

**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF BIRDS SA
MONDAY, 11th APRIL 2016
CHARLES HAWKER CONFERENCE CENTRE, WAITE RD, URRBRAE**

1. MEETING

David Paton (President) opened the meeting at 7.40pm.

2. PRESENT

David Paton, (President), John Gitsham, (Vice President), Brian Walker (Treasurer), Brian Blaylock (Secretary), John Spiers, Kate Buckley, Cynthia Pyle, John Hatch, Lynton Huxley, Simon Brealey, Merilyn Browne, Jody Gates, William Brooker.

3. APOLOGIES

Charles Moore, Graham Carpenter, Daniel Rogers (Vice President),

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 David Paton moved that, "The Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 7th March 2016, be accepted. Seconded by Brian Walker. CARRIED

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING

No further strategic action at this point.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Education Sub Committee

B Blaylock Merinda and Lou would like their involvement in education to be through the support of functions like Sophie's Garden and leave school visits to NRM.

I am preparing new photographs for display boards for future events.

D Paton We should be marketing our WEA Courses at events like Sophie's Garden.

6.2 Garden Open Day – Sophie Thompson's

B Blaylock This was a very popular event with 500-600 people attending each day. Two volunteers from Birds SA were present each day. Many people took Membership Forms.

6.3 Banner

J Gates We need 'sail' type promotional Birds SA banners for various events. One good design repeated on 3-4 banners.

6.4 Birds SA Representative on the BirdLife Inaugural Wetland IBA Committee

D Paton Graham Carpenter will undertake this role.

6.5 "Bird Fair" Laratinga, October 23rd

J Gitsham I have a meeting next Monday to discuss promotion details on the Bird Fair. It is hoped that it will become an annual event.

6.6 Bird-watching Ethics and Protocols

D Paton We need to have a discussion on the ethics, good practise and protocols relating to bird watching with the Members at the July Members Night, General Meeting.

6.7 Bird Identification Presentations

D Paton It would heighten interest at General Meetings to have brief, bird identification presentations.

6.8 Coffin Bay – Pied Oystercatcher

D Paton I have written a letter to Doug Clarke regarding the Pied Oystercatcher population and the identification of possible threats at Coffin Bay.

7. TREASURER'S REPORTS

Brian Walker presented the Birds SA Treasurer's Report for March 2016 and the Birds SA Conservation Fund, Statement of Income and Expenditure for March 2016. (see attachments at the end of this document).

New Members

Wade Phillips	Warradale
Ven Thiru & Debi Swamidoss	Linden Park

Brian Walker moved that "The Treasurer's Reports and New Members be accepted and payments be approved." Seconded by J Hatch. CARRIED.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation -

8.1 Grant Applications

B Blaylock Grant Applications have been passed on to Andrew Black.

8.2 “Duck and Quail Shooters”

J Spiers A letter has been sent to the Minister and I had meeting with Mark Parnell of the Greens Party who reminded me that there was no political support for the Bill to cancel hunting. We are going to have to work through ‘anti-hunting’ publicity. We need to be more prepared, and contact the Conservation Council to make sure that there is good representation from the Birding side at meetings next year.

J Githsam There has been a Press Release on hunting, linking hunters and bird watchers. It is misleading in that it suggests that Birds SA are working closely with the Hunters Association. This media release used the name of Birds SA without permission from Birds SA. I will contact Kate Mason and inform her that Birds SA do not approve of this media release.

8.3 Tree Planting Day

J Githsam I have put in an expression of interest for Birds SA to plant 1,000 seedlings out at Tolderol. Planting needs to take place on one day between the dates of 16 May-31st July. We need 20 volunteers.

8.4 Feather Map Atlas

J Githsam University of New South Wales is asking volunteers to collect feathers from wetlands for research purposes. This is an opportunity to promote bird watching and conservation.

9. GENERAL MEETINGS

D Rogers (Apology) Nil Report.

D Paton Greg Kerr is the Speaker at next meeting and it is the AGM, 28th April.

10. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORNITHOLOGIST

M Browne The next Journal will probably be ready by May.

J Gates I will provide material for the next Journal.
Proofreaders for next issue - J Gates, B Blaylock.

11. WEBSITE

J Gates We need to keep a stream of ‘News’ for the Website.

B Blaylock – I can put events on the website calendar, but I need people to feed me the information. Then provide photographs after the event to further promote Birds SA.

D Paton We need a Committee Member to manage Facebook, Twitter and send Blogs.
We may need to link with a group like Nature Conservation Society to support the management of material on our website.

12. NEWSLETTER - eNewsletter

C Pyle Need materials earlier, at beginning of May, because I am going away. I need some proofreaders.

D Paton Circulate to the Committee via email, they will proofread the Newsletter

B Walker eNewsletter will publicise the “Tree planting at Tolderol”, “Revised Bird Monitoring Day” and “Grey Box Day”, “Bird Fair”.

13. CAMPOUTS AND FIELD-TRIPS

L Huxley Field Trip Programmes have been prepared up to 27th November because I will be away. I have had some volunteers to lead trips, but I need somebody from the Committee to oversight any issues from the Field Trips.

I am happy to continue in this role next year if Field Trips can be managed in this manner.

The following items needs to be addressed for Field Trips and Camp-outs:-

“Personal Details Form”. “First Aid Kit” “Spray for boots to prevent fungi transfer” “Disclaimer to protect Birds SA”

BIRD LIST – We need a “complete” bird list on the web-site so that Members can down-load this list for Field Trips and Camp-outs. The current list is incomplete.

14. CORRESPONDENCE (including emails)

14.1 World Bird Migratory Day – Arkellah Rrving, AIBS

J Gates AIBS Film Night, Mercury Cinema, Tuesday 10th May, 6.00pm, “The Big Year”. Birds SA should support this event.

D Paton This information should go on our web site.

14.2 Australian Plant Society – Coral Johnston – Plant sale at Kadina –

B Blaylock I will attend and take the Birds SA Stand to Kadina on 7th May.

D Paton I propose the reimbursement of \$50 for fuel for Brian Blaylock as he is representing Birds SA.
Seconded Brian Walker. CARRIED

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 Birds SA involvement Grey Box Day (1May Belair National Park)

B Blaylock Birds SA will have a Stand at this event, but I need some supporters to help.

15.2 AGM

D Paton I would like to extend our appreciation to John Spiers and William Brooker for their work on the Conservation sub-Committee and the Birds SA Committee in general. They will not be standing again in 2016-17.

This is the last year that Brian Walker will undertake the role of Treasurer. We need to find a replacement now, so that they can learn the role from Brian over the next twelve months.

We also need to consider who will step into the role of President in the future.

15.3 British Bird Journal

J Hatch “British Birds” is the biggest Bird Journal in Britain. It has featured a two page spread on birding in the Flinders Ranges, South Australia.

16. CLOSE

Meeting closed at 9.27 .pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.40 pm on **9th May 2016.**

Signed Date