

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
Zoom Conference Meeting ID No. 891 4204 0345  
30 March 2022

**1. Call to Order.** Atty. Vicente V. Escala was elected to preside over the meeting. After determining the presence of a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 3:18 pm.

Present:

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| 1. Atty. Vicente V. Escala, PGP          | Presiding Officer |
| 2. Mr. Romel L. Carbonel, Saguda Palawan | Member            |
| 3. Atty. Adelina B. Villena, PCSDS       | Member            |
| 4. Ms. Katherine Custodio, WWF-Phils     | Member            |
| 5. PENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc, DENR      | Member            |
| 6. Col. Gerald L Naldoza PAF, WESCOM     | Member            |

Absent:

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| 1. Hon. Sergio S. Tapalla, LGU- Cagayancillo  | Member |
| 2. Capt. Alan M Javier PN (GSC), NFW          | Member |
| 3. CG Commo Angel Z Viliran, Msc, JD, CGD-Pal | Member |

Guest:

- 1. Ms. Marivel P. Dygico, WWF-Phils
- 2. LCdr Ronne Riel B Grimpola PN, NFW

**2. Review of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting/Matters Arising Out of the Minutes.** The minutes of the previous meeting was reviewed and adopted. The highlights were as follows:

Highlights/Major Concerns	Actions Taken
Major Undertakings for 2022	Release of P58M for ranger station Engagement of fund-raising expert
Friends of Tubbataha, Inc.	ExeCom informed of formation of FoT
Signatory to TPAMB Accounts	PENRO Felizardo Cayatoc designated as one of the signatories to replace PENRO Saños
Malampaya Foundation Grant	Postponed due to organizational issues
Metro Pacific Investments Corporation MOA	MOA signed on March 11
PSFI MOA	MOA signed
Hope Spot	ExeCom tasked by TPAMB to study and approve Hope Spot Champion Agreement

**3. Agenda**

**3.1 Proposed Amendment to ExeCom Reso Nos. 21-124 and 21-125.** Both resolutions have to do with the donation of a 90-horsepower outboard motor (OBM) to Cagayancillo and PCSDS, respectively. The subject of the proposed amendment is the brand name of the OBM. The resolutions indicate that the brand name of the OBMs is Yamaha, while they are, in fact, Suzuki engines.

The amendment aims to avoid inconsistencies in the records of the offices involved. The Committee unanimously approved the amendment.

**3.2 Hope Spot Signatory.** The TPAMB deferred the issuance of authority to the PASu to sign the Hope Spot Partner Agreement due to concerns about intellectual property rights as

provided in the Agreement. Presiding Officer, Atty. Matta, suggested sending the copies of the agreement to Atty. Escala and Atty. Villena for further review and comments.

PCSDS legal staff, Atty. Sara Diva, attended the meeting and expressed misgivings pertaining to Item 4 (Licenses to Mission Blue) which grants perpetual use of Tubbataha content to Mission Blue. She also questioned the juridical entity of TMO to enter into Agreement. Atty. Diva requested five days for the PCSDS legal team to further review the Agreement and submit its legal opinion.

The Committee deferred approval of the Agreement until such time as the PCSDS opinion is received. Tubbataha Management Office will disseminate the copy to the Committee.

**3.3 Policy on Scuba Diving.** The marine park rangers expressed concern regarding visitors to TRNP who engage in scuba diving activities despite the absence of a scuba diving license. The MPRs are sometimes requested to serve as guides exposing them to risks.

The PASu proposed the passage of a resolution prohibiting persons without a scuba diving certification/license from engaging in scuba diving activities in TRNP. The resolution was approved for proposal during the next TPAMB meeting.

#### **4. Other Matters**

**4.1 MPIF Request for Membership in TPAMB.** The PASu presented the letter from Metro Pacific Investment Foundation, Inc., signifying its interest to be a member of the TPAMB. The Committee resolved that since the TRNP Act provides for only three (3) NGO members in the Board, MPIF could not be invited to join. However, it was agreed that the Foundation should be invited to meetings that concern its contributions to TRNP.

**4.2 Antigen Test of Research Team and Other Personnel.** The PASu reported that TMO, together with its volunteers will conduct research activities in TRNP from April to June using M/Y Navorca for transport and logistical support. She emphasized that despite the relaxed Covid protocols, extra precautions need to be taken because of the necessary close interaction between the research team and the rangers. She requested approval to disburse funds for antigen testing of the research team, including the crew of M/Y Navorca.

The Committee unanimously approved the request.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm.

Prepared by:

**ANGELIQUE M. SONGCO**  
Secretary

Attested by:

**ATTY. VICENTE V. ESCALA**  
Presiding Officer