



DRAFT MINUTES

18th Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday 22 February 2022 at 16h00

NCE Boardroom, and virtually via Zoom

Present: Charles Loots – Chairperson (CL), Chris Brown (CB), Hilma Angula (HA), Morgan Hautfleisch (MH)

Apologies: Stephan Bezuidenhout (SB), Malan Lindeque (ML), Reinhold Mangudu (RM)

Agenda item	Discussion	Decision	Action Points
1. Welcome by Chairman	Chairperson welcomed all present.		
2. Apologies	Stephan Bezuidenhout Malan Lindeque Reinhold Mangudu	Quorum present.	
3. Approval of Agenda	Approved	Agenda adopted with three additions.	
4. Minutes of 17th Meeting 4.1 Correctness 4.2 Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No corrections. • Sardines / Pilchards - CB to inform ExCo on the response from the Minister. 	<p>Minutes approved with no corrections.</p> <p>No response.</p> <p>Decided to share info on sardines, seabirds and link to governance with public.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office accommodation. 	<p>Rob Crawford did an excellent report with 11 co-authors from around the world. This was recently published in the NJE.</p> <p>The NCE is currently building up a reserve, to make an upfront payment of N\$ 2.5 million, some cash to be paid in advance by tenants. The budget is at N\$ 7.5 million maximum to accommodate NCE, DWN, Rooikat, IRDNC and other interested members.</p>	<p>Keep looking.</p>
<p>5. Eight Programme Areas</p>	<p>1. Membership support Membership currently stands at 70. No new members to approve.</p> <p>One Associate Member under the Zebra Project resigned.</p> <p>Oana Namibia restructured from a being registered as a Trust to a Section 21 under ORKCA.</p> <p>Progress Namibia currently not active.</p> <p>2. National Facilitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ReconAfrica Kavango drilling 	<p>ORKCA to submit the new information but no formal application is required.</p> <p>CB wrote to the Environmental Commissioner with regards to the new seismic program of extending the surface area for drilling in the Kavango and the fact that they have not informed the appropriate parties on all the details.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carnivore Working Group • Pangolin Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change and “green” hydrogen <p>3. Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sardines – moratorium <p>4. Environmental policy research Socioeconomic update</p>	<p>Selective meat on market shelves will also be scanned for lead. The aim is to get supermarkets and other outlets to buy only certified non-lead hunted products.</p> <p>A meeting to be setup with launch of the Carnivore Red Data Book.</p> <p>World Pangolin Day was celebrated on 19 February 2022, and many events were held. Children’s material in the form of a comic was produced, as well as informative posters. These materials were distributed through the Ministry of Education to schools in the north and northeast.</p> <p>The reward system is working well.</p> <p>This project is largely funded by the German Government.</p> <p>Using the Sperrgebiet area for this project is considered to not be a good choice.</p> <p>Noted. Discussed in matters arising.</p> <p>Good progress up to date.</p> <p>DW is now expanding to Switzerland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, with Switzerland as the umbrella organization.</p> <p>With a target of 12 000 per year, 4 000 new plots have already been opened.</p>	
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	<p>5. Young Namibian Training and Mentorship - Bursaries 2022</p> <p>6. Fund raising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project funding <p>7. Grant making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of projects supported (2016 to date) 	<p>The Fund is going well with 40 bursary students this academic year.</p> <p>The NCE secured funding for the next two years with the Wild Cat foundation in America at USD30 000 per year.</p> <p>A new Swiss investor also donated N\$ 50 000.</p> <p>An Alumni Symposium was suggested, to be arranged by one or two of the older students.</p> <p>Priority projects:</p> <p>UNAM- Otter project underway</p> <p>NUST - Pangolin project</p> <p>Ongava- Human Wildlife conflict</p> <p>A list of projects presented and accepted. To date, over N\$ 21 000 000 disbursed – most to NCE members.</p> <p>Small donations to Ministries for urgent matters, of <i>inter alia</i> Rhino work and World Water Day.</p> <p>Other fields of support are on behalf of the broader group like the NJE and EIS.</p>	
<p>6. Finances</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCE Draft Financial report as at 28 February 2022 	<p>Accepted.</p>	

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8. Any other business	Declaration of interest CB declared all interests.	Two sample forms submitted. Apply the simple form.	ExCo members to complete and return to admin.
9. Next Meeting	TBC		

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C Loots
Chairperson

C Brown
Chief Executive Officer