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## INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT



### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

#### MINUTES

**DATE:** 08 September 2009

**TIME:** 10H00

**VENUE:** Mangaung

#### MEMBERS

Mr Gert Bam	President	City of Cape Town	Present
Mr Thembinkosi Ngcobo	Imm Past President	eThekweni Municipality	Apology
Mr Pepe Dass	Chairperson INCA	eThekweni Municipality	Apology
Ms Chantal Hanslo	Chairperson W Cape	City of Cape Town	Present
Mr Patrick Meyer	Chairperson Gauteng	Jhb City Parks	Apology
Mr Mark Hazell	Branch Rep EC	Rhodes University	Present
Ms Bongiwé Mtungwa	Branch Rep KZN	eThekweni Municipality	Apology
Mr Willie Nel	Branch Rep Gauteng	Johannesburg City Parks	Apology
Mr David Noha	Branch Rep Free State	DWAF	Present
Mr Johan Swart	Chair Ed & Tr Comm	City of Cape Town	Present
Mr Jan Fourie	Chairperson Recreation	City of Cape Town	Present
Mr Jean Venter	General Secretary	IERM	Present
Ms G le Cordeur	Secretariat	Van der Walt & Co	Apology

#### FREESTATE MEMBERS

The Executive Council Meeting was held as an open meeting and workshop and was attended by members of the IERM sub committees and members of the Freestate Branch who signed the register: A van Wyk, M Moloj, T Masiza, A vd Berg, LB Uys, N Ntulini, M Eric, L Wels, MP Gavhi, T Katise, P Mazsela, LJ Mathibela.

#### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The President welcomed members present and noted the above Apologies.

#### 2. READING AND CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting that was held on 10 June 2009 was confirmed.

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**3. CONVENTION 2009**

The Chairman advised that due to financial constraints Johannesburg City Parks will not be able to fund the 2009 convention and that a postponement of the convention was recommended by the organizing committee. The council also noted that many other municipalities are having cash flow problems and that even if the convention should proceed; the attendance is expected to be poor.

**AGREED** to postpone the 2009 Conference until 2010. The organizing committee to proceed with cancellation negotiations with the venue and the secretariat must advise the members and registered delegates accordingly. Refunds to be done for members who do not want to hold over the registrations for the next convention.

**[Action: Patrick Meyer & Gillian le Cordeur]**

**4. FINANCIALS**

The Council **NOTED** a report tabled by the General Secretary on the year to date financial position of the IERM.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The council meeting was preceded by a general combined workshop involving all the IERM sub committees as well as guest members from the Free State region. The workshop debated the general trends in the industry and a number of particular decisions were taken:

**IERM STANCES ON RECREATION:**

- Recreation must be separated from sport
- Focus on play rather than competing
- Recreation officer is a career

**AGREED** to ensure that an IERM Recreation conference is held in 2010 and to produce a recreation marketing slide set that can be used at municipalities to promote the recreation function services of municipalities.

**[Action: Jan Fourie]**

**AGREED** that all branch committees must contain an Education and Training Representative. Mr Swart to discuss with Professor Hendrik on the future of Recreation, Horticulture and Cemeteries training at Unisa.

**AGREED** to provide Mr Swart with a copy of the IERM member's handbook for use at the world parks day festivities.

**[Action: Secretariat]**

**AGREED** to ask the Western Cape Branch to share its experiences with the World Parks Day festivities with other municipalities in due course, at a suitable IERM event.

**[Action: Ms Hanslo]**

**AGREED** to produce two marketing banners for each of the active branches of the IERM.

**[Action: Secretariat]**

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**AGREED** to consider a format for our future conferences that involves parallel sessions for the various disciplines.

[Action: Secretariat]

**6. BRANCH REPORTS**

Branch reports for the KZN and Western Cape Branches were tabled and **NOTED** as read.

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting to be held on 24 February 2010.

**8. CLOSURE**

The President then thanked all the members and closed the meeting.

**THUS READ AND CONFIRMED**

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**PRESIDENT**

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