



DRAFT MINUTES

17th Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday 23 November at 16h00

NCE Boardroom

Present: Charles Loots – Chairperson (CL), Chris Brown (CB), Malan Lindeque (ML), Hilma Angula (HA), Morgan Hauptfleisch (MH)

Apologies: John Pallet (JP), Stephan Bezuidenhout (SB)

Agenda item	Discussion	Decision	Action Points
1. Welcome by Chairman	Chairperson welcomed all present.		
2. Apologies	John Pallet Stephan Bezuidenhout	Quorum present.	
3. Approval of Agenda	Approved	Agenda adopted with one addition.	
4. Minutes of 16th Meeting 4.1 Correctness 4.2 Matters arising	Three corrections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barloworld Equipment • Research Conservation Meeting • Africa Biodiversity Workshop 	Minutes approved with corrections. Suggested to renegotiate a new agreement. The meeting is postponed to 2022. The workshop is scheduled to take place in 2022.	CL to contact Barloworld on behalf of the NCE.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property • Social security registration 	<p>The NCE is looking into buying a property together with IRDNC and DWN.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>MH to setup a meeting with Oliver to view the property at NUST.</p> <p>Admin to register Klaudia Shangheta (office cleaner) as soon as possible.</p>
<p>5. Eight Programme Areas</p>	<p>1. Membership support Three member applications</p> <p>2. National Facilitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ReconAfrica Kavango drilling • Uranium in Kalahari basin 	<p>Approved as Full Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ocean Conservation Namibia Trust • Namibia Pangolin Working Group <p>Approved as an Associate Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black-footed Cat Research Project Namibia (Martina Kusters) <p>The Canadian Government is investigating ReconAfrica and the Canadian Ambassador to Namibia is involved as well.</p> <p>There is an ensuing court case in America related to misrepresentation on the part of ReconAfrica.</p> <p>This is of grave concern. The Russian Atomic Agency operating in 2 layers of private companies (Russian and local).</p> <p>The NCE is much more behind the scenes as the ministry and farmers are taking this up within the EIA process which is being run by a reputable EIA firm.</p>	<p>Admin to setup and send a declaration of interest for ExCo to sign.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Lead (Pb) Poisoning Working Group • Carnivore Working Group • Pangolin Working Group • Climate change and “green” hydrogen 	<p>A document is being prepared on legislative and procedural issues that fall short of good practice in EIAs in Namibia, as a joint submission between EAPAN, NCE, ELNN & LAC. This will be followed up by a meeting with the Environmental Commissioner.</p> <p>The National Lead Poisoning Working Group is working with the EIF to develop an environmental levy on lead ammunition.</p> <p>A Blog article on the lead ammunition situation was prepared and shared widely, and a presentation was made to the NAPHA AGM at the end of 2021. A series of research projects have been set up by the Biology Department and Veterinary School at UNAM.</p> <p>LCMAN started as a collaborative effort with NGOs and government. The government pulled out, so currently just NGOs. The plan is to start a national carnivore working group under the chair of MEFT to replace LCMAN. A workshop will take place in March / April, and a Carnivore WG website is currently being developed.</p> <p>Very effective WG, linking law enforcement with management, research, medical care and post-release monitoring. A number of applied research projects are underway.</p> <p>This is worrisome as the Sperrgebiet National Park is being targeted. Significant footprint.</p> <p>It was established that there are many other places to consider, that could also provide</p>	
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	<p>3. Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation and Environment Magazine 2020 and 2021 • Sardines – moratorium • Forestry – and climate change 	<p>benefits to people, as communities are currently not involved.</p> <p>Areas suggested including the Dorob National Park due to low biodiversity, or mining sites that have closed down.</p> <p>CB informed the meeting that there are similar plans in the Northern Cape and that John Ledger shares the same concerns.</p> <p>A brainstorming session/ workshop to be setup early next year to look at other options, prospects, and feasibility around whole situation.</p> <p>Magazines have been distributed and available on the conservation website. Articles are also being shared on social media.</p> <p>Await the response from the minister.</p> <p>A series of 4 articles on climate change have been brought out, which was published in the Agra magazine and picked up by the media.</p> <p>Articles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Terminology 2. The situation in Namibia, and experience so far 3. What government could or should be doing, and 4. What farmers could or should be doing 	
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	<p>4. Environmental policy research Socioeconomic update</p> <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"> • New Grants 	<p>CB spoke at Parliament on issues related to forestry, deforestation, and climate change.</p> <p>This programme is going well with services in 21 towns around the country in four programme areas as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Housing 2) Sanitation 3) Solid waste management 4) ECD <p>The following new programme areas are being explored</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5) Economic empowerment through SME's 6) Gender-Based-Violence. <p>Over 200 applicants applied, 50 shortlisted and 20 interviews to be conducted.</p> <p>A list of all projects funded directly by NCE was put together and, at the end of the 2021 financial year, amounted to 144.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>6. Finances</p> <p>6.1 Draft Financial report as at 30 October 2021</p> <p>6.2 Audited financial statements as at 30 June 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projected funds presented. • Financial report accepted. • PkF/ FCS performed the audit. • Audited financials accepted. 		
<p>7. AGM and year end function.</p>	<p>The AGM is set for 03 December 2021 and a short brainstorming session to follow thereafter.</p>		

	The year-end party to commence straight after the session.		
8. Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IUCN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting with Namibian members, South African and Kenyan representatives was held at the NCE offices. Key issues identified which includes the Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas which is a standard of best practice for area-based conservation and used to set criteria. Committed countries agreed to set aside at least 17% - 20% of marine areas. If Namibia can put together all private protected, cession areas, conservancies, community forests and freehold conservancies, this will be more than adequate. 	
9. Next Meeting	TBC		

C Loots
Chairperson

C Brown
Chief Executive Officer