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## NEWSLETTER

### SECTION 16A: CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

We had our second exco meeting on Friday 20th April and have made considerable progress since our last meeting in February. Our membership continues to grow, and we are now well over 100 strong and still growing.



#### *Potential members have had two main reservations about joining CPHC-SA.*

Firstly, that the provinces won't issue PH permits to anyone who doesn't belong to a recognised PH association and secondly, that our Firearms Control Act (FCA) will not issue firearm licences to professional hunters unless they belong to a PH association accredited under sect 16A of the FCA. This accreditation process is a nightmare and can take over 2 years to acquire. We have good news on both of those issues.

CPHC-SA has been accepted by the Inter Provincial Professional Hunting Committee as a recognised PH association. This means all the provinces now recognise our professional hunting association and our certificate of membership will qualify for PH and HO permits and renewals.

With regards to sect 16A of the FCA, SA Hunters have this accreditation and are offering it, through us, to our members. SA Hunters has a membership of 42000, mostly local recreational hunters and have a full complement of staff and offices. They share our values when it comes to ethics and have invited us to work with them where we can.

Sometime ago, they applied for accreditation with the police for Section 16A and after a two-year battle they succeeded. We have accepted an offer from them to accredit our members who wish for this accreditation. These members will have dual membership to meet the legal requirements of the FCA. CPHC-SA will become an associate member of SA Hunters and have access to many of their resources as well. We will maintain our independence as CPHC-SA. It certainly seems like a win-win situation.

These two developments will hopefully see many more joining our ranks as the year progresses.

We also saw fit to alter the constitution to accommodate requests from certain members. Currently only full members of CPHC-SA have voting rights. In order to be a full member, you must be an active professional hunter or outfitter. However, there are many others who have held the industry close to their hearts and have made massive contributions to hunting and professional hunting in SA and they too may wish to have a say on issues. Thus, we decided any person who is not a full member, may apply to be a voting member and the executive committee will have discretion in granting voting rights to such a person.



## OTHER INTERESTING MATTERS

The SCI Foundation has invited us to attend their African Wildlife Consultative Forum (AWCF) in Uganda in November. This is a meeting of all the representative professional hunting and outfitting associations in Africa where issues pertaining to the industry are discussed and cooperation between all associations is sought. CPHC-SA is now the SA representative body with OPHAA and at the AWCF.

The South African Wildlife College have again opened up dialogue with us and hopefully we will get our fundraising together again. The SAWC secured many exclusive hunts in neighbouring countries as well as with on reserves adjoining the Kruger, for our fundraising auctions in the past. They are also very important in the training PH's and other industry related businesses that will contribute to meeting our transformation goals.

I also had an informal meeting with head of conservation in Endangered Wildlife Trust, Dr Harriet Davies-Mostert and we found much common ground. She recommended that we also apply for membership to the IUCN but I think that is premature for our small association.

Some in the hunting industry are against engaging with our critics whereas we at CPHC-SA find that engagement is the best way to influence or understand each other. As long as

such dialogue is done in an honest and respectful manner, it resolves more issues than it creates. Thus, it is part of our strategy to engage with media, conservation NGOs and organisations that can influence public opinion. We will not give any credibility or time to pure animal rights groups.

We also had an informal meeting with the executive of WRSA and cleared up some of the rumours about CPHC-SA that have been put out on social media by those opposed to us. Once these issues were clarified we had a very constructive meeting over dinner and drinks. It helped that Adri Kitshoff is now their CEO and that in the past she was CEO of PHASA when some of us were presidents. It looks like WRSA and CPHC-SA are now on a converging path to shape future hunting in SA.

Custodians has undertaken to approach the future of hunting in a manner not utilised in the past! To contribute in a meaningful manner, CPHC-SA will tackle what we believe to be the underlining fight against hunting in general, ignorance!

In the past, as hunters we have ignored and often maligned many whom have decried our past time through a total lack of insight and understanding of hunting.

To this avail, Custodians have been invited to the "Conservation Lab" to be held at Spier Wine Estate in May 2018. The theme is "Trophy Hunting".

Paul Stones and Stewart Dorrington will take part in a debate with Ian Michler and Colin Bell on the mentioned subject.

The aim is to formulate a path forward where we can create synergy between the hunting and non-hunting bodies for the overall good of African wildlife.



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Custodians regards this as an opportunity to take our argument for hunting to an audience never engaged with in the past. It is exciting and the idea of bridge building, a massive incentive in the quest for support and understanding of our passion, livelihood and ultimate goal, the security of African fauna and flora.

We will not compromise our values and principles of sustainable use. This is an opportunity to mainstream conservation entities to accept trophy hunting as a legitimate and essential conservation tool.

Lastly, we are planning our AGM in November 22nd to 24th at Zulu Nyala in Johannesburg. It will be a two-day conference and AGM and a celebration of our new association. Always a place to renew friendships, make contacts and contribute to the goals of the association. Diarise the dates.

## INFORMATION TRANSFORMATION

We received an invitation to attend a biodiversity workshop in Polokwane on 16 April 2018. The Biodiversity Information Management System (BIMS) was introduced.

This system is still in the development stage and will allow users to view climates accompanied by which species of animals occur in those areas. We will keep you updated as it can be a positive tool for hunters.

## HUNTEx 2018

The theme for this year's trade show was "youth who hunt". Alechia attended HuntEx and did some valuable networking for Custodians while at the same time seeing the size and scope of the industry in all its facets in South Africa. It is an event that all hunters should try to attend.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Sponsorships

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed financially to CPHC-SA so far. We have made a strong impression in the hunting industry and know that we are moving in the right direction. We are fully aware that this would not have been possible without your support and wish to extend the opportunity to you and your



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business to sponsor our Annual General Meeting hosted from the 22nd to 24th of November 2018. All sponsors will have their products and/or services displayed at the meeting, thus assisting in your marketing efforts.

If you would like to contribute or have any enquiries, please contact us at [admin@cphc-sa.co.za](mailto:admin@cphc-sa.co.za) or 064 770 3682. You are also welcome to contact the exco members directly if need be.

## *Advertisements*

Our advertising platform on the website is almost fully developed. You will be able to place your advertisement on our website shortly. Contact the office for details. This will be a valuable marketing

opportunity as the number of visits to our website are increasing and are viewed by both local and international viewers.



Wishing all our members a successful hunting season. Be careful and thoughtful of what you put out on social media and enjoy the wonderful wilderness that we are so privileged to hunt in.

Stewart Dorrington