

**Dargle Conservancy Minutes
Committee Meeting
15 May 2013**

Present	Apologies
Clive Shippey	Robin Barnsley
Barry Downard	Samantha Rose
Nikki Brighton	Rowena van Breemen

Minutes		Action
Special Projects		
1. Nature Reserve MCF-BSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheiderman's property on the D17 (Carlisle) has been added to the Dargle Nature Reserve properties. 	
2. Dassie relocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No discussion 	
3. Alien Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not a lot of responses to WWF Water Balance offer to clear gum and wattle in return for having land proclaimed under biodiversity stewardship: Howard Long, Schneideman, Rowe-Setz, Zuvuya, Andrew Early, Pretorius, Mike Weedon, Phil Fannin. Nikki Liaising worth Sue Viljoen are which properties have high=est biodiversity value. 	
4. Liaison with KZNCA and other conservancies	<p>Barry and Nikki helped at KZNCA stand at SLIP</p> <p>DC committee invited to attend the MCF AGM on 31 May at St Ives. Great opportunity to meet other conservancies and presentations will be really interesting and inspiring.</p>	
5. Living Local	Kyknet filmed at Dargle Market and will screen in Aug or Sept.	
6. Committee tasks and portfolios	No discussion	
7. Free Me	It was decided not to increase or make any additional donation. Our Wildlife Sightings this month began with plea for help and we felt this was likely to have raised some funds from individual members	
8. Finances: treasurers report (Clive)	<p>Finally received notification of approval of Annual Reports for 2011 from Dept of Social Services.</p> <p>CS to supply annual figures to NB for inclusion in the Chairman's report. It was decided to incorporate the Treasurer's report in the Chairman's report. It was noted that it breaks with traditional AGM protocol/tradition, but that it would help streamline the meeting to combine them. CS to also expand on the Donations list. CS to reallocate Penny Malinga, Pat McKrill and Steve Worth to appear under "Education".</p> <p>CS to confirm with Kevin Culverwell that Kevin is prepared to be DC accounting official.</p> <p>CS to meet with Kevin Culverwell in June to finalize processes.</p> <p>CS to contact Merrell King to check on GAP payment.</p>	<p style="color: red;">CS, NB</p> <p style="color: red;">NB</p> <p style="color: red;">CS NB CS</p> <p style="color: red;">CS & NB &</p>

	CS to telephone people whose email addresses aren't working to check. CS to supply BD with monthly figures for inclusion in these minutes.	CS
9. Communications (Nikki)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wildside mag article has been published, although they have not used all of NB's copy – in particular the "Conservation and Nature Reserve" article which we felt was the most important. 	
10. Membership Programme (Nikki)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25th May Solar Day at Zuvuya 15 June uMngeni Vlei outing Biowatch – GM seed presentation. Robin Barnsley to publicize the talk to HDLA membership. September Bat Evening NB to speak to Francois du Toit about a talk on fracking. Robin Barnsley to publicize the talk to HDLA membership. 	NB & RB
11. Development monitoring (Barry)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No discussion 	
12. Membership management & Recruitment (ALL)	No discussion	
13. Education	No discussion.	
14. DC 10 th Anniversary programme	<p>Theme to be "Dargle Icons". The icons being Corrie Lyn barn, Inshlosane, and the indigenous forest and mistbelt grasslands of Dargle Nature Reserve.</p> <p>1. Friday 9th August: all local Supper at Corrie Lynn barn, with David Johnson as speaker. NB has confirmed with Tinks Fowler for Tinks to co-ordinate the food. It was agreed to employ dishwashers, NB to arrange for the use of Carl Bronner's plates. R100 for members, and R200 for non-members.</p> <p>2. Saturday 10th: A walk up, and picnic on top of, Inshlosane. NB working with Brandon Powell.</p> <p>3. A walk guided by Barend Booyesen through the Kilgobbin forest and surrounding DNR properties, down through Lemonwood forest, ending at Lemonwood for soup and bread lunch. Both these events will have different prices for members or non-members.</p>	All
15. DC AGM 22 May	<p>It was agreed to break with traditional AGM "protocol" and to endeavour to present and run the AGM in a less formal way. NB's Chairman's Report will be presented visually on screen. The Treasurer's Report will be incorporated in NB's presentation. CS and Rose Downard will set up a table to record attendance and receive membership subs payments. New Member signs will be handed to paid up members only. BD to contact members who've sent apologies to submit proxy forms. Other committee members to ask neighbours/friends who are not attending to give them proxies.</p>	BD All
16. KZNCA AGM reportback	<p>BD attended the KZNCA AGM (9 May 2013).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The main discussion was around the Norms & Standards document being drafted. BD to read through and submit comment by 8 June. BD to complete and return questionnaire to KZNCA dealing with KZNCA's relevance to members. (DC can take note of similar process for own members). 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Francois du Toit gave a talk on the potential fracking crisis facing the KZN watershed area (from the Drakensberg to Balgowan). 4. A number of comments and compliments were paid to the DC about our website. "The Queen of websites." 	
17. Wildlife	<p>Sally Cummings (new member) has done a great job with Cape Parrot Count. Will present her with Dassie certificate at AGM as thanks. Malvina is battling with the Sightings, so will need to find someone else.</p>	
18. Suggested committee meeting dates for the remainder of 2013	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wednesday 19th June 2. Wednesday 17th July 3. Wednesday 28th August 4. Wednesday 18th September 5. Wednesday 23rd October 6. Wednesday 20th November 	