



DRAFT MINUTES

4th Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 09 December at 14h30

NCE Boardroom, 20 Nachtigal Street, Ausspannplatz, Windhoek and virtual, via Zoom

Present:

ExCo

Chris Brown - Sustainable Solutions Trust

Charles Loots - Otjikoto Trust

Maxi Lewis - Namibian Association of Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) Support Organizations

Morgan Hauptfleisch- Biodiversity Research Centre, Namibia University of Science and Technology

Stephan Bezuidenhout- Environmental Compliance Consultancy

Members

A.Speiser Environmental Consultants

Botanical Society

Brown Hyena Research Project Trust Fund

Cheetah Conservation Fund

Development Workshop Namibia

Eco- Awards Namibia

EduVentures Trust

Environmental Assessment Professionals in Namibia

Environmental Compliance Consultancy

Felines Communication and Conservation

Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation

Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research

Namibian Association of Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) Support Organizations

Namib Desert Environmental Education Trust

Namibia Animal Rehabilitation Research & Education Centre

Namibia Bird Club

Namibia Nature Foundation

Namibia Professional Hunting Association

Namibia Scientific Society

NUST Biodiversity Research Centre
Otjikoto Trust
Sustainable Solutions Trust

Proxy

Namibian Environment & Wildlife Society

Other

HB Bookkeeping Services: Hester Berg
Office Manager- Henriette Krohne

Apologies:

ExCo

John Pallett- Namibian Environment & Wildlife Society (Proxy: Beat Weber)
Malan Lindeque – Private
Steve Galloway – Private

Members

Africat Foundation
African Conservation Services
Ashby Associates CC
Agra Limited (ProVision)
Ben Strohbach
Conservancies Association of Namibia
Desert Elephant Conservation
Desert Lion Conservation Trust
Eco-Logic Environmental Management Consulting CC
Earthlife Namibia
EnviroScience (Antje Burke)
Elephant Human Relations Aid
Frank Bockmühl
Giraffe Conservation Foundation
Gobabeb Research and Training Center
Greenspace
JARO Consultancy
John Irish
Kwando Carnivore Project (Lise Hanssen)
LM Environmental Consulting

Maria Aletta Bell
Michael Sinvula Lukubwe
Mountain Zebra Project (Morris Gosling)
Naankuse Foundation
Namibia Biomass Industry Group
Namibian Hydrogeological Association
NamibRand Nature Reserve
Nyae Development Foundation of Namibia
Oana Namibia
Ongava Game Reserve
Progress Namibia TAS cc
Rare & Endangered Species Trust
Research and Information Services of Namibia
Rooikat Trust
Save The Rhino Trust
Scientific Society Swakopmund
Seabirds and Marine Ecosystems (Jessica Kemper)
Seeis Conservancy
SLR Environmental Consulting
Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment (Namibia)
SunCycles Electrics Namibia CC
Tosco
Venture Publications (Pty) Ltd
Wild Bird Rescue (Sonja Bartlewski)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION	ACTION POINTS
1. Welcome and introduction by the Chairperson	The Chairperson welcomed all present.		
2. Presence of a Quorum		Quorum present	
3. Presence and Apologies		Present: 23 Members Apologies: 44 Members	
4. Approval of Agenda		Agenda approved with no additions	
5. Minutes of 1st AGM 5.1 Correctness 5.2 Matters arising	No corrections Noted.	Minutes approved	Minutes to be signed.
6. Chief Executive Officer's report	The report presented by the CEO was approved. (attached)		
7. Presentation of the audited financial statements for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020	The statements were circulated and reviewed by the Executive Committee. The bookkeeper presented the financial statements and audit findings for the year ending 30 June 2020. There were no issues identified and the audit was unqualified.	Annual financial statements for 2019/2020 accepted.	
8. Appointment of auditors for the year 2020/2021	PKF/ FCS nominated and approved.	Noted.	

<p>9. Ratify admission of new Members</p>	<p>Membership currently stands at 67 members.</p>	<p>Three (3) full members submitted for approval: All three members accepted unanimously.</p> <p>One (1) associate member submitted for approval: Associate member accepted.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elephant Human Relations Aid • NUST Biodiversity Research Centre • Conservancies Association of Namibia (CANAM) • Sea Search Research and Conservation (Namibian Dolphin Project)
<p>10. To consider, and if necessary, nominate Executive Committee Members</p>	<p>ExCo Members who completed their 2-year term and opted to resign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maxi Lewis • Steve Galloway <p>Duly accepted.</p> <p>ExCo Members who completed their 2-year term and opted to make themselves available for re-election:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Pallett • Malan Lindeque • Morgan Hauptfleisch <p>Duly accepted.</p> <p>Hilma Angula nominated by Maxi Louise (NACSO). Duly accepted.</p>	<p>The remaining ExCo will continue as is with the addition of Hilma Angula.</p> <p>Morgan Hauptfleisch to be moved from Co-Opted to Member, under NUST Biodiversity Research Centre.</p> <p>ExCo will look to Co-opt a business-oriented / financial person to replace Steve Galloway on ExCo.</p> <p>ML and SG thanked for their dedication, hard work and service.</p>	<p>CB to approach an individual from the business sector as Co-opted Executive Member.</p>

<p>11. Any other business</p> <p>11.1 ReconAfrica - Fracking in the Okavango Delta</p>	<p>The public consultations on this EIA were weak, seemingly designed to limit outreach.</p> <p>ReconAfrica’s capital-raising material in Canada and USA spoke of fracking, and boasted having the father of fracking on board. However, there is no mention of fracking in the EIA. All mention of fracking now removed from ReconAfrica website.</p> <p>No mention of “Okavango Basin” or “Delta” in ReconAfrica’s material – use “Kavango” and “North-west Botswana” to avoid drawing attention to the fact that they are operating in this globally sensitive area.</p> <p>CB and CL met with ReconAfrica founder, Director and other staff at the Chamber of Mines on the 7th of December 2020. They absolutely deny any intention of fracking (but argument not very convincing).</p> <p>Concern expressed about Specialist Studies and EMP not being released in the public domain.</p> <p>No contingency for blow-out and fire in EIA.</p> <p>Apparently, communities were informed to move/ relocate 10 km away with no mention of this in the EIA. There is no relocation Agreements in place.</p> <p>Without access to the EMP, civil society (including local communities) are not informed about what is to be monitored, rehabilitated, etc. Also, there is no fund established for rehabilitation should the company abscond.</p> <p>Various petitions against this project around the world are being signed – 33,000 signatories from Germany to date.</p>		<p>NCE to keep monitoring the situation and follow up on Specialist Studies and EMP.</p>
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<p>11.2 More extensive engagement of NCE Members after Covid-19</p>	<p>NCE’s normal AGM involves a mini workshop to look at priorities for the Secretariat wrt (a) support to members and (b) conservation priorities for the next year.</p> <p>As soon as the situation normalizes, a workshop will be organized to (a) take stock of the first four years of the NCE, and develop a five-year plan looking forward.</p> <p>This workshop will be combined with a Special General Meeting to discuss small changes to the Membership section of the NCE Constitution (already approved by ExCo) to allow socio-economic and livelihood NGOs to join the NCE.</p>		<p>NCE to organize a workshop and SGM once Covid-19 situation normalizes.</p>
<p>12. Closing comments by the chairperson and Vote of Thank</p>	<p>The Chairman thanked everyone present and closed the meeting at 16h05.</p>		

C Loots
Chairperson

C Brown
Chief Executive Officer