



**THE SABAH SOCIETY
(PERTUBUHAN SABAH)**

"To Know Sabah"

P.O. Box 10547, 88806 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia.

**Minutes of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) of
THE SABAH SOCIETY**

held on MONDAY 28th APRIL 2014

at the SABAH SOCIETY SECRETARIAT

**No 46, 1st Floor, Block E, Lot 34, Damai Plaza Phase 4,
Ruang Pokok Kayu Manis 1, Luyang, Kota Kinabalu.**

1. INTRODUCTION

The President for 2013-2014, Mr George Hong took the chair and called the meeting to order at 20.00 hrs.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A total of 32 members showed up, hence, a quorum was established. Out of this, 29 were eligible to vote.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

The minutes of the last AGM held on Wednesday 25th April 2013 were adopted.
Proposed by Dr Heng Aik Cheng. Seconded by Datuk Chan Chew Lun

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT for 2013 - 2014

The President thanked everyone for their attendance. In his address, he highlighted the following:

1. That The Sabah Society was an organization that got invited to a lot of stakeholders workshops etc and that invited any members to participate in those events.
2. President invited Dr Heng to update the audience on the Minitinduk project
3. President invited Wong Siew Te, to give the Sandakan branch report. Mr Wong shared video on the past year activities.

The President concluded by thanking the committee for their contribution, and thanked our Administrative Secretary, Ms Monica Low, for her outstanding contribution.

TALKS, TRIPS AND EVENTS HELD IN 2013/2014

TALKS 2013/2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
<u>2013</u>		
Feb 3	The Amadis Project – Short Films	Mr. Jared Abdul Rahman
Mar 14	Town and Country planning in Sabah	Mr. Douglas Barnes
Mar 20	The long term research on wild Orangutan at Danum Valley conservation area	Dr. Noko Kuze
Apr 3	Red tides in Sabah, recent events & R & D	Datin Seri Panglima Dr Ann Anton
June 24	Bizarre Borneo – A Premier Plus for Ec Tourism	Prof. Dr Ghazally Ismail
July 3	The Global Growth of Geotourism And Geoparks	Prof. Ross Dowling
July 5	Special Film Screening with MNS – Thin Ice	
Aug 19	Escapes at Ranau	Dr. Kevin Smith

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Mar 10	Ivory Horn and Blood: Behind the Elephant And Rhinoceros Poaching crisis	Dr. Ronald Orenstein
Mar 11	Swiftlets of Borneo (2 nd Edition)	Lord Cranbrook
Apr 16	Postcards: China in those days	Thomas Brandt
Apr 22	Snakes of Borneo	Bjorn Lardner

FILMS 2013/2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>2013</u>	
Jan 12	Coco before Chanel
Jan 29	The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoise
Feb 16	Maria full of grace
Feb 26	Love in the time of cholera
Mar 9	The Sea Inside
Mar 26	Hable Con Ella (Talk to her)
Apr 13	The Long Engagement

Apr 30	The Wolver
May 11	Water
May 28	Wings of desire
June 25	Shutter Island
July 13	Les Triplettes De Belleville
July 30	The Reader
Aug 17	Children of Heaven
Aug 27	Rabbit Proof Fence
Sept 7	The Big Year
Oct 12	Incendies
Oct 29	The Orator
Nov 9	The Colour of Paradise
Nov 26	Xiu Xiu The Sent Down girl
Dec 21	The Life of Brian

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Feb 2	Cracker Jack
Feb 25	Breaker Morant
Mar 8	Strictly Ballroom
Mar 25	Australia
Apr 11	The Dish

One night membership for film night for year 2013 was **RM840.00** and from Jan - Mar 2014 is **RM457.00**

TRIPS 2013/2014

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACES</u>	<u>ORGANISER</u>	<u>No. of Pax</u>	<u>Amt Collected</u>
<u>2013</u>				
Jan 26	Kipandi Butterfly Park	Elaine Kong	18	RM800.00
May 24 – 27	Danau Girang Field Centre	Maimie Scott	6	RM4,350.00
July 8	Sabah Art Gallery	Maimie Sctt	9	-
Oct 24 – 26	Imbak Canyon	Chiwon Chin	7	RM2,270.00
Nov 22 – 25	Danum Valley	Jude Day	5	RM7,550.00

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Mar 30 – 31 Mantanani Island Chloe Lee 8 RM2,780.00

EVENTS TO WHICH THE SOCIETY WAS INVITED 2013/2014

2013

- Mar 6 Laporan Inkuiri Nasional mengenai Hak Tanah orang asal/asli di Malaysia
Venue: Promenade Hotel
Attended by: Nao Kaneko
- Mar 18 Majlis Pelancaran Buku : Food Heritage of Sabah by Tan Seri Panglima
Joseph Pairin Kitingan
Venue: Dewan G C Woolley, Muzium Sabah
Attended by: Maria Rowan
- Apr 5 – 7 Project linkages Forum and Workshop by Malaysian Association of
Creativity & Innovation (MACRI)
Venue: Kolej Yayasan Sabah, Sembulan
Attended by: Chiwon, Monica
- Apr 6 Bengkel penyediaan Rancangan Struktur negeri Sabah 2033:
Pelan Konsep dan Strategi (NGO Group)
Venue: Promenade Hotel
Attended by: Monica, Maria Rowan

MAGIC BOX COLLECTIONS

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
January	141.00	80.00
February	157.00	247.00
March	456.00	30.00
April	212.00	-
May	20.00	-
June	110.00	-
July	371.00	-
August	234.00	-
September	2,949.00	-
October	100.00	-
November	442.00	-
December	60.00	-
TOTAL	<u>RM5,252.00</u>	<u>RM357.00</u>

STOCK CHECK

<u>Titles</u>		<u>No. of Copies held</u>
01. A P/G to the Birds of Borneo	-	1,784
02. A F/G to the Mammals of Borneo	-	816
03. Kinabalu: Summit of Borneo	-	1,762

04.	The Tamparuli Tamu	-	972
05.	Orchids of Borneo Vol. 1	-	228
06.	Orchids of Borneo Vol. 2	-	Nil
07.	Orchids of Borneo Vol. 3	-	776
08.	Orchids of Borneo Vol. 4	-	894
09.	Birds of Borneo (Large Book)	-	12
10.	The Hugh Low Trail	-	79
11.	East Kinabalu	-	263
12.	Tales and Traditions from Sabah	-	666
13.	Japanese Immigrants and Investments in North Borneo	-	99
14.	The Kotal Route Sketches Royal Society Kinabalu Expedition 1964	-	201
15.	Escapes & Incursions from Ranau	-	5

Journals

16.	Vol. 17	2000	-	164
17.	Vol. 18	2001	-	114
18.	Vol. 19	2002	-	94
19.	Vol. 20	2003	-	130
20.	Vol. 21	2004	-	354
21.	Vol. 22	2005	-	113
22.	Vol. 23	2006	-	273
23.	Vol. 24	2007	-	290
24.	Vol. 25	2008	-	340
25.	Vol. 26	2009	-	326
26.	Vol. 27	2010	-	211
27.	Vol. 28	2011	-	2
28.	Vol. 29	2012	-	61

BOOK SALES 2012,2013 to 31st March 2014

<u>NO.</u>	<u>TITLES</u>	<u>COPIES SOLD</u>		
		<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
01.	A P/G To The Birds of Borneo	596	78	1
02.	A F/G to the Mammals of Borneo	242	186	11
03.	Kinabalu: Summit of Borneo	20	14	5
04.	The Tamparuli Tamu	22	48	-
05.	Orchids of Borneo Vol. 1	2	1	-
06.	Orchids of Borneo Vol. 2	-	-	-
07.	Orchids of Borneo Vol. 3	3	1	-
08.	Orchids of Borneo Vol. 4	2	1	-
09.	Birds of Borneo (Large Book)	-	2	-
10.	The Hugh Low Trail	12	13	-
11.	East Kinabalu	-	4	-

12.	Tales and Traditions from Sabah	60	44	1
13.	Japs Immigrants & Investment In North Borneo	42	12	6
14	Jubilee 50 Years	1	32	-
15	Journals	19	2	5
16	Slip in case	-	-	-
17	The Kotal Route Sketches	10	1	-
18	Khaki Shirts	3	-	-
19	Others	14	-	-
Total Books and Journals sold		1,046	441	29

(RM) 31,793.78 15,861.07 2,338.25

6. RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2013

Hon Treasurer's Report

Overview

The monthly accounts are well documented and presented at the monthly committee meetings as per the good practices adopted.

Total income for 2013 was 38K compared to 32K in 2012. The significant percentages are sales of publication (40%), annual subscription (18%), donation (14%) and bank interest (9%).

There is a surplus of 1.6K in 2013 compared to 3.9K in 2012. The lower surplus is attributed to a rise in the administrative expenses to RM36K in 2013 from RM28K in 2012.

This is caused by ;

- 1) Advertisements RM2.4K,
- 2) Marginal increase in fees (bank, professional, audit, salary)

Income

Member's fees

The trend continues from 2012, with 2013 registering a decrease of RM2840 (29%) from annual subscription and a decrease of RM710 from new members entrance fees.

Sale of publication

In 2013, the sale of publication is 15.8K compared to 31.6K in 2012. The 50% decrease in both sales volume and sales income comes is partly caused by the lower purchasing of publication by bookstores, the book discount during talks and no new publications of interest.

Donation

No extra ordinary donations were received. Talks, film and forum continues to generate donation on par with attendance. For 2013, a major boost to donations came from the Formation of Malaysia forum at 2.9K which made up for the lesser amount of donations received from talks.

Field trips

Income from the 2013 field trips registers at 15K compared to 11K in 2012. The slight increase is attributed to the number of participants for Danum valley. The percentage of income to

expense remains at 10% for 2013.

Film nights

The one night membership collection for 2013 is at RM840, with a few members recruited through the film nights.

Expenses

Publication cost

There is a huge decrease in publication cost compared to 2012 as no reprint was ordered. The journal prints is only 3K.

Advertisement

A one off expense for the banners and stand amounting to RM2417 was made for the public forum.

Salary

The committee resoundingly agreed to raise the salary of the Executive Secretary.

Cash in bank

The cash balance in the bank is slightly lower than 2012 but remains at a healthy level.

Current accounts – RM20K

Fixed deposits in 2 banks – RM111K

Total – RM131K

The Audited Financial report is attached.

Financial Report - Proposed to be accepted : Dr Ravi Mandalam

Seconded: Chiwon Chin

7. ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2014-2015

The committee for 2012-2013 was dissolved and Mr. Anthony Lamb was appointed as returning Officer. Nominations for the new committee were proposed as follows:

	Nomination	Proposer	Seconded
President	Mr. George Hong	Datuk CL Chan	Dr. Heng Aik Cheng
Vice President	Ms. Elaine Kong	George Hong	Datuk Chan
Hon Secretary	Ms Maria Rowan	Rina Jamieson	George Hong
Hon Treasurer	Mr. Chiwon Chin	Maimie Scott	Maria Rowan
Committee Members	Datuk CL Chan	Chloe lee	Dr. Sidhu
	Ms. Maimie Scott	Ms. Elaine Kong	Dr Heng
	Ms. Jude Day	Ms Maria Rowan	Joanna Kitingan
	Nicholas tan	Stella Moo	George Hong
	Ms. Chloe Lee	Dr Heng	Jude Day

Dr Heng thanked Mr Anthony Lamb for officiating the election of the new committee. On behalf of the newly elected President, Dr Heng thanked everyone present and welcomed the new committee.

8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR THE YEAR 2014-2015

The support of the auditors, Crowe Horwath, was much appreciated. It was proposed that we continue with the arrangement. Proposed by Ms Elaine Kong. Seconded by Mr Anthony Lamb

SANDAKAN BRANCH

Kindly refer to the **Annual Report of the Sandakan Branch 2013.**

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dr Dev Sidhu suggested that we place the Sabah society banners at various shopping malls or public locations to promote our society.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Our new president Mr George Hong thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 2100 hrs.

Recorded by:

Confirmation of Minutes:

Maria Rowan
Hon.Secretary 2013-2014

Dr Heng Aik Cheng
Immediate Past President 2013-2014

Dated: _____