

Minutes agreed by correspondence 28 January 2020

Skype meeting in COO, 16 January 2020. Present were: Guðni Magnús Erlíksson (GG), Netta Leventakou (GL), Sunn Ólafsdóttir and Hild Þorvald (NO), Ulla Wang (UC) and Charlotte Wivonne (CW)

Draft agenda for the meeting:

1. Welcome and adoption of agenda
2. Participants – observers + others – identify who will come
3. Practicalities: venue, travel, hotel etc
4. Draft programme
– discuss and finalise programme – discuss the challenge of language and how we plan to meet this
5. Distribution of tasks for members – e.g. finalise check lists, look for video footage + underline the importance of being active for all members – prepare some questions etc.
6. AOB

COO agreed that:

- The understanding is that all previously approved observers are still qualified as long as they meet the new safety and health certificate requirements.
- Charlotte will circulate to COO all received CV's after the meeting.
- Netta will send names and CV's of the new observer candidates from GL, a.s.p.
- Members will prioritise finalising the check lists for the hunts that can be observed in their country.
- The checklists are among the main documentations for the course. They should describe the observation task in detail i.e. pinpoint exactly what the observer must look for in a particular hunt.
- All practicalities are taken care of – venue, hotel, travel etc
- Participation was defined – see attached excel file
- Main language will be Scandinavian but when necessary also English.
- To the extent possible presentations (or a summary) will be part of the documents participants will receive at the opening of the course. English presentations will be translated to a Scandinavian version that will be among the meeting documents to help communication
- Guðni, Hild and Charlotte will cooperate on the presentation on the predators, it will be circulated to COO prior to the course for comments
- It was agreed to have more time than normally would to allow for discussion and dialogue under each presentation
- Ulla will find some footage of the pilot whale hunt
- Presentations of the hunts should be focused on elements that have a bearing on the role of the observer.
- Include the rifle hunt in the programme – for other comments see attached excel file.
- Bjarni Mikulásson will be asked to join on skype to talk of his experiences as observer
- Guðni and Charlotte was talked with developing further the programme and this will be circulated before finalised
- Important that COO is actively participating in the discussions, perhaps inviting them and members agreed to review the programme and prepare questions as if they were in the shoes of the observers
- COO and OIM will both meet for one day only on Saturday and Sunday.