



DRAFT MINUTES

7th Annual General Meeting

Friday, 01 December 2023 at 14h30

The Barn, 12 Acacia Street, Windhoek

Present:

ExCom:

Chris Brown - Sustainable Solutions Trust
Charles Loots – Osino Resources
Mendes Vinte- Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation
Stephan Bezuidenhout – Environmental Compliance Consultancy
Malan Lindeque - Co-opted

Members

A. Speiser Environmental Consultants Cc
Botanical Society of Namibia
Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF)
Development Workshop Namibia (DWN)
Environmental Assessment Professionals in Namibia (EAPAN)
Eco- Awards Namibia
EduVentures Trust
Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC)
Felines Communication and Conservation
Herta Kolberg Botanical Consultancy
JARO Consultancy
Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation (IRDNC)
NamibRand Nature Reserve
Namib Desert Environmental Education Trust (NaDEET)
Namibia Bird Club
Namibia Nature Foundation (NNF)
Namibia Scientific Society
Namibian Environment & Wildlife Society (NEWS)

NUST Biodiversity Research Centre
Nutrition And Food Security Alliance of Namibia
Pangolin Conservation and Research Foundation
The Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment (SAIEA)
Sustainable Solutions Trust
Tourism Supporting Conservation (TOSCO)
Twin Hills Trust

Proxy

NamibRand Nature Reserve- Malan Lindeque

Other

HB Bookkeeping Services: Hester Berg
Office Manager- Henriette Krohne- Frey
Reception Intern- Robert Campbell

Apologies:

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Itaveleni Mupewa Namibian- Environmental Assessment Professionals in Namibia (EAPAN)

Members

AfriCat Foundation
Ashby Associates CC
African Conservation Services
Agra Limited (ProVision)
Ben Strohbach
Black Footed Cat Research Project
Brown Hyena Research Project Trust Fund
Conservancies Association of Namibia (CANAM)
Desert Elephant Conservation
Desert Lion Conservation Trust
Earthlife Namibia
Eco-Logic Environmental Management Consulting CC
Elephant Human Relations Aid (EHRA)
EnviroScience (Antje Burke)
Frank Bockmühl
Giraffe Conservation Foundation (GCF)
Greenspace

Gobabeb Research and Training Center
John Irish
Kwando Carnivore Project (Lise Hanssen)
Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research
LM Environmental Consulting
Maria Aletta Bell
Michael Sinvula Lukubwe
Mountain Zebra Project (Morris Gosling)
Naankuse Foundation
Namibia Biomass Industry Group
Namibia Professional Hunting Association (NAPHA)
Namibian Association of Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) Support Organizations (NACSO)
Namibian Hydrogeological Association
Namibia Animal Rehabilitation Research & Education Centre (NARREC)
Nyae Development Foundation of Namibia
Ongava Research Centre
Orange River-Karoo Conservation Area (ORKCA)
Otjikoto Trust
Progress Namibia TAS cc
Rare & Endangered Species Trust (REST)
Research and Information Services of Namibia (RAISON)
Rooikat Trust
Scientific Society Swakopmund
Save The Rhino Trust (SRT)
Seabirds and Marine Ecosystems (Jessica Kemper)
Sea Search Research and Conservation (Namibian Dolphin Project)
Seis Conservancy
SLR Environmental Consulting
SunCycles Electrics Namibia CC
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: 25 Members. Apologies: 48 Members.	
4. Approval of Agenda		Agenda approved with no additions.	
5. Minutes of 6th AGM 5.1 Correctness 5.2 Matters arising	None	Minutes approved with no corrections.	✓ Admin to verify whether NAPHA was present at the 2022 AGM.
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 2022 to 30 June 2023	The statements were circulated and reviewed by the Executive Committee. The bookkeeper, Hester Bergh presented the financial statements and audit findings for the year ending 30 June 2023. There were no issues identified, and the audit was unqualified.	Annual financial statements for 2022/2023 accepted.	
8. Appointment of auditors for the year 2023/2024	PKF/ FCS nominated and approved.	Noted.	

<p>9. Ratify admission of new Members</p>	<p>Membership currently stands at 73 members. Five new member applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beekeeping Association of Namibia • Canyon Nature Trust • Namibia Archeological Trust • Twin Hills Trust • Nutrition and Food Security Alliance of Namibia (NAFSAN) 	<p>Accepted and approved. Accepted and approved. Accepted and approved. Accepted and approved. Accepted and approved.</p>	
<p>10. To consider, and if necessary, nominate Executive Committee Members</p>	<p>ExCo Members who completed their 2-year term and opted to not stand for re-election:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Itaveleni Mupewa • Morgan Hauptfleisch <p>Duly accepted.</p> <p>ExCo Members who completed their 2-year term and made themselves available for re-election:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Loots • Stephan Bezuidenhout <p>Duly accepted.</p> <p>New ExCo Members who were nominated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Des-Rose Engelbrecht • Maria Johannes <p>Duly accepted.</p>	<p>MH and IM were thanked for their services. The remaining ExCo will continue as is, with the addition of Des-Rose Engelbrecht and Maria Johannes.</p>	
<p>11. Any other business</p>	<p>Green Hydrogen A question was raised on how ordinary Namibians will benefit from the green hydrogen project. It was noted that NCE has shared its concerns with the relevant parties.</p>		<p>A meeting is scheduled for early 2024 to address these issues, strategic approaches and synergies.</p>

	<p>Legal protection for the highest environmental standards in protected areas was emphasized. It was further expressed that South Africans share the same concerns.</p> <p>Dimension Stone Mining</p> <p>This is becoming an increasing issue as more mining is taking place in tourist areas. Assurance to commit to rehabilitation plans must be established, and obligations imposed. More awareness needs to be created as there are currently little to no consequences.</p> <p>This type of mining should not be allowed to take place indiscriminately across the country, as there is a lasting impact with little to no value added.</p>	<p>It was suggested that an audit on their standing documents be conducted, inclusive of whether these mines have EMPs, and EIAs.</p> <p>This sector would benefit from a strategic environmental assessment (SEA) to guide a sensible approach to the issuing of licenses.</p>	<p>NCE to raise this issue and take it forward in 2024.</p>
<p>12. Closing comments by the chairperson and Vote of Thanks</p>	<p>The Chairman thanked everyone present and closed the meeting at 16:10</p>		

C Loots
Chairperson

C Brown
Chief Executive Officer