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NEWSLETTER

ROOTED FOR HUNTING

The "Custodians of Professional Hunting and Conservation-South Africa" (CPHC-SA) was established in December 2017 with thunderous applause from all quarters. An incredible amount of work and energy went into building the foundations of CPHC-SA slap bang in the middle of the festive season. That which has been achieved in such a short period of time is testament to how committed this association is to accomplish its mission, vision, aims and objectives. In less than 3 weeks CPHC-SA adopted a constitution, a code of conduct, a mission statement, created a Facebook page as well as a website which was launched on Christmas day (www.cphc-sa.co.za). Membership application forms and a variety of other important information is available on the website. Please visit our Facebook page and LIKE it! <https://www.facebook.com/Custodians-of-Professional-Hunting-and-Conservation-South-Africa-1225860970881129/>



A CHANGE OF SEASON

CPHC-SA membership has to date, attracted many of South Africa's respected senior professional hunters and people that have played a major role in our professional hunting industry in past and present years. CPHC-SA has vetted and welcomed over 60 members at this time of writing. Membership applications have been steady regardless of the fact CPHC-SA "went live" on Christmas Day and that the bulk of our industry is overseas marketing their safari operations. The tide is turning and it is obvious that there are

many people both local and international whom share the same values upon which CPHC-SA was founded. It is not CPHC-SA's goal to become the largest PH Association in South Africa, we simply wish to be the best! Section 16 A is one issue that currently prevents potential members from joining CPHC-SA. Obtaining accreditation is a CPHC-SA priority which is underway. The reality is that this will take some time. However, many prospective members hold membership with associations in South Africa that are already Sect 16A compliant and therefore do not require it from CPHC-SA.

It is the Associations intention to become the most proactive, dynamic and respected voice for professional hunting in South Africa. We are determined to ensure that CPHC-SA is globally respected and becomes a leader in hunting and conservation in Africa. We urge like-minded professional hunters & outfitters to apply for membership with CPHC-SA to assist and become part of something new and vibrant!

CPHC-SA has been invited to join the CIC and attend their General Assembly, Wild Sheep Foundation, DSC, Sports Afield, Ripcord and BookYourHunt.com have all pledged support! SCI has confirmed an interest in following the associations growth and offered support where we most need it.

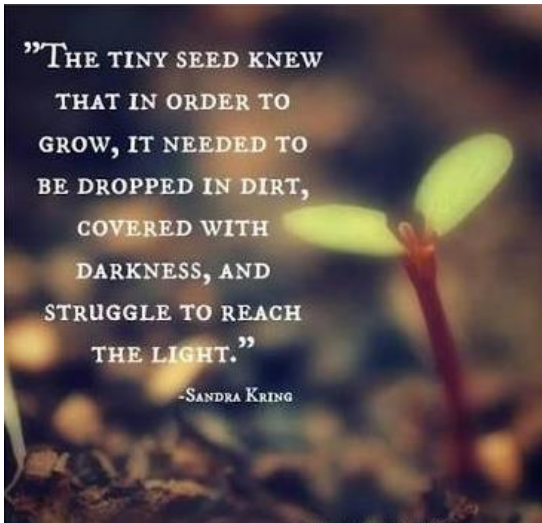
Executive committee members enjoyed productive meetings with DSC, SCI and WSF while attending the shows. All the African PH associations through OPHAA now recognize CPHC-SA as the association of choice for professional hunting in South Africa. We were invited to attend the International Professional Hunting Round Table at SCI which focuses on public outreach programs to promote the value of hunting. APHA has indicated that they would like to build a solid relationship with CPHC-SA to further the cause of Professional Hunting in Africa.



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CPHC-SA commends SCI and DSC on their stance taken on CBL.



Rovos Rail has joined CPHC-SA as an associate member, we are excited to grow our relationship with them. SATIB would like to meet with representatives from CPHC-SA. CPHC-SA has been invited by DEAT to submit an application to attend the Wildlife Forum and the Inter Provincial Professional Hunting Council. They require a membership list thus, we are waiting for all those who are still overseas to submit their membership application forms which can be completed and submitted on our website.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

At the first CPHC meeting on the 6th December 2017 in Johannesburg, we underestimated the number of people who wanted to attend. Due to the size of the venue we had no option but to limit the number of attendees. We formally apologize to those who could not be included, and we thank them for their contributions and support.

The Executive Committee taking CPHC forward are:

Stewart Dorrington (President)
Hans Vermaak
Hermann Meyerdricks
Howard Knott
Johan van den Berg
Mark de Wet
Matthew Greeff
Paul Stones

There will be an election at our Inaugural AGM in November 2018. More detail on this later.

BUILDING OUR FOUNDATION

Since the incorporation of CPHC-SA, exactly 2 months ago, we are proud to announce that we have a functioning office in Pretoria thanks to Neels Geldenhuys (African Outfitter) offering us the floor space and a huge amount of time and effort from Paul Stones. In addition, we have employed Alechia Fraser who joined our ranks on the 22 January 2018. Alechia will handle a multitude of tasks and she is excited about the challenges of building a new and vibrant association. We extend a hearty welcome to Alechia and we look forward to an exciting journey with her!



You are welcome to contact Alechia via email, telephone or in person at the office

OTHER NEWS

CPHC-SA has been invited to attend the African Lion Working Group regional meeting in Skukuza in June. This specialist group provides valuable input to the IUCN on lion conservation issues. CPHC-SA Chairman Stewart Dorrington will attend this.

We have also been invited to attend the www.conservation-lab.com in Stellenbosch. This is a 2-day discussion forum where opinion leading conservationists and media from around the globe exchange ideas relating to conservation in Africa.

CPHC-SA was approached by Mebala Ya Rona Biodiversity Transformation Advisory Committee who will be hosting their second Wildlife Auction on the 2nd of March 2018 at Molokwane Game Lodge in Rustenburg. The event is aimed at raising



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funds through wildlife for the upliftment of Previously Disadvantaged Communities (PDC)

especially those in the rural areas. They aim to address some of the key funding challenges to the development of new entrants in the Wildlife Industry. You are welcome to visit their website (<http://www.mebalayarona.org.za/>)



The first CPHC-SA executive committee meeting will be held on the 13th of February 2018 at the office in Pretoria. Please feel free to contact any of the Executive members or Alechia to raise any issues you would like discussed at the Exco meeting. Alechia has begun researching venues and dates for our first AGM which will be held sometime in November 2018, more news on these details soon. You must know that our Inaugural AGM will be nothing less than a spectacular event, which will be filled with positive energy and camaraderie! Please make an effort to attend and get involved.

REGIONAL MEETINGS:

Executive Committee members will be hosting meetings at various venues across the country over the next few months to engage with members and those who wish to know more about the association. Invitations will be sent in due course.

CPHC-SA is not a purist group nor an "old boys club" nor is it elitist and it has no bearing on previous associations. CPHC-SA understands and

is equipped with expertise in the South African hunting and conservation model to a degree that is both impressive, knowledgeable and as importantly, futuristic.

A special thank you to all the people and organizations who pledged financial assistance to CPHC-SA and to those who have assisted the association by joining our ranks. This funding has launched the association and enabled us to have an impact in the global hunting world in a very short time frame.

With your help and your will, we can take CPHC-SA to the very top of our game.

Stewart Dorrington.

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