

DARGLE CONSERVANCY

Committee Meeting Minutes · 14 April 2016

Present: Nikki Brighton, Lynne Garbutt, Ashley Crookes, Jenny Goddard

Apologies: Gugu Zuma, Brenda Grant, Robin Barnsley

Dargle Nature Reserve

R10,000 for Nature Reserve legal fees may need to be returned to MCF.	
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Dassies

Nothing further	
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Invasive Alien Plants

Thank you Ashley Crookes for clearing on neighbouring farms and for getting letters of appreciation from all the landowners, which Nikki has forwarded to DUCT.	
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Have asked DUCT for more herbicide.

Jenny Goddard would like some herbicide for Bugweed (Nikki has Lumberjack – for cut stump provided by DUCT)

KZNCA, MCF & Other Conservancies

Sold raffle tickets for KZNCA – R900	
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KZNCA AGM on 19 May.

MCF AGM on Wednesday, 4th May, at the Michaelhouse Centenary Centre, Balgowan. The meeting will start at 16:00

MCF ManCo 4th May, at the Michaelhouse Centenary Centre 13:30, so that it is finished in time for tea at 15:30, just before the AGM.

No one able to attend MCF AGM

MCF has set up Birding Group – send in for IDs.

ALL

Living Local

Market now Dargle Country Market – with stall holders from all over. No longer a DC initiative. We won't be sending out the notice, but will include in the Upcoming section.

Committee Tasks & Portfolios

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AC, NB, LG - DC Facebook page.

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Finance

Bank Balances for April 2016:
Current Account: R6209.25 Recon done on all balances.
Money Market: R76 537.31
Invoices politely sent. Still R9 500 outstanding.
Cleared all outstanding issues.
Tiffany Atwell resigned.

LB

NPO Documents: We need to send a tax certificates to SARS.
RB is following up on this. Lynne to contact Robin and take over if necessary.

RB

Communication

NB to show LG and JG how the YMLP email system works. Autumn News by mid-May Michael's girlfriend is media whizz - Leezl Bezuidenhout Could she help us with Instagram? Blog? Facebook?	JG
Country Life magazine article on the Dargle Trashion Show and Market in the June 2016 edition.	

Membership Programme

4 th of March repainted the brown walls of the Dargle School with murals featuring Dargle Fauna and Flora. No members arrived.	
Movie 20 April Chasing Ice	AC
Dargle Trashion Show – posters up Sunday 5 June 10 am Lion's River Club Local schools to showcase their creative use of waste Recycled Fashion Show, Wire Car Parade and Race Delicious snacks from Dargle Country Market stalls Details celebration@dargleconservancy.org.za	NB
Eyako Green are sponsoring prizes and R1000, so their logo on the advertising poster. This is their website: www.eyakogreen.co.za How much will DC spend on this? R1000 will cover help with transport costs. We do popcorn, juice, oranges as last year? Something more substantial? Ask Erica Brown for quote? Eidin is MC, Phillippa Gordon to judge? Trayci Tompkins. Melanie Veness – NIKKI to Ask MMEP are getting schools excited. NAKS in 'civilised' packets from JENNY	
Dargle Game Count Weekend – posters up Saturday 25 June Lions River Club 11h30 Poaching Presentation by Neville van Lelyveld 17h00 – 19h00 Landowner Counts 18h30 onwards - collation of data Soup and Sherry R20, Bring and Braai (fires provided) 20h30 Night Game Walk on neighbouring farm (meet at Lions River Club)	ALL NB

Sunday 26 June
 Lemonwood, Dargle
 09h30
 Track, Scats and Snares Walk
 R20 donation to SACAN Anti-Poaching

Book for talk and walk: game@dargleconservancy.org.za 082 973 7052
 Neville van Lelyveld is organising KZN Hunting and Conservation Ass to assist – anyone offer camping for them?
 Thanks Neville for enthusiasm and assistance.

NB contacted EWT, EKZMW and Honorary Officers to see if they want to be involved or help.

Jeremy Barlow doing braai fires and soup

Jenny and Lynne to collate data

DC to provide Sherry (ask Jeremy to buy)

Area Coordinators: Andrew Anderon, Robin Fowler, Kevin Barnsley, Gary Kelly, Evert van Bremem, Ross Young, Pat Merrick.

ALL

NB

Dargle AGM – 26 May Tanglewood

Need to send out notice by 20 April (Nikki away until 8 May)

ASHLEY needs to be reimbursed for ANIMOTO software to create movie of WLS

Movie of kids hike up Inhlosane – ASHLEY

Pre-Nibbles – ask Katie Robinson if Tanglewood not keen.

Jenny to take minutes.

**AC
NB**

JG

Development Monitoring

Beverly Wedding Venue
 Response to our Queries”

“We will be conducting our Environmental Impact Assessment ourselves through the Department of Environmental Services: uMgungundlovu District with environmental officer Mthobisi Nzimande’s help. No we won’t be changing the land use as we are already Rural - Residential.”

BG

Membership & Recruitment

Welcome to our new members Phil and Lindsay Fannin, Gerhard le Roux, Camilla and Gary Barlow
 Membership drive? Later in the year when calmer – Boston/Lidgetton too
 Hoatson– new owner of Merensky – Jenny to contact

JG

Education

Nxamalala Gardeners to Mpophomeni Garden. WHEN?	GZ
MMEP R10 000 – 3 schools combined Forest and Grassland walk (LG to transfer)	LG
Impendle – Zandile poss Enviro Club?	NB
Lion’s River Youth Projects – Neo	NB
Sale Yard has great plans to ensure the soccer field is used more. Let’s see what their intentions are and we support. Ask ROBIN	JG

Trail Cameras

Malvina, Jenny have them. Lynne next.	AC
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Dargle River

Jethro Bronner presentation of Dargle to Dargle as fundraiser in Barn at Old Kilgobbin. Jethro to come back to us with suitable date.	NB
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Schools

Jenny keen to revive recycling Dargle Primary DC to contribute to costs – perhaps cooking lady to manage recycling centre? Cyril Ramaphosa - Adopt a School - maybe he will sponsor some loos R5000 each. R1000 labour. Nedbank foundation/Mandela Foundation.	JG
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Road Signs

Nikki keeps asking Bongani Mncube from KZN Dept of Transport , but little response.	NB
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Poaching

We must encourage DC members to report poaching to SA CAN Hotline 083 799 1916	
KZNCA organising meeting to discuss strategy to present Ezemvelo regarding permits for the capture or hunting of animals – to ensure that conservancies are consulted, or HOs engaged to assist before permits are issued.	NB

Budget 2016

Speakers	R2000	
Education	R15 000 (MMEP 10 000, Nxam R1000, Impendle R2000, Trashion R1000)	
Free Me	R1200 (monthly R100)	
Subs (MCF, KZNCA)	R600	
Invasive clearing	R10 000 (Mr Zuma at River and a workshop)	
YMLP mailing list)	R2500 (increased due to hosting Frack Free)	
Website hosting	R1000	
Webmaster	R2400	
Post Box	R260	
Auditors	R1500 (we haven't had to pay before, but best allocate, in case)	
Bank Charges	R300? Lynne to confirm	
Stationery	R1500	
Gifts & vouchers	R2000	
Meetings	R1500	
School	R1200	
Contingencies	R5000	
TOTAL	R46 000 more or less	
Dream: Rehab trout dams at Riverdale on uMngeni River		
Lynne to work out approx income.		LG

Cape Parrots

Annual Count Day is on 4 & 5 June We need a coordinator for the area as Sally Cummings is unable to assist.	NB
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Fracking & Unconventional Gas

NB building data base on DC YMLP and sending out notices etc. DC to register as an IAP in ALL the exploration applications Comment on Rhino Application to explore for Oil & Gas: The Dargle Conservancy wishes to express its strong dissent to the above application. The basis of our rejection is the inevitable mining, including hydraulic mining (fracking) to which we object	NB
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in the strongest terms. We are concerned about the potential devastating destruction that such exploration (and mining) is likely to have on our environment, biodiversity and water resources. We are also concerned about the consequential detrimental effect this will have on the health of our communities and the pollution of our precious water resources.

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Next Meeting Date: 14 July 2016