support for the Oshakati project) This is a catalytic leverage ratio of 1:24 for NCE funds KFW: Initial meetings held and voiced interest to support the initiative. Work is now starting on sanitation for minimally serviced plots. Again, NCE funds are being used to leverage support from UNICEF and the GEF's Small Grant Programme.	

	Sanitation in low income areas	All progressing well.
	6. Environmental information7. Fund raising8. Grant making	Discussed under Finances Discussed under Finances
6. Finances 6.1 Financial report	Financial Report 01 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 (draft)	 Core NCE income and expenditure separated from grants. Grants income and expenditure consolidated, with 4 grants categories: ExCo approved (as part of budget approval) NCE Initiated Projects assessed and approved by Grants Committee NCE-Westair aircraft This approach was approved. For the 2017/18 financial year (ending end June), the NCE Core income was slightly above budget (2%) and the expenditure was below budget (17%) giving a surplus for the year of N\$538,900. The NCE Project income for the year was 25% above budget and the committed funds for the year was 21% below budget, with a carry-over on about N\$1.8 million into the next financial year. The draft financial reports were accepted.
	Budgets for 2018/19	 The NCE Core budget for 2018/2019 was discussed and approved. The NCE Project budget for 2018/19 was discussed and approved.

	Pointbreak Auditor	 Surplus funds are held in Pointbreak (money market) accounts to optimize interest earned. NCE Audit of 2018/19 financial year will start on 09 	
	Auditor	July 2018	
7. Any other business	1.AGM	AGM date confirmed for 8 August 2018.	
	2.NCE office accommodation	The NCE will explore the option of buying a property and the option of partnering up with other environmental NGO's.	CB to explore options
	3.Enterprise Namibia	Enterprise Namibia is a voluntary association with a current representation of about 20 associations of businesses and professionals, as well as civil societies. NCE was approached to become a member and to sign a MoU. After consideration, ExCo agreed to do so.	CB to contact Enterprise Namibia and submit MoU.
	4.Fishing quota	Koep & Partners (Stephen Vlieghe) approached NCE to be their preferred CSI partner and offered 5% of shares in their newly established fishing company. Several issues and risks were raised. It was agreed that a meeting be held between NCE ExCo members and the law firm for more clarity before a decision is made.	CB and SG to meeting with Stephen Vlieghe from Koep & Partners for more clarity
	5.Hunting	CB was commended for the excellent reply concerning the response to death of desert-adapted lion which reached an international audience.	

8. Next meeting	Next Meeting - 18 September 2018	
C Loots Chairperson		C Brown Chief Executive Officer