

EUROPARC Federation
Report to Council
25th October 2015



Title:

Council Meeting Online Minutes June 2015

Recommendations:

Approval of minutes

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| Location: | Online | | | | |
| Date: | 8 th June 2015 | Start : | 9:30 | End : | 13,00 |
| Attendees: | Council Members Present: Ignace Shops, Paulo Castro, Kaja Lotman, Olaf Ostermann, Michael Hosek, Vittorio Alessandro, Co-opted Council : Olaf Holm Others present: Carol Ritchie (Chief Executive), Federico Minozzi (Managing Director), Roger de Freitas (Internal Auditor) | | | | |
| Apologies | Dominique Leveque | | | | |

| Agenda Item | Notes | Decisions Taken | Actions |
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| | Welcome from the President The President welcomed the Council for the first meeting managed online. | | |
| 1 | Minutes of last Council Meeting Minutes presented | Minutes approved | |
| 2 | Matters arising No new matters were presented | | |
| 3 | Treasurer's Report PC presented the report, the current working budget and the financial situation of the Federation. | | |
| 4 | Membership Report PC provided an update on members' applications and resignations: 3 resignations and 11 applications since 2015. Membership application of Polish National Parks Association presented | The following new members were approved: Belgium: 1. Regional Landscape the Voorkepen Germany: 2. Astronomie-Werkstatt "Sterne ohne Grenzen" Germany: 3. Nature Park Bourtanger Moor-Bargerveen Italy: 4. State Natural Reserve Gola del Furlo Italy: 5. Consortium of management of Torre Guaceto AMP | |

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| | | <p>Norway: 6. Nordland National Park Centre</p> <p>Poland: 7. Stolowe Mountains National Park</p> <p>Poland: 8. Polesie National Park</p> <p>Poland: 9. Magura National Park</p> <p>Poland: 10. Wielkopolska National Park</p> <p>Poland: 11. Roztocze National Park</p> <p>Poland: 12 Polish National Parks Association</p> <p>Romania: 13 Ecotourism Association Valea Vinului-Radnaborberek</p> <p>United Kingdom: 13. David O'Neill</p> | |
| 5 | <p>Directorate Report</p> <p>CR presented an update on recent activities: international meetings and conferences, project applications and EU policy. Updates were also provided concerning the next Council Meeting Sunday 25th of October and the conference 2016.</p> | <p>Need to clarify if a Section meeting has to be convened at the Conference.</p> | |
| 6 | <p>Feedback from President and Council on EUROPARC representation</p> <p>Feedbacks on recent meetings: Little Sidney, Charter Network meeting, Large Carnivores platform, European Day of Parks, Siggen seminar and workshop.</p> <p>The list of National Parks of Europe was presented, comments were raised to update the list.</p> | <p>A membership campaign will start in autumn, when the new communication officer will be fully in place. It was proposed to link this campaign with the upcoming 100 years celebrations of the NPS in the US.</p> | |
| 7 | <p>EUROPARC Consulting</p> <p>IS and CR provided updates on the liquidation process of E Consulting</p> | <p>The Council approved the President actions concerning the start of the liquidation process of EUROPARC Consulting</p> | |
| 8 | <p>Cooption of Council members</p> <p>The 2 candidatures - Pierre SCHMELZLE and Pete Rawcliffe - submitted by EUROPARC France and Atlantic Isles were presented.</p> | <p>Pierre SCHMELZLE and Pete Rawcliffe approved as new coopted members of the Council.</p> | <p>Directorate to inform the new coopted members.</p> |
| 9 | <p>ATS: candidatures presented</p> | <p>3 candidates selected</p> | |

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| 10 | Alfred Toepfer Medal: the 2 nominations received were presented. A lack of European relevance of the two candidates was raised by the Council | Council asked the Directorate to collect more information on the 2 candidatures. Decision postponed. | Directorate to contact the nominees and provide further information to the Council |
| 11 | Statutes of CEES The Statutes of the proposed CEE Section were presented. | Council approved the Statutes and officially recognised the CEE Section as a EUROPARC Section. Council approved the dissolution of the Czech Section. | |
| 12 | Sections Meeting Conclusions The conclusions of the Siggen Meeting with Sections were presented. Council proposed to organise a specific internal meeting to follow up the conclusions. | Conclusions approved. Specific online meeting to be convened to discuss and agree next steps | Directorate to convene online meeting with MH,OO,OH, FM and IS |
| 13 | Working Groups There is the need to discuss and agree useful tools to contribute to implement the strategy, involving members on a voluntary basis. Are working groups the right tool? Which WG? What mandate? Which resources? A dedicated meeting would be necessary to further discuss and take a decision. | An online meeting to be convened to discuss WGs: IS and CR to agree | Directorate to convene online meeting |
| 14 | Natura 2000 Fitness Check MH and FM provided updates on the process and on the work done so far. The EUROPARC position was presented | | |
| 15 | AOB: Charter Network Meeting PC provided an update on the results of the recent Charter Network Conference that EUROPARC organised in Portugal. | | |
| | As there were no other matters arising IS concluded the meeting thanking all the participants. | | |