

**MINUTES OF 74th ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OF MALAYSIAN NATURE SOCIETY
HELD ON 19th SEPTEMBER 2021 BY ZOOM**



ATTENDEES

No	Name	Membership no.			
1	Yow Ngan Chee Jenny	O	E	21015	B
2	Ng Chun Hsiung		E	20927	
3	Chiang Lai Peng	F	E	31348	J
4	Margy Lee	F	E	2909	C
5	Foong Seong Chee Alexander	F	E	1599	B
6	Zorina Khalid	F	E	16512	M
7	George Ng Soon Guan	F	E	22572	B
8	Anuar Abdullah Mcafee	F	e	23280	T
9	Jimmy Chew	F	E	28608	B
10	Achmed Azizie B Marzuki	F	E	28648	F1
11	Wong Chee Ho	F	E	29940	T
12	Lai Chong Haur	F	E	30673	B
13	Cecilia Sman Brian	F	E	30730	F1
14	Vuthy Taing	F	E	30756	N
15	Muhamad Rusdi	F	E	32287	C
16	Constanceteo Wai Leng	F	E	32622	B
17	Belinda Boon Yen Lih	F	E	32724	M
18	Yeoh Liew Kee	F	E	32867	K
19	Dominic O'Sullivan	F	E	33188	B
20	Learn Ping Lee	F	E	33204	M
21	Lee Learn Ping	F	E	33604	M
22	Rafeah Jaraee	F	E	33779	F1
23	Yap Wei Aun & Ho Sui Jade	F	E	34729	B
24	Juzar Bin Mustan Mala	F	E	34962	B
25	Anna Wong	F	E	8725	E
26	Anthony Tan Kee Huat	F	P	34048	B
27	Rahimatsah Amat	L	E	15240	E
28	Au Nyat Jun	L	E	16110	F2
29	Cheah Swee Neo	L	E	16665	M
30	Ho Yueh Liang, Ivan	L	E	1697	B
31	Yeoh Yin Tuan	L	E	19195	B
32	Tan Choo Eng	L	E	21879	P
33	Robert Teo Keng Tuan	L	E	23363	B
34	Stephanie Bacon	L	E	23851	M
35	Steve Dexter	L	E	2720	F1
36	Datin Seri Panglima Dr Ann Anton	L	E	27355	E
37	Tajul Arosh	L	E	3108	P
38	Christopher Boyd	L	E	32225	B
39	Ngian Siew Siong	L	E	32692	B
40	Sara Burgess	L	E	3338	O
41	Arhwin Kalai Chelvan	L	E	33783	B
42	John Koh	L	E	5281	B
43	Lee Yuat Wah	L	E	6287	A
44	Jayaraj, P	L	E	6357	B
45	Fatt Khaw Phang	L	E	7517	K
46	Leong Hon Yuen	L	N	13658	B

No	Name	Membership no.			
47	Lee Lay Tin	L	N	15	S
48	Farizah Sulong	L	N	28754	T
49	Lim Ming Hui	O	E	11564	M
50	Chong Kian Phoon	O	E	12825	M
51	Vincent Chow	O	E	13891	J
52	Alex Raj	O	E	14512	B
53	Tay Kim Hock	o	E	19905	J
54	Abbott Chong	O	E	22325	J
55	Monica Lee	O	E	22934	K
56	Ng Moy Lee, Monica	O	E	22934	K
57	Khor Hui Min	O	E	23362	B
58	Siow Nien Sheng	O	E	23501	3
59	Wahizatul Afzan Azmi	O	E	23526	T
60	Azniza	O	E	23890	E
61	Chow Mee Foong	O	E	24078	C
62	Jordan Lau	O	E	24583	B
63	Belinda Wong Mei Lang	O	E	25208	J
64	Dr. Chong Ju Lian	O	E	25791	T
65	Wee Pou Lis	O	E	26353	M
66	Musa Musbah	O	E	26715	F1
67	Tan Chwee Peng	O	E	26743	M
68	Mohd Hafiz Bin Abdul Majid	O	E	27137	C
69	Wong Pui May	O	E	27372	T
70	Eric R. Sinnaya	O	E	27667	L
71	Prof Ahmad Ismail	O	E	27787	B
72	Zela Azni Binti Nahizan	O	E	27789	C
73	Chen Pelf Nyok	O	E	28226	C
74	Beryl Nolan	O	E	28662	P
75	Mee Chan	O	E	29338	N
76	Daisy Jeyarani A/P Samuel	O	E	29762	L
77	Husamudin Yaacob	O	E	30203	K
78	Jamila Abdul Basha	O	E	30781	F1
79	Santha Krishnamoorthy	O	E	30810	L
80	Marian Ab Malik	O	E	30897	N
81	Shim Yen Lin	O	E	30902	E
82	Nur Syamimi Makbul	O	E	31266	E
83	Haslina Bt Jais	O	E	31801	B
84	Izwandy Idris	O	E	32047	T
85	Tee Lian Beng	O	E	32048	B
86	Bong Sze Wai (Helen)	O	E	32673	C
87	Maizatul Zam Zarina Bt Zainun @ Zainol	O	E	32682	B
88	Cheryl Rita De Silva	O	E	33040	B
89	Tan Chun Hong	O	E	33049	T
90	Harris Raj Kumar	O	E	33201	N
91	Sarah Shazwani Zakaria	O	E	33219	N
92	Batrisyia Teepol	O	E	33234	F2

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93	Siti Joanni Matlan	O	E	33334	E
94	Corinne Woo	O	E	33491	N
95	Nurul Izza Ab Ghani	O	E	33502	B
96	Muhammad Fauzi Bin Mat Ali	O	E	33543	B
97	Jeingim @Jenne Lajuni	O	E	33615	E
98	Mok Lean Thai	O	E	33620	F2
99	Nur Ziana Abdullah Sani	O	E	33629	A
100	Tan Guat Kee (Irene)	O	E	33832	K
101	Sujatra Jayaraj	O	E	34276	B
102	Ernyza Endot	O	E	34284	F1
103	David Victor	O	E	34302	B
104	Munirah Hanapiah	O	E	34768	K
105	Bryan Raveen Nelson	O	E	34818	N
106	Jonson Chong	O	E	34862	B
107	Yap Miow Lin	O	E	34885	N
108	Adam Mohd Khairuddin	O	E	34957	R
109	Kumaradevan A/L Saminathan	O	E	34960	K
110	Fadzli Luqman	O	E	35009	T
111	Ahmad Sabudin	O	E	9924	C
112	Lim Kher Chuen	O	E	21236	B
113	Aya Durai A/L Letchumanan	O	E	32561	B
114	Ainuddin Bin Mat Hassan	O	O	31314	E
115	Richard Tay	O	O	8919	M
116	Hasmahzaiti Omar	O	P	31300	B
117	Ann Armstrong	O	P	18131	F2

MNS Staff in attendance

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1	I S Shanmugaraj	Z	E	25924	B
2	Intan Zurani bt Abd Razak	Z	E	22306	B
3	Sashikala A/P Manikam	Z	E	28440	B
4	Leong Wee Chin	Z	E	25914	B
5	Wan Noor Zalikha bt Zaharuddin	Z	E	31172	B
6	Chen Foong Ling	Z	E	34231	B

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1.	<p>Call to Order and Chairman’s Welcoming Address</p> <p>The President welcomed all members and hoped everyone had remained healthy during the pandemic.</p>	
	<p>The President asked for an extra item to be added as he had some slides to show. He started by reminding everyone that we were all volunteers and showed how big MNS is with 14 branches and BCC, all working on conservation projects. Being President since 2018, his aim was to promote MNS to schools, governmental departments and corporates, while strengthening the Secretariat. Responding to the outcome from the 73rd AGM, he had concentrated on membership, finance, the constitution, KSNP and publications. He further pointed out that MNS is involved with policy matters in nature-based tourism, though not tourism business and highlighted the role of IUCN in conservation.</p>	
2.	<p>Adoption of the Agenda</p>	
	<p>The agenda was adopted, proposed by Rahimatsah Amat (Sabah), seconded by Belinda Wong (Johor).</p>	
3.	<p>Confirmation of Minutes of the 73rd Annual General Meeting and Discussions on Matters Arising therefrom</p>	
	<p>The minutes were accepted as a true record of proceedings, proposed by Tee Lian Beng (Selangor), seconded by Chiang Lai Peng (Johor).</p> <p>The President assured the meeting that the matters arising from the minutes would be tabled at the first Council Meeting after the AGM, and members would be provided with the answers thereafter.</p>	
4.	<p>Tabling of the Treasurer’s Report and Adoption of the Audited Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year Ending 31 May 2021</p>	
	<p>Honorary Treasurer presented the audited financial statements for the year ending 31 May 2021, which were also available on MNS website. She stated she would cover the three key statements, which were income & expenditure, financial position and cash flow.</p> <p>She noted that from the Income & expenditure statement, the FY2021 income was RM2.8m compared with RM4.3m for FY2020, with a deficit for FY2021 of RM515k compared with FY2020 of RM69k and a FY2021 carried forward surplus of RM1.3m compared with RM1.8m for FY2020.</p> <p>For the financial position, the Honorary Treasurer broke down the cash between general funds, donation & sustainability funds (both are taken from revenue) and BOT funds, where the increase shown was from interest on the fixed deposits. She noted that project income had been severely reduced by the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as the termination of the Dark Caves operation. In total, income was down by RM1.4m (30%), while expenditure was down by RM1.2m (26%), partly due to mitigation actions taken. These were 10% salary reduction in June 2020, followed by a second round of salary reductions in July 2021. Nevertheless, the FY2021 Net Deficit was RM708k compared with RM393k for FY2020. She further noted that the interest earned was lower than the previous year as there were less funds on fixed deposit and interest rates were lower. As project income was lower than the previous year, the amounts added to the donation and sustainability were lower at RM141k for FY2021, compared with RM252k for FY2020.</p> <p>For the cash flow, the Honorary Treasurer reported that the FY2021 accumulated funds were RM1.3m, compared with RM1.8m for FY2020; trade receivables were reduced to RM148k from RM371k, as there were reductions in the billing of projects. She also mentioned that two major projects can only be billed after the work is carried out.</p> <p>She also noted that the first four accumulated funds operate under the Secretariat, while the remainder are under the custodianship of BOT; Deferred Funds are project funds paid in</p>	

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	<p>advance which are held and only released into the accounts when the project stages are completed.</p> <p>Following this Honorary Treasurer's report, the meeting accepted the audited accounts for the financial year ending 31 May 2021, proposed by Stephanie Bacon (N9/Melaka) and seconded by Anthony Tan (Selangor).</p>	
5.	Tabling of Council's Report on the work of the Society (2020-2021)	
	<p>The Honorary Secretary reported that four virtual Council Meetings had been held. She emphasised that the financial situation had been monitored monthly and most overdue payments had been collected. However, the pandemic had adversely affected the running of the Society and activities will be conducted online at least to December 2021. Some virtual activities engaged in by members of the Council were the 5th International Climate Change Conference, Raptor Watch (counters only were allowed on site), Symposium on Multi-Stakeholders' Engagement in Forest/Protected Area Governance (via IGEM), special edition of MNJ, two special MN issues on the Panti Forest Scientific Expedition, Tapir Talks and Membership Promotions. The full report had been made available on the MNS Website.</p> <p>The meeting accepted the report; proposed by Tajul Arosh (Penang), seconded by Ann Armstrong (Kuching).</p>	
6.	Tabling of Report by the Board of Trustees (2020-2021)	
	<p>Datin Seri Panglima Dr Ann Anton, BOT Chair started by introducing herself and the other six BOT members. Four virtual meetings had been held.</p> <p>She explained that BOT was not involved with the day-to-day running of the Society and its main responsibility was the management of the reserve funds for the long-term sustainability of the Society.</p> <p>She stated that the BOT funds totalled RM1.4m on 31 May 2021 and the 80th Anniversary commemorative book was in the final stages of production. Altogether 148 articles had been accepted which were varied in nature. The Editors, Tan Sri Dr Salleh Mohd Nor and John Koh hoped to raise funds from the sale of the book.</p> <p>She informed the meeting that Datuk Chris Boyd represented BOT in MNS Constitution review where it pertained to the BOT, that the BOT hoped that Tan Teck Guan award could be revived as it was last awarded in 2006. Another BOT member Dennis Koh had been instrumental in launching of the MNS app which was hosted on his cloud service.</p> <p>Finally, she advised the meeting that the BOT were concerned about the Society's financial management as the pandemic had reduced income and hoped that resourceful, adaptable and innovative measures could be taken to ensure the sustainability of the Society's assets. She thanked the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Executive Director for their help and support, and other members of the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>The meeting accepted the report; proposed by Arhwin Kalai Chelvan (Selangor), seconded by Rahimatsah Amat (Sabah).</p>	
7.	Tabling of Management Report (2020-2021)	
7.1	<p>Services Unit</p> <p>The Executive Director started his report with HR matters, saying that the total workforce was 32 in June 2020, all of whom were multi-tasking and following the Strategic Plan. However, due to the pandemic, the number of staff was reduced to 23 with others being placed on a daily contract to complete project work. He said that to properly monitor staff's time whether they worked in the office, the field or from home, an online timesheet system was used.</p>	
7.2	<p>Conservation</p> <p>Projects concentrated on were My Forest, IBA areas, Belum/Terengganu, Ulu Muda while engaging with branches to take over some of the other projects. The monitoring of Otters undertaken all over Malaysia, made possible with international funding.</p>	

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	<p>He was pleased to announce that MNS was working with the Wildlife Department on Tapir, Sun Bear, Tiger, migratory birds, hornbills, and fireflies. He added that MNS is heavily involved with forest policy making in Malaysia.</p> <p>The many challenges faced due to the pandemic meant that all communications had to be online with the local communities doing the field work. The online series of Tapir Talks had been a good way of knowledge sharing and highlighting issues.</p>	
7.3	<p>Environmental Education</p> <p>The Executive Director reported that –</p> <p>Water Vision Contest continued and had been funded by Coke Cola for the past seven years. With funding from Selangor State, the Free Plastic Project was successful with total of 183 teachers and 3,336 students taking part.</p> <p>Working with KASA and MGTCC, the Clean Seas Malaysia workshops for 149 teachers from 98 schools had taken place.</p> <p>The annual Science Film Festival with the Goethe Institut was completed and MNS was on the jury for the Malaysian File selection which this year was based on SDGs.</p> <p>HQ has taken over the running MY Garden Birdwatch where 498 teachers and 6,069 students were involved.</p> <p>Lastly, he reported that the Tapir bulletin for schools was now online.</p>	
7.4	<p>Education centres</p> <p>The Executive Director reported that –</p> <p>NEC at FRIM, was running Nature classrooms online.</p> <p>Pulau Ketam Volunteering Programme, funded by Coke Cola, had been cleaning up the facilities there.</p> <p>Indah Water Konsortium (IWK) @ Pantai EcoPark KL - 104 trees had been planted, with a target of more than 5,000. IWK have facilities there which MNS can use.</p> <p>EcoCare @ Kerteh with a value of RM1.4million has been occupied and maintained by MNS.</p> <p>KSNP had a total of 15,799 local visitors and 455 foreign ones during the six months it was allowed to open. 44 activities had been run, 15,000 saplings had been prepared and 12,000 seeds collected.</p>	
7.5	<p>Other projects</p> <p>The Executive Director reported that MNS had been involved in–</p> <p>The National Coastal Planting Committee, with KetSA and the forestry department on coastal Rehabilitation.</p> <p>River Conservation Programme at Sungai Baluk, funded by MTBE Malaysia Sdn Bhd.</p> <p>Publications – Naturalist funding via Vincent; MNJ published results of further research from local students.</p> <p>Membership had dropped to 2,191, possibly because of fewer activities due to the pandemic.</p>	
7.6	<p>Marketing & partnership,</p> <p>There had been a lot of interest for tree planting from Malaysian corporates.</p> <p>Following his passing, the Balu Perumal Conservation Fund has been set up and it is hoped to hold a Scientific Symposium following the loss of Dr Lim Boo Lit, Ken Scriven, Prof Ong Jin Eong and Balu Perumal.</p>	
7.7	<p>Future projects</p> <p>The Executive Director stated that there is a need to set up a fund-raising action group Reforestation/ tree planting projects – Nestle (700k trees) and UMW (300 mangroves).</p> <p>Forest Governance project – My forest Watch to continue.</p>	

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	The meeting accepted the report; proposed by Anna Wong (Sabah), seconded by Jimmy Chew (Selangor).	
	The Balu Perumal Conservation Fund was then launched by showing a collection of photos of Balu's time with the Society.	
8.	LUNCH BREAK until 2pm	
9.0	Reports of the Branch Committees	
9.1	Johor started with a report of a variety of events based on the Panti Forest and Forest City, with some online talks for teachers and students on KPA, SDGs and MYGB watch. He explained they had good interaction with both the Wildlife and Forestry departments.	
9.2	Kuching were next and shared their work on Helmeted Hornbills, plus their other events. The branch members are involved in a 3-year project on hornbills and just starting a further project at Sejingkat Ash Ponds.	
9.3	Due to the pandemic, Kedah reported that the Ulu Muda Scientific Expedition had been halted, but happily Nestle were planning to plant 300k trees. Members and the local community were busy collecting seeds and seedlings from the forest for this project.	
9.4	Miri reported their activities had been affected by the pandemic, so they had organised two online astronomic competitions. Sadly, they reported the death of a female hornbill at Piasau Nature Reserve.	
9.5	Sabah had been involved in various online conferences and seminars including one on the HOB. Two species, otters and gibbons had been added to the interests and the branch had signed an MOU with UMS to exchange environmental and conservation knowledge.	
9.6	N9/Melaka explained their many activities including Kuala Linggi conservation, fireflies, and the online series of Nature Hero Talks. Also, their involvement with an EIA which resulted in the branch receiving a lawyer's letter. The Chairman recommended that all branches set up a fund to pay for legal advice if required. The branch was involved with the national 'We Plant 4U', and extended it to 'Give a Gift-of-Life'; plant a mangrove tree and send an e-card.	
9.7	Pahang can a detailed report on their activities in the communities which included building a wave breaker from 2,000+ used tyres at the turtle hatchery, explaining about waste management and how to turn waste into useful items. They also raise funds and delivered household goods to local flood victims.	
9.8	Penang reported few activities due to the pandemic, although the Chairman was working with his role with the Penang city council and various other state departments.	
9.9	Selangor gave the longest presentation, explaining how the nine SIGs had coped with the pandemic and how they had petitioned against the various developments in Kuala Lumpur and the state. The committee had proposed, and shared their idea of 'Plant a Plant' (any plant, anywhere) in memory of Balu Perumal with the other branches.	
9.10	Finally, Terengganu reported on their instructive and useful meetings with various state government bodies and their Helmeted Hornbill Research. They had made press statements on the demise of the White Bellied Sea Eagle and Rafflesia damage.	
9.11	No reports were submitted from Kelantan, Langkawi and Perak branches.	
10.	Election of the Board of Trustees for the term (2021-2024)	
	Nominees were Dr Zorina Khalid (N9/MK) and Derek John Fernandez (Selangor). As there were only two vacancies and no objections from the floor, both nominees were elected to serve for three years on the Board of Trustees.	
11.	Appointment of Auditor for the Financial Year	
11.1	The meeting appointed new Auditors, namely Chew & Associates (AF0060), Unit 26-8, Level	

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	26 Tower A, The Vertical Business Suites, Bangsar South City, No 8 Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur.	
14.	Adjournment	
	There being no other matters, the Chair adjourned the meeting.	

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Prepared by Secretariat

Prof Dr. Ahmad Ismail
MNS President 2020 -2022