

**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF BIRDS SA
MONDAY, 9 MAY 2016
CHARLES HAWKER CONFERENCE CENTRE, WAITE RD, URRBRAE**

1. MEETING

David Paton (President) opened the meeting at 7.40pm. David welcomed John Fennell to the committee.

2. PRESENT

David Paton, (President), John Gitsham, (Vice President), Brian Walker (Treasurer), Brian Blaylock (Secretary), Cynthia Pyle, John Hatch, John Fennell, Merilyn Browne, Jody Gates

3. APOLOGIES

Simon Brealey, Kate Buckley, Graham Carpenter, Lynton Huxley, Daniel Rogers (Vice President),

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The following corrections to the minutes were made:

- 8.2. John Gitsham not John Githsam
- 14.1 Arkella Irving not Arkellah Rving
- 15.3 Add after South Australia "produced by Tourism SA".

David Paton moved that, "The Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 11 April 2016 with the above corrections, be accepted. Seconded by John Gitsham. CARRIED

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 COMMITTEE VACANCIES - ORDINARY MEMBERS

There are two vacancies to be filled.

5.2 COUNTRY GROUPS

Following comments from Greg Kerr at the General Meeting about forming a group on Eyre Peninsula it was suggested that they could apply for funds from Birds SA. The committee agreed that Dan Rogers should have further talks with Greg Kerr.

Brian Walker said that he had discussions with Bernie Haase in Port Augusta last weekend about forming a group there.

6. STRATEGIC PLANNING

No further strategic action at this point.

7. TREASURER'S REPORTS

Brian Walker said that there had been a few more renewals and he will email all outstanding members.

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

New Members

Alan Pettigrew	Coromandel Valley
Catherine Newton	Noarlunga Downs

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

He was still awaiting an account from Kate Mason, DEWNR for our contribution to the work at Tolderol.

8. CONSERVATION FUND

Four applications have been received – Michelle Gibson, Sharie Detmar, Sonya Kleindorfer and Petra Hanke. The Conservation Fund Management Committee recommended approval of \$3000 grants to the first three applications. The application from Petra Hanke did not meet with the guidelines.

The committee accepted the recommendations for payment of grants to the successful applicants.

9. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Brian Blaylock said that he had spoken to Andrew Black and Lou Bartley-Clements about continuing in their roles as Chair of the South Australian Rarities and Distribution Sub-committee and Education Sub-committee respectively and their members.

Conservation

John Spiers was stepping down as Chair of the Conservation Sub-committee and Simon Brealey was nominated to take over this role.

John Gitsham – a new carpark and gate had been installed 100m further along Browns Road. The sub-committee had also received from Mark Parnell through a Freedom of Information request about this years duck hunting season but most of which had been redacted.

Website

Jody Gates said that it may not be necessary for the Website subcommittee to continue as it was set up to oversee the implementation of the new website. Brian Blaylock said that there was still a lot of information such as links and photographs from the old website that had not been added and would like some help.

10. GENERAL MEETINGS

Dan Rogers (Apology) Nil Report. Members' Night is still planned to be in July.

11. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORNITHOLOGIST

Merilyn Browne - the latest journal has been taken to the printers.

12. NEWSLETTER / eNEWSLETTER

Cynthia Pyle - requested information by the end of the week about leaders for upcoming field trips as this was currently "to be advised".

Brian Walker - eNewsletter will be out this week.

13. CAMPOUTS AND FIELD TRIPS

Lynton Huxley (Apology) Nil Report

14. CORRESPONDENCE (including emails)

14.1. Doug Clarke, Coffin Bay

14.2. Friends of AIBS

14.3. Matt Gartside – re Birdwatching Clubs in SE

- 14.4. Peri Stenhouse, PhD Candidate – re Malleefowl
- 14.5. Marc McKenzie – re Google Adds Grant
- 14.6. Jarrod Hodgson – re Bird Counters for UAV's
- 14.7. Andrew Luke – Re Bird ID
- 14.8. Jane Howard – re Feather Map of Australia Project
- 14.9. Gary Williams – re White-bellied Sea Eagle Sighting

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 Birds SA Profile

Communications are currently through the new Birds SA website.

To raise our profile we need to communicate more using Facebook and Twitter. John Gitsham suggested that we try a get Tom Hunt to run our Facebook page.

The question was raised as to "Do we know what our members want and value".

15.2. Forming an alliance with Nature Conservation Society of South Australia

David Paton said that he had been having discussions with Jeff Foulkes and Michael Stead, NCSSA about closer co-operation in the future. NCSSA and Birds SA could jointly apply for grants. NCSSA was also able to employ people.

15.3. "Fledglings"

Brian Blaylock suggested that we look at restarting the "Fledglings". They could meet prior to the general meeting for half-hour. It was suggested we launch the "Fledglings" at the Laratinga Open Day in October. David Paton said we could hold "Fledglings" meetings every other month over the summer period. We could ask parents to bring their grandchildren along to a meeting.

John Fennell thought that rather than concentrate on the very young we should look at encouraging the 20-30 year olds to become members as they would be easier to work with.

15.4. Succession strategy for key committee positions

We need a good treasurer to replace Brian Walker. John Fennell suggested we don't need a member to be treasurer and that we look at contracting this role out. This is likely to be too expensive for our association but maybe we could get someone to do it pro-bono.

15.5. WEA course.

John Hatch said that the next course would be run during October and November and enquiries had already started.

16. CLOSE

Meeting closed at 9.25.pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.40 pm on **13th June 2016.**

Signed

Date