



## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

26<sup>th</sup> April 2012, Brockholes Nature Reserve, Preston, Lancashire

### **Present**

Stuart Brooks SB - (Acting Chair), Scottish Environment LINK,  
Chris Mahon, CM  
Roger Crofts RC – Sibthorp Trust  
Andy Wilson AW – North York Moors National Park Authority  
Susan Davies SD– ExCo, Scottish Natural Heritage  
Sue Stolton SS – ExCo, Equilibrium Research  
Nigel Dudley ND - ExCo, Equilibrium Research  
Joanna Robertson JR – IUCN NC volunteer archivist  
Glynn Davies GD – ExCo, WWF  
Jonathan Hughes JH – ExCo, SWT  
Adrian Phillips AP  
Rob Thomas RT - IUCN NCUK Secretariat, RZSS

### **In attendance**

Boris Erg BE, IUCN Regional Office for Europe, Wilbert van Vleet WV, Richard Jenkins RJ IUCN Global Species Programme

### **Apologies**

David Nussbaum (WWF), Richard Edwards (Wildscreen), Martin Spray(WWT), Simon Stuart (IUCN SSC), Bryan Carroll (Bristol Zoo Gardens), Tim Stowe (RSPB), Mike Pienkowski (UKOTCF)

#### 1. Chairs Welcome

The acting chair (SB) welcomed everyone to the 2012 Annual General Meeting

#### 2. Committee Annual Review

A draft review of headline activities from 2011/12 has been produced summarising main achievements in main IUCN NCUK initiatives such as the Putting Nature on the Map project (PNOTM) and the IUCN NCUK Peatlands Programme and a report on conservation work on UK Overseas Territories. The Annual Report, a new initiative, will be designed and distributed to members in 4-6 weeks.

#### 3. Minutes of the 2011 and matters arising

Minutes had been drafted and circulated to members. The minutes from the 2011 AGM were approved.

Main issue from both Emergency General Meeting and Annual General meeting held in succession in 2011 had been the IUCN proposed establishment of a separate Charity in the UK. Richard Jenkins

the newly appointed manager of the IUCN Global Species Programme was attending this meeting and confirmed that the 'charity' fell within his remit and that it would be 'fully fledged' by the end of 2012 at the latest and looks forward to working with the IUCN NCUK.

SB expressed a desire for the NCUK to reciprocate and that it will be important to identify where the boundaries and overlap will or may exist between the two bodies.

#### 4. Election of Executive Committee and Chair for 2012

There had only been one nomination for the vacancy for Chair IUCN NCUK and as such Stuart Brooks was duly elected.

Tim Stowe, RSPB was elected to the IUCN NCUK Executive Committee joining Jonny Hughes (Scottish Wildlife Trust); Gynn Davies, (WWF); Bryan Carroll (Bristol Zoo Gardens)

Defra representative remains Trevor Salmon

Country Agency representative remains Susan Davies (SNH)

Co-opted members are:

Mike Pienkowski, Nigel Dudley, Sue Stolton and Richard Edwards.

SB expressed his thanks to Martin Spray (WWT) who has stepped down and to Chris Mahon for his role as Chair for the past three years and who is now to take up the role of Chief Executive Officer for IUCN NCUK which includes the Secretariat function. SB thanked RZSS for fulfilling this role for the past three years.

#### 5. Financial Report

A copy of the accounts was circulated at the meeting. Overall there has been some decrease in income due to the loss of two member organisations.

£7000 was still being held in a designated fund for website development if so desired but there was a consensus that conservation project activity might take precedence. Some funds had been put aside to support IUCN NCUK representation at the World Conservation Congress in Jeju. The Secretariat confirmed that Google Analytics suggested minimal usage of the website other than as a (useful) signpost to other sites (particularly IUCN Peatlands Programme). RC agreed that further investment in the website should not be a priority in the immediate future.

There was a brief round-table process of capturing future priorities for action for the committee. These included:

- Evaluating the benefits to Peatland Programme through use of IUCN branding – identify other initiatives where IUCN branding has 'added value' to a project. **Action all**
- Proposal to extend the theme of following up on the delivery of the IUCN Global Programme post-Jeju – suggestions for wider audiences/stakeholders at meeting and conferences. **Action all.**
- Look to engage more with JNCC as a follow-up to Marcus Yeo's recommendations in his conference presentation.

#### 6. Preparations for Jeju, World Conservation Congress

The proposal to convene members prior to the World Congress was discussed in order to identify and agree the key messages from the UK. This was agreed and a date and venue in the Cambridge area will be arranged for late summer 2012. This would exploit an opportunity to meet and confer with GSP and IUCN UK Charity personnel.

#### 7. Open Forum and AOB

SS suggested that the committee should build on the momentum from the days Protected Areas themed conference ahead of the World Parks Conference 2014. This was agreed.

AW added that guidance from the Committee to National Park Authorities would also be beneficial ahead of WPC.

SB suggested that the committee should seriously explore and create opportunities for greater engagement with the IUCN Commissions

#### 8. Closing remarks

SB reminded the meeting that the deadline of submission of motions for the WCC in Jeju was 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

SB thanked everyone for attended and formally closed the meeting.