

**MINUTES OF THE 116<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BIRDS SA**  
**held on Friday, 24 April 2015**  
**at the**  
**CHARLES HAWKER CONFERENCE CENTRE, WAITE ROAD, URRBRAE**

**OPENING**

David Paton (President) opened the AGM at 19:50.

**APOLOGIES**

Rodney Attwood, Simon Brealey, Les Peters, Cynthia Pyle, Peter and Pearl Scapens, John Spiers, Brian Walker

**MINUTES**

John Hatch moved that the "Minutes of the Annual General meeting held on 2 May 2014" as posted on the website and on the noticeboard be accepted. Seconded by John Gitsham. *Carried.*

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

David Paton thanked retiring committee member Rebecca Zanker who gave a youthful prospective to the committee and was responsible for our Facebook page. He said that John Hatch was stepping down from his role as one of the Vice-Presidents but would continue on the committee as an Ordinary Member. He thanked Rod Tetlow our auditor, Roger Collier for the e-Newsletter, Helen Monterola for packaging and mailing out the newsletter and journal. Barbara and Peter Bansermer would now take over this role. He said that John Spiers was doing a sterling job running the Conservation Sub-committee.

**ANNUAL REPORT**

John Gitsham moved that "The annual report for the year ending 31 December 2014 as printed in February 2014 newsletter be accepted". Seconded by Andrew Black. *Carried.*

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

David Paton made a PowerPoint presentation and explained the Financial Report for 2014.

Andrew Black moved that "The financial report for the year ending 31 December 2014 be accepted". Seconded by John Gitsham. *Carried.*

**ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE**

David Paton declared all positions vacant and said that he would remain in the chair for the election of officers.

Nominations for the Committee have been received as follows:

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| • President -           | David Paton              |
| • Vice-Presidents -     | Dan Rogers, John Gitsham |
| • Secretary -           | Brian Blaylock           |
| • Assistant Secretary - | Kate Buckley             |
| • Treasurer -           | Brian Walker             |

- Journal Editor - Merilyn Browne
- Newsletter Editor - Cynthia Pyle
- Bird Record Secretary - Graham Carpenter
- Field Program Co-ordinator - Lynton Huxley
- Membership Officer - Simon Brealey
- Ordinary Members - John Spiers, William Brooker, Jody Gates, Charles Moore, John Hatch

As there were no further nominations David Paton formerly announced all those people elected to the committee for the next year.

### **AUDITOR**

David Paton announced that Rod Tetlow has agreed to be appointed auditor for the coming year.

### **PRESENTATION OF LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATES**

David Paton assisted by Brian Blaylock made presentations to members present Long Service Certificates as follows:

#### BRONZE –

Diane Hart  
 Graham Bate  
 Anna Lester  
 Elizabeth Lewis  
 Pat Newlands  
 Rob Richards-Mousley  
 Claudia Richards-Mousley  
 Bruce Riglin  
 Elizabeth Wilson  
 Kevin Simmons

#### SILVER –

Dr Stephen Debus  
 Michael Morcombe  
 Irene Morcombe  
 Ros Pearce  
 Gloria Tyler  
 Jeanine Vincent

#### GOLD –

Geoff Deason  
 Stephanie Hocking  
 Debra Hopton  
 Faye Lush  
 Joyce West  
 Robin Moorhouse  
 Val Nyfort-Hansen  
 Frances Taylor  
 Neville Whitehead

PLATINUM –  
Trevor Cox  
A. C. O. Gibb  
Margaret Priede  
Maureen Snell  
Bob Whatmough

David Paton congratulated all those members who received certificates.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

David Paton presented a Distinguished Service Award to Helen Monterola for her help as mailing officer.

A discussion took place on our association with BirdLife Australia. David Hansman asked that the Memorandum of Understanding between Birds SA and BLA be put into writing and that the Committee finalise the matter as soon as possible.

**CLOSE**

David Paton closed the Annual General Meeting at 21:30.

Signed ..... Date .....

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