

Minutes of LRON Executive Council Meeting held on 16 July 2020 at 16 Joule str at 18.00

Welcome

JC Kruger who chaired the meeting welcomed all present and thanked all members for their attendance. Special word of thanks to Johnny Hanekom for his effort to attend.

Attendance

JC Kruger
Gundula Perry
Henry Bisschoff
Johan Pretorius
Johnny Hanekom

Apologies

Jona James

Approval previous minutes

Previous minutes were approved as they were by JC Kruger as a true record of the meeting and seconded by Henry Bisschoff.

Video Conferencing

Video conferencing was discussed and it was decided that we should try and get a good working system for this purpose even if it meant that we have to purchase a package. It was stressed that the system should work effectively otherwise members would become despondent and just not take part in meetings. JC Kruger undertook to investigate this matter and give feed back. **ACTION: JCK**

Finances

The Sage accounting system subscription was suspended due to non payment. We did not receive a reminder and as such the system was suspended. It has been paid in the meantime and is now operational again. As a result there was no report. A bank statement was present and a list of outstanding debtors was presented.

Income		
Expenses		
Bank Balance	177 254	
Debtors	Current	10 900
	30 days	7 300
	60 days	(4 555) Credit
	90 days	4 000
	120+ days	45 553

Henry Bisschoff undertook to work through the list and see what could be recovered. Gundula Perry mentioned that due to the difficult financial times we should consider offering instalments on amounts due. A decision was taken that whatever has not been recovered by the next meeting or where instalment payments have not been negotiated the balance outstanding 60 days plus will be written off. Some of the out standings come from the inception of the LRON. **ACTION: HB**

New Members

None

Past Events

14 March Defender Maintenance Cancelled due to too little interest

10-13 April Land Rover Festival Postponed to 10-13 December

15-19 May LRON Handskoen Trip

Event was organised by Erwin Tietz and Basil Calitz was the expedition leader. 14 members entered. There was a complaint on face book regarding tracks made on dunes. LRON admitted that it was members from the group and an apology was tendered and a commitment made to put up signs in corroboration with the Kunene Environmental Protection Association.

6 May Wika Procession Cancelled Covid-19 lock down

30 May Dagbreek Breakfast Cancelled Covid-19 lock down

25-28 June Butiaba

Event was organised by Kobus Vermeulen and his family. It consisted of a night out wild camping and dune driving in the Kalahari. The following day there was a Gymkhana and members really got to know their vehicles better. 12 members and 3 non-members entered the event. At least 4 entries from Erongo were cancelled due to lock down.

Upcoming Events

28-30 Aug LRON Namakwa Flower Tour. Cancelled Covid-19 borders closed
LRON Karas is in the process of organizing a Namibia South flower tour around Klein Aus Vista and surrounding area. Dates to be confirmed.

28-30 Aug Sandrucken The event overview will be posted during July

12 Sept The Rock. Cancelled Covid-19 lock down Johan Pretorius suggested that we consider to get involved with the "Uis Tin Man" event which will be replacing The Rock. It involves cycling, swimming and a half marathon. More info will be forwarded in due course.

26 Sept LRON Father and Son Event overview will be forwarded in due course

24 October Battle of the Brands for Cancer Event overview will be forwarded in due course

14 Nov LRON Year End Function and AGM

Outstanding Matters

Wheel Chair and Walker Donations – Henry Bisschoff will follow up with Harald Pauly regarding this matter. **ACTION: HB**

BoB Cancer 2019 Funds Donation – Due to outstanding pledge collections and then the lock down this matter has been neglected. Our Area Representatives were requested to forward motivations for donation of funds for their respective areas and only Erwin Tietz of LRON Far North responded. Council therefore decided the following. In future the

Outstanding Matters - continued

organizer of the Battle of the Brands for Cancer will be allocated 50% of the funds for a charity of his / her choice but within the prescripts of LRON. The balance will be decided on by Council who will be guided by the members who are doctors. **ACTION: ET/HB**

Namibia Wild Horse Foundation Donation – For some time Henry Bisschoff was trying to make contact with the committee members of the NWHF. It was ascertained that there to be lot of politics between NWR, MET and NWHF as well as their members. Bernd Romer who is the owner of Bahnhof Hotel in Aus is the chairman of NWHF. Henry Bisschoff made contact with him but he had just had a knee replacement operation. Bern Romer suggested that the owner of Klein Aus Vista be contacted. As a result it was decided that Henry Bisschoff would join Johnny Hanekom and Ian Relling to attend a meeting with the owner of Klein Aus Vista to discuss this matter. The same opportunity would be used to make arrangements for the the LRON Karas Flower Tour. **ACTION: HB/JH/IR**

New Matters

LRON Display at OWC and Museum

JC Kruger will follow up on this matter. At the last meeting JC attended the request from the OWC was that LRON would have to finance a custom cabinet for the display in the club house. The museum display entails a vintage Land Rover being displayed for a 3 month period. Insurance etc would have to be in place. JC will follow up on this matter aswell. **ACTION: JCK**

NNF Damaraland

Johan van der Westhuizen forwarded a document informing Council of the intended clean up in Damaraland. This matter has been long forthcoming. The action will take place as from 5 October directly after the October Fest in Uis. The group will depart on 5 October at 07.00 and continue to 7 October. An overview and invitation will be forwarded in due course. **ACTION: JvdW/HB**

LRON Events Trailer

A Venter trailer was purchased for N\$ 5000 for the use of transporting club assets in a safe and controlled manner to events where for instance the TV Monitor, PA System, Gazebo and other assets would be required. This trailer is suitable only for tar road use and in some cases good gravel roads. It is the intention to brand the trailer in LRON livery. Organizers will be able to book the trailer with it's contents for an event but will have to take full responsibility for the assets. **ACTION: HB**

Kunene Environmental Protection Association (KEPA)

Subject to the unfortunate incident where LRON members defaced dunes in Damaraland on the Handskoen Trip the following decision was made by Council to make good for the damage caused. LRON would donate sign boards that can be put up at pre-determined places in Damaraland so as to inform all future visitors to the area with regard to the do's and don'ts when visiting Damaraland. This action will be co-ordinated by KEPA. A total of 8 sign boards are required and sponsors must be found to finance the boards. Obviously all sponsors logo's will be fixed to the boards together with the LRON logo. Johan Pretorius

Kunene Environmental Protection Association (KEPA) continued

mentioned that the Desert Dash management have funds that they allocate to environmental projects. Johan will take the matter up with the powers that be to see if they would be prepared to come on board with LRON in this matter. **ACTION: HB/GP/ET/BC**

Other Matters

Meob Bay Trip Subsidy December 2020

Henry Bisschoff submitted on behalf of Erwin Tietz a request for financial assistance to the participants of the above event. The motivation for this request was that the trip is pricey and Erwin felt that LRON could reward the active members of the club in this manner. Only members would qualify if approved. After lengthy discussion and consideration the request was not granted. A number of issues that ranged from guidelines in the LRON constitution to favouring certain individuals brought council to the rejection of this request. Council however approved event sticker expenses and some other minor expenses within the normal organizing of such trips.

LRON 5 Year Anniversary Pamphlet

Gundula Perry presented the long outstanding pamphlet / folder for distribution to sponsors and other stake holders in LRON. The final proof is just about ready and the expense for this type of upmarket item was discussed at length. The difference in price between 100 and 200 pamphlets was very small. Council requested that Gundula obtain a quote for 300 and 400. If the price difference was not too large it would make more sense to then rather go for the larger number of pamphlets. Price for 100 of these pamphlets is N\$ 6900.00 and for 200 is N\$ 7000. **ACTION: GP**

Namibia Heart Foundation (NHF)

LRON was approached by the NHF to attend their Fund Raising event at Tony Rust on 31 October 2020. The contention is that we would drive an obstacle course in anticipation that this would draw spectators who would pay an entrance fee to their event. While this event is directly after the LRON BoB for Cancer event it was decided that LRON should support the NHF in this regard. It would not be an LRON sanctioned event but more a supportive measure to assist other institutions in their aims as per our constitution. Henry Bisschoff will communicate with the NHF in this regard. **ACTION: HB**

Land Rover Festival 2020

Council received a letter from the organizer of the above event with regard to the following important considerations.

Points of concern

Coastal area lock down that has been extended and Covid cases climbing. We do not know how long the lock down will last or be extended.

School Calendar Changes has made planning very difficult regarding exams and late school closure.

Land Rover Festival 2020 continued

Financial impact. Many individuals had job losses/pay cuts and spending money available for leisure/holidays is not guaranteed.

Annual leave – Individuals have had to take leave in lieu of lock down days off and probably will not be able to take any more leave.

Cross Boarder – We cannot predict when and how the country borders will open/not open/quarantine etc. Our SA exhibitors will not be able to attend as well as Land Rover owners from out of Namibia.

Sponsors – Due to financial losses we cannot be sure who is still on board and are able to commit.

After much deliberation it was decided by Council that the Land Rover Festival would be cancelled. Next Land Rover Festival will be scheduled for 2022.

Our main concern now is the raffle. It was decided that an all out effort must be put in to sell the raffle tickets so as to at least still be able to cover the costs of the prizes and also give the support pledged to the frail care centres identified.

A letter must be draft and sent to all sponsors advising them of the decision.

A major campaign must be drawn up to push raffle ticket sales. A decision must still be made as to the raffle draw and how it will take place.

There being no more business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 20.00.

Next meeting 30 July 2020 at 18.00 at 16 Joule Street.