



DRAFT MINUTES

11th Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday 12 March 2019 at 16h00

NCE Boardroom

Present: Charles Loots – Chairperson (CL), Steve Galloway(SG), Chris Brown (CB), John Pallet (JP), Stephan Bezuidenhout (SB)

Apologies: Malan Lindeque (MLin), Morgan Hauptfleisch (MH), Maxi Louis (ML)

Agenda item	Discussion	Decision	Action Points
1. Welcome by Chairman	Chairperson welcomed all present		
2. Attendance / Apologies	Malan Lindeque Morgan Hauptfleisch Maxi Louis	Quorum present	
3. Approval of Agenda	Additions: Sustainable Development Advisory Council	Agenda adopted	
4. Minutes of 10th Meeting 4.1 Correctness	No corrections	Minutes approved	

<p>5. Eight Programme Areas</p>	<p>1. Membership support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Member Applications <p>2. National facilitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Practice Guide for the mining sector in Namibia • Thought Leaders Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Membership currently stands at 63. ➤ 3 applications submitted for discussion and approval. ➤ 1 full member application approved. (Nyae Nyae Development Foundation of Namibia) ➤ 2 associate member applications approved. (John Irish) (Ben Strobach) ➤ The Guide will be launched at the 2019 Mining Expo. ➤ The NCE, together with ECC contracted Paul Godard to provide photography services for the Guide at 5 selected mines, and to exhibit these photographs at the launch of the Guide and Mining Expo. ➤ These photographs will be available to the NCE and the Chamber of Mines to use. ➤ The final draft will be sent out by ECC, to the Managing Directors of all the applicable mines, for final review. ➤ CB briefly explained the history of the origin of this meeting, as part of a sustainable use specialist group with the aim of getting greater understanding and acceptance of the concept of sustainable use as part of conservation and, to support annual regional meetings with CBNRM practitioners. ➤ The meeting took place at the B2Gold Otjikoto Reserve on 15-16 February 2019. 	<p>SB to ensure that the Guide be sent to Chamber of Mines and the Ministry of Mines simultaneously.</p>
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	<p>3. Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pangolin Project • Botswana's engagement with communities over Elephant Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The 24 participants, involving people with diverse backgrounds from across Africa and abroad, share many common values, beliefs and experiences relating to community-based natural resource management and sustainable use in Africa. ➤ The meeting was very successful and constructive. ➤ WestAir Aviation assisted in providing an aircraft at extremely reasonable rates. ➤ A WhatsApp group has been created to share ideas, articles and keep the communication between the attendees. ➤ The next meeting is scheduled in Mozambique. ➤ This programme is going strong: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 84 cases reported; • 156 people charged; • 44 live Pangolins seized; • Over N\$ 105 000 spent on rewards thus far. ➤ The law enforcement capability of MET and NamPol have significantly increased and the reward scheme for example is attracting informers who report people with pangolins (and other species), thus further increasing the capability of law enforcement agencies. ➤ A Sub Committee appointed by President Masisi of Botswana recently made its recommendations in a White Paper regarding the hunting ban and human-elephant conflict. ➤ The NCE, together with its members voiced support for Botswana's process to address the 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation & Environment Magazine • Forestry sector & timber harvesting 	<p>challenges associated with managing its large elephant population in the form of a press release.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NCE and Venture Publications in a joint effort contracted Gail Potgieter, to produce 3 anchor articles and about 15 other articles. ➤ The anchor articles are based on three workshops arranged by NCE. ➤ To facilitate articles, Gail will interview people, draft the article and have them approve it. ➤ The magazine is scheduled to be released end May 2019. ➤ The forestry sector needs to set up a reward system for timber, similar to that of the Pangolin. ➤ The Rooikat Trust, together with MET will explore this, including a verification system and correct control mechanisms. ➤ It has become a trend that people harvest timber under the guise of agricultural development. ➤ Before the timber is harvested, feasibility is not checked. ➤ Inexperienced, unqualified practitioners are furthermore conducting the EIA's. ➤ If clearance certificates are given at the current rate, no forests would exist within Namibia in the near future. ➤ Ideas were shared and included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the bark of the tree is off, squared and processed, it should not support commercial wood export; 2. Woodlands to be preserved for future communities; 	<p>CB to draft a position statement to the Ministry.</p>
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	<p>4. Mentorship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 NCE bursaries <p>5. Environmental policy research</p> <p>6. Environmental information</p> <p>7. Fund raising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project funding <p>8. Grant making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Grants 	<p>3. A bit of commercial use is possible as this would add value within the country, like crafts and furniture;</p> <p>4. No large-scale clearance should be allowed for agriculture – need small areas that prove viability.</p> <p>➤ 22 bursaries awarded and N\$ 895,711 spent.</p> <p>➤ See under 7 (social & livelihoods)</p> <p>➤ Nothing specific to report</p> <p>➤ An invoice was sent to Barloworld on 12 March 2019 for the 2017, 2018 and 2019 financial years as they have not yet contributed.</p> <p>➤ See project financials – nothing specific to report.</p>	
<p>6. Finances</p> <p>6.1 Financial report</p>	<p>Financial Report 01 July 2018 to 28 February 2019 (draft)</p>	<p>➤ Based on the 8-month forecast, the NCE is within budget with 75% spent;</p> <p>➤ Financial reports accepted.</p>	
<p>7. Any other business</p>	<p>1. A formal social & livelihoods component in NCE: 1-year pilot basis.</p>	<p>Many of the NCE supporters, both corporates and donors think of “environment” as ecology and the green environment. The NCE would like to address this by formally opening a component of work in the socio-economic sector that runs parallel with NCE ongoing work.</p>	

	<p style="text-align: center;">2. Sustainable Development Advisory Council.</p>	<p>This will include broadening of the work of the NCE, particularly in the way it will be presented to existing and potential funders. This will allow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donors and corporates to better understand the interrelationship between environment and people; • Opening additional funding sources to draw into our environmental work; • To negate the ongoing need to define our interpretation of “environment” <p>➤ It was proposed to do this on a pilot basis for one year, incorporating Dr B Weber (Development Workshop Namibia) and then reassess thereafter.</p> <p>➤ CB’s term comes to an end and looking for nominations to serve on this board comprising 4 government and 3 private persons advising the President on sustainable development.</p> <p>➤ Nominations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malan Lindeque • Peter Tarr • Stephan Bezuidenhout • Hazel Milne 	<p>CB to proceed and work with Dr Beat Weber to implement a socio-economic / livelihoods arm to NCE</p> <p>Nominated candidates to send CV and cover letter to the NCE asap.</p>
<p>8. Next meeting</p>		<p>Next Meeting – 02 June 2019</p>	

C Loots
Chairperson

C Brown
Chief Executive Officer