

**Dargle Conservancy Minutes
Committee Meeting
21 July 2014**

Present	Apologies
Barry Downard	Bridgette Bolton
Nikki Brighton	Jennifer Pretorius
Ashley Crookes	Robin Barnsley
Brandon Powell	

Minutes		Action
1. Nature Reserve MCF-BSP	Gareth Boothway no longer employed by DC/MCF. Small CEPF grant has been applied for by MCF, to support work on the Biodiversity Stewardship Programme.	
2. Dassie relocation	Nothing further.	
3. Alien Plants	See No. 15 – Dargle River	
4. Liaison with KZNCA and other conservancies	DC to host an MCF Roadshow on 7 November, at The Cairn. Agreed to budget R1000 for catering, to be done by JP.	JP
5. Living Local	Nothing further. Late addition from Nikki (I forgot to tell you!): been assisting The Morning Trade – a new food market in Durban with links to local producers. Looks like a number are interested. Megan Lewis will be coordinating a “Dargle/Midlands Abundance” stall	
6. Committee tasks and portfolios	Brandon Powell – Secretary/Spring Walk Organiser Bridgette Bolton – Newsletter Ashley Crookes – Wildlife Cameras (Update form: No cheques.) Jennifer Pretorius – Events (Winged Migration next)	BP BB AC JP
7. Finances: treasurers report (Clive)	Pam has bought Quickbooks for the DC Accounts. NB has reimbursed her. Awaiting 2014 Financial Statements from Culverwell & Co. Clive is busy submitting 2012/13 financials to NPO. NB signed the financial statements as requested by Clive. Bank Balances as 21 July 2014: Current account: R7 277.38 Call Account: R46 646.10	
8. Communications	Fabulous new branding – Thank-you, Barry Downard. Roxy of the Lion’s River Club Committee to be consulted re: DC banner in LRC newsletter.	NB

9. Membership Programme (Nikki)	11 & 12 September: Tree Ecology & ID with Eugene Moll arrangements for a spring walk (October?). Movie "Winged Migration" fund raiser for the Crane Foundation at The Barn. JP to plan with Tinks. Jason Londt delighted to present his Insects talk on Wed 13 August. BP to discuss with NB and Tanglewood ASAP. Possible poster for Jason Londt's talk.	NB JP BP BD
10. Development monitoring	BD registering as I&AP for ???	BD
11. Membership management & Recruitment	BP to speak with Beere's up near Inhlosane. BP to contact The New Architect On the Hill	BP
12. Education	Nxamalala Holiday Club didn't happen. Possibility of a weekend club instead, beginning 26 July.	NB
13. Wildlife Camera traps	NB & BP have leased the cameras this month.	

14. AGM 2014		
15. Dargle River	River Custodians Duct Project. DEA funding delayed. Limited funds available. Possibility of herbicide assistance monitored by DC – voluntary, no contracts. Possibility of employing daily clearers and sharing costs with affected landowners. If DC funds are used this will have to be put to the DC members. We need a Project Champion. NB to approach Robin Fowler.	NB
16. DC liaison with Lions River Club		
17. Constitution revisions		

Next meeting dates: September 15th, November 24th, January