



DRAFT MINUTES
14th Executive Committee Meeting
 Tuesday 30 June at 16h00
 NCE Boardroom

Present: Charles Loots – Chairperson (CL), Chris Brown (CB), Stephan Bezuidenhout (SB), Maxi Louis (ML), Beat Weber (BW), Malan Lindeque (MLin), Morgan Hauptfleisch (MH), John Pallet (JP)

Apologies: Steve Galloway (SG)

Agenda item	Discussion	Decision	Action Points
1. Welcome by Chairman	Chairperson welcomed all present.		
2. Attendance / Apologies	Steve Galloway	Quorum present.	
3. Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of CBNRM Programme. • Animals kept in captivity by tourism operators. 	Agenda adopted.	
4. Minutes of 13th 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"> • Separate category for social NGO's. • New members <p>2. National Facilitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Practice Guide for the mining sector in Namibia • Drought Relief Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Resilient livelihoods to be added as a separate category under membership. ➤ Membership currently stands at 68. ➤ Two applications submitted for discussion and approval. ➤ Two full member applications approved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elephant Human Relations Aid • NUST Biodiversity Research Centre ➤ The Guide is now complete. ➤ Additional copies to be printed for Ministries and mining companies. ➤ Electronic version available. ➤ B2Gold Namibia set aside funds for drought relief, of which for N\$ 1 million was given to the NCE and the remaining funds to the government. ➤ Several studies and research conducted within the Namibian and global context, including the study of 7 different social grant systems, done by DWN and UNICEF. ➤ Cash distributions and work for cash were identified as the most plausible and, executed. ➤ The work for cash system was executed through IRDNC by employing villagers. ➤ Of these funds, 10% of the budget went towards overheads. The remaining funds were distributed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ NCE Members to approve the suggested category at the next AGM. ✓ OM to setup a meeting between MLin, CB and BW.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Namibian Pangolin Working Group • Namibia Water Partnership • Seabird Conservation Programme 3. Environmental Information • Upgraded EIS • New Conservation Namibia website 4. Environmental policy research • Socioeconomic Development and Livelihoods Environmental information and COVID-19 work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A solution had to be put in place in dealing with the Pangolins after confiscation and first responders. ➤ It is difficult to identify good areas to release the Pangolins. ➤ The NCE is working with NUST, assessing possible areas and secondly implementing electric fences. ➤ This Partnership was set in Namibia to bring various interest groups and sectors together to identify and discuss common water problems and develop action plans. ➤ NCE will be the Host of this Partnership. ➤ De Beers Namibia devised a programme to better research and monitor seabirds. ➤ There are several plans in place including a VET that will be available through SANCCOB. ➤ NCE will be assisting De Beers. ➤ Successful, helpful and much more user friendly. ➤ Noted. ➤ Website is doing well. ➤ A lot of students are Blogging and participating. ➤ The 2020 Conservation Magazine is almost complete. ➤ They key focus is currently on COVID- 19 work, targeting informal settlements in 9 regions and 20 towns. ➤ DWN, under the leadership of BW: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Have distributed handwash, sanitizers, masks and informative information; and 	
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	<p>5. Bursary and internship programme</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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Have setup tippy taps within these regions and towns. ➤ Sanitation and housing projects going well. ➤ Largest amount awarded thus far. ➤ 2021 bursaries to open by September 2020. ➤ Noted. ➤ Barloworld Logistics behind in 4 years' donations. ➤ Several grants awarded. ➤ Noted. 	<p>✓ CL to contact Barloworld.</p>
6. Finances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft NCE Financial Report for the year ending 30 June 2020 • Draft Project Financial Report for the year ending 30 June 2020 • Audit for the 2019 and 2020 FY • Draft NCE Budget for 2020-2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Financial report accepted. ✓ Financial report accepted. ✓ Audit to start in July 2020. ✓ Budget approved. 	
7. Any other business	1. NCE AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Scheduled for 21 August 2021. 	

	<p>2. Review of current Executive Committee Members and nominations</p> <p>3. Review of CBNRM Programme</p> <p>4. Animals kept in captivity by tourism operators</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Members Resigning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maxi Louis (Full) ▪ Steve Galloway (Co-opted) ➤ New Members to be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hilma .. ▪ Ronny Dempers ➤ This should be considered a national priority. ➤ CBNRM Programme has turned into a profit-making business and is in jeopardy if proper business management, good governance and protection not implemented. ➤ Issues to include in the discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The issue of livelihoods; • Diversification; • Agriculture to be considered and pursued more actively; • Evolutionary trends; • Illegal settlements and unregulated tourism. ➤ MET assigned to do a review regarding captive animals and the linkage between tourism, conservation and the environment but never executed or performed. ➤ NCE to house this and work with the Ministry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ More females to be included. ✓ OM to arrange a technical meeting in order to create a platform for in depth discussions. ✓ OM to organize a Conservation Workshop every year. First year to include points 3 and 4. ✓ This topic to be included in the next ExCo meeting.
8. Next meeting	Next Meeting – 08 September 2020.		

C Loots
Chairperson

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Chief Executive Officer