



Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Baa Atoll UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Advisory Board

Date: 27 October 2013

Venue: Ministry of Environment and Energy

Time: 14:00hrs

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2nd Advisory Board meeting.
3. Update on Baa Atoll UNESCO Biosphere Reserve activities from January- August 2013 Discussions.
4. Short brief on Baa Atoll Conservation Fund (If needed)
5. Discussions
6. Dates of next meetings:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. Welcome and Introduction of the members

The meeting was chaired by Director General of Environmental Protection Agency Mr Ibrahim Naeem. In his opening remarks he highlighted the purpose of the meeting and welcomed all the participants.

Members representing Baa Island Council, Baa Atoll Council, Local Government Authority, and 2 Independent experts were not able to participate in the meeting.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2nd Advisory Board meeting

Every participant have a copy of 2nd advisory board meeting minutes. Ms. Shaheena who represent the resort point out that the minutes not included Mr. Peter Gremes comments. Chairman Decided to postpone the finalize the 2nd advisory board meeting minutes to next meeting, after including the Mr. Peter Gremes's comment.

3. Update on Baa Atoll UNESCO Biosphere Reserve activities from January- August 2013 Discussions.

The updated of BR activities from Jan-Aug 2013 was presented by the Biosphere Reserve Office Outreach officer Shafee Ali. The Presentation summarised the activities undertake by all three programs.

The main challenges of run the BR office was difficult to get office stationaries and equipment and ranger vessel was not existing to monitor Hanifaru MP Area.

4. Short brief on Baa Atoll Conservation Fund.

Mr Abdulla Shibau, B. Atoll Conservation Fund manager presented the financial statement of B. Atoll Conservation Fund. Shibau also give details the difficulties of spending conservation fund.

5. Discussions.

- Ms Shaheena recommended token fee money should be used only for Hanifaru Management.
- Conduct awareness programs with the collaboration of "BAARU".
- Ms Shaheena agreed that she will find one page from "VARA" Magazine for Biosphere Reserve.

6. Dates of next meetings.

Board members agreed next meeting will be on first week of December 2013.

Summary of Recommendations.

- Advisory Board agreed to meet ministers to get more commitment to keep Biosphere Reserve Legacy before losing it.
- Advisory Board agreed to get any other alternative way to use conservation fund with the support of LG.