

**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF BIRDS SA  
MONDAY, 8th AUGUST 2016**

**CHARLES HAWKER CONFERENCE CENTRE, WAITE RD, URRBRAE**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016, Management Committee Meeting of Birds SA was cancelled due to inclement weather.**

**1. MEETING**

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

**2. PRESENT**

David Paton, (President), John Gitsham, (Vice President), Brian Walker (Treasurer), Kate Buckley, John Hatch, Simon Brealey, Cynthia Pyle, John Fennell.

**3. APOLOGIES**

Graham Carpenter, Lynton Huxley, Brian Blaylock (Secretary), Daniel Rogers (Vice President), Emma Montgomery, Marilyn Browne, Jody Gates.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1** Kate Buckley moved that, "The Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 6th June 2016. Seconded by Brian Walker

CARRIED

**5. STRATEGIC PLANNING**

**5.1 Succession Strategy for Key Committee Positions**

D Paton I have made contact with the Nature Conservation Society SA to seek assistance/support with the financial recording for Birds SA in the future. I am awaiting their reply.

**5.2 Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary**

K Buckley A Meeting was held at Bowden on 9<sup>th</sup> July, B Walker, B Blaylock and K Buckley attended as representatives of Birds SA, along with J Gates and D Rogers in their professional roles. Information was gathered from all Stakeholders including the Mallala Council. Further meetings to be held in the future.

**5.3 Fledglings Group**

D Paton 16-27 Oct is Bird Week, we should have something prepared to promote bird watching for juniors during this event, as well as linking with the Laratinga Bird Fair in October.

J Gitsham The Science Fair at Wayville Showgrounds, held during Science Week, attracted a large number of children, Birds SA needs to link into this.

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

**6.1 Flags/Banner**

J Gitsham Flats/banners have been ordered.

**6.4 "Bird Fair" Laratinga, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

J Gitsham Preparation is well underway. We need support from Bird SA Members. Any funds raised will go to Birds SA. More advertising material will be finalised soon. The "Fair" will be on site at Laratinga, and if successful it could become a bi-annual event.

**6.5 Bird-watching Ethics and Protocols**

D Paton A succinct bird-watching 'Code of Ethics' should be a standard inclusion in our Newsletter, with a more detailed document on Ethics being placed on the web site.

**7. TREASURER'S REPORTS**

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

**New Members**

Marie-Christine Lamy	Gilles Plains
Michelle Cornish	Goolwa Beach
Tony & Susie Sharley	Paringa
Euge Coscarelli	Mt Gambier
Thomas Tymons	Walkerville
Leonard Underwood	Wattle Park
Peter Graham Hall	Pt Augusta
Lyn & Gary Belder	Clapham
Frank William Gordon	Pt Pirie
Rodney James Martin	Norwood

Brian Walker moved that “The Treasurer’s Reports and New Members be accepted and payments be approved.”  
 Seconded by J Gitsham. CARRIED.

## 8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Conservation -

#### 8.1 “Duck and Quail Shooters”

S Brealey John Spiers and I will send a letter to the appropriate body noting that the decision making process disregarded the scientific information available.  
 The Conservation Sub-Committee has decided to focus on “an” issue rather than a generalised approach.

#### 8.2 Laratinga

J Gitsham Laratinga did suffer damage in the recent storms, it is full of water, trees were blown down and reeds flattened.

#### 8.3 Tolderol

J Gitsham A black pipe has been fitted from the main channel to Bay 17 which will be flooded this spring. Suggestions have been made for the placement of a portable Bird-Hide. The Ranger supports having a permanent Bird-Hide.

Do Birds SA want to commit more money to Tolderol? Do Birds SA want to pay for the building of the Bird-Hide?

D Paton Get the costing of Bird-Hide then this Committee will make a decision.  
 Birds SA will donate again to Tolderol, amount yet to be decided.

## 9. GENERAL MEETINGS

D Rogers. (Apology) Nil Report

C Pyle I will advertise in the Newsletter to see if any Member, other than a Committee Member, is prepared to give a 10 minute presentation prior to our Guest Speaker at any future General Meeting.

## 10. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORNITHOLOGIST

M Browne. (Apology) Nil Report

## 11. WEBSITE

J Gitsham “Committee Detail” and other information needs to be updated on the web site.

## 12. NEWSLETTER - eNewsletter

C Pyle I need the names of future Guest Speakers, and bird records.

## 13. CAMPOUTS AND FIELD-TRIPS

L Huxley. (Apology) Nil Report

C Pyle I need further detail on the October Camp-out for the Newsletter.

## 14. CORRESPONDENCE

### 14.1 Conservation Restoration Project around Mt Barker Creek

J Gitsham I responded to the Native Vegetation Management, DEWNR, to inform them that Birds SA does support this restoration, in order to maintain bird diversity.

## 15. OTHER BUSINESS

### 15.1 Ethical Behaviour when Bird Watching

A “draft” Code of Ethics was developed by Committee.

## 16. CLOSE

Meeting closed at 9.08pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.40 pm on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

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