

**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF BIRDS SA
MONDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER 2016
CHARLES HAWKER CONFERENCE CENTRE, WAITE RD, URRBRAE**

1. MEETING

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

2. PRESENT

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

3. APOLOGIES

Graham Carpenter, Brian Blaylock (Secretary), Emma Montgomery, Lynton Huxley, Jody Gates, John Fennell.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 David Paton moved that, "The Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 8th August 2016" be accepted. Seconded by John Hatch with the following correction:-

6.1 replace Flats/Banners with Flags/Banners

CARRIED

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING

5.1 Fledglings Group

D Paton It is now too late to organise educational "workshops" for the 2016 Laratinga Bird Fair. This should be another focus for the Fledglings Group in 2017.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Bird Reports Format

C Pyle My request to Graham Carpenter to submit Bird Reports for the Newsletter in a compatible format has not been successful. I will try again.

6.2 Bird-hide Tolderol

J Gitsham Discussion on the detail relating to the Bird Hide will take place at the next working meeting at Tolderol.

6.3 Saltfields and Buckland Park

J Hatch Colin Rogers has returned from holidays, I will now be able to follow up a request for material on the Saltfields and Buckland Park for the Newsletter.

6.4 AIBS

C Pyle I will ask again for updates on the AIBS for our Newsletter and web site.
D Paton AIBS Newsletter should perhaps link with our web site.

6.5 Eyre Peninsula Group Function

D Rogers I will follow up with Greg Kerr on the details of this event.

6.6 Maureen Christie – November Members Night

D Rogers I will contact Maureen regarding a presentation on Seaweed Harvesting and shorebirds.

6.7 Corella Copies

D Paton I will take bound copies of Corella ex library, to distribute to students.

7. TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

New Members

Trevor Ramsey	Henley Beach
Mary Morris	Hampden
Martin & Joy Aartsen	Warradale
Larry & Julia Gruitt	Whyalla Stuart
James Spiker	Panorama

Brian Walker moved that "The Treasurer's Reports and New Members be accepted and payments be approved."

Seconded by J Hatch

CARRIED.

Brian Walker:-

"The Wildlife of Greater Adelaide" by James I.D. Smith, will come on sale on 6th October. We will advertise at our next General Meeting. \$69.96 is the recommended retail price, Birds SA will sell to Members at \$60.00, non-

Members \$65.00. J Gitsham will take a box of books up to the Laratinga Bird Fair. Postage cost will be \$15.00. I recommend that we donate one copy to the Birds SA Library. Seconded John Hatch. CARRIED

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation -

8.1 Objectives

- S Brealey The Conservation Sub-Committee believe that for our future direction to be more effective we need to set some “objectives”. Many other organisations have similar interests to ours. The area where we most overlap is habitat restoration/conservation. Each Member of the Conservation Sub-Committee will link with another group, for example, I will link with Bush Heritage. We will look for commonalities, align our “objectives”, cross pollinate and develop a working relationship, with the various groups. We should then be more effective as a “conservation authority”.
- J Gitsham It has been frustrating trying to change things because we are all volunteers. United with other organisations will give us a stronger voice.
- S Brealey It is also an opportunity to raise our profile with these other organisations.
- D Paton It is also about maintaining an independent voice.
- S Brealey We will come up with a general proposal to the general Committee.
- D Rogers The Conservation Council is a good way to understand other organisations, NGOs. There are other opportunities out there to be more involved, and to get to see who is active on particular issues. Cherry pick to find common interests.
- D Paton You must have a goal, rather than being reactionary, be proactive.
- S Brealey We need to define our goals.
- J Githsam Through education, such as the WEA course, you get conservation.
- B Walker Through our web site we see a small but constant dribble of people subscribing to our Newsletter.

9. GENERAL MEETINGS

- D Rogers The “Guest Speaker” at last General Meeting was well received. Jeff Groves will be the “Guest Speaker” in October, Members-night in November.
- D Paton We have not had any more “10 Minute Presentations”. Do we have more people willing to undertake this?
- J Hatch The presentations are enjoyed by the Members.
- D Paton Can we get some **high profile** talks prepared for the October meeting as part of “Bird Week” next year, and some media coverage and more exposure for the organisation. We should be strategic about this for the future.
- D Rogers A “Panel” might offer more variety.

10. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORNITHOLOGIST

- M Browne Have some notes from Penny Paton, but have not received any major articles. Nothing received from Graham Carpenter on Bird Reports. So I have enough material for a slim Journal.

11. WEBSITE

- J Gitsham There is a significant amount of material that needs to be updated on our web site, in particular details on the current Birds SA Committee Members. As well, it is no longer possible to down load Bird Lists or Birding locations. This needs to be remedied as soon as possible.

12. NEWSLETTER - eNewsletter

- C Pyle The supply of photographs is limited for the next Newsletter.
- D Paton Perhaps we need to ask via eNewsletter for photographs.
- C Pyle Regarding J Peeks letter, I never included this in the last Newsletter because I had never received a copy.
- D Paton The tone of the letter was inappropriate for our Newsletter.
- J Hatch We should ask J Peek to rewrite his letter because he makes some pertinent points.
- S Brealey We need to have a Birds SA Policy on duck shooting.
- D Paton It is not a conservation issue, but it is an issue around animal welfare.
- J Hatch There is also the identification issue.
- D Roger It is about following the ‘Government Process’ with transparency and diligence.

13. CAMPOUTS AND FIELD-TRIPS

- L Huxley. (Apology) Nil Report
- B Walker I have received further information about the October Campout from Lynton that will go out in the next eNewsletter.

14. CORRESPONDENCE (including emails)

14.1 Pelagic Trips - Steve Woods. **Noarlunga Downs Wetland Project** – Catherine Newton. **Newsletter Article** – John Peek. **Unusual Bird call** – Peter Day. **Pinnaroo Wetlands** – Jill Nickols. **Piping Shrike** – Jock (Dealt with in Birds SA Centenary Book.) **Laratinga, Art Workshops** – Rebecca Prince. **White-bellied Sea Eagle** – Mary Ann Van Trig. **Meetings and Field Trips** – Silvana Tritico. **Field Trip August 18** – Gabrielle Hunt. **Bird Id – Noisy Miner** – Jack Clef. **Bird id – Leucistic Grey Currawong** – Mary Kelson.

14.2 Wedge-tailed Eagle Project – Terry Dennis

D Paton This a project for Birds SA.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 Laratinga Bird Fair - Sunday 23rd October, 10am-4pm

J Gitsham The Programme has been completed and Flyers organised. I will send electronic copies to B Walker and talk about the “Bird Fair” at the next General Meeting on 30th September. I will ask Members of Birds SA to come and support the event. Birds SA banners will be on display. A gold coin donation is requested and there could be a raffle. Birds SA will have a “Stand”. We need 5-6 Committee Members/or Members to be on the “Stand” and to take people on bird-walks. On the actual “Stand” we will have the pull up banner and flag banners.
We need:- Birds SA materials such as, post cards, membership forms, past Newsletter and Journal copies, stickers, badges, box of the “Wildlife of Greater Adelaide” book for sale, Birds SA binoculars for bird walks - but we must ensure safety of the binoculars.
BirdLife Aust will be there and the AIBS, but it is mainly an opportunity for the promoting of Birds SA.

15.2 Black Falcon Nestlings for Research – Terry Dennis

D Paton We need more information on this.

15.3 Birds SA WEA Courses

J Hatch Birds SA Course is well advertised in the WEA programme.

15.4 The Rocha Foundation

J Hatch “The Rocha Foundation” is supportive and interested in sustainability. I will attend their meeting on 8th October weekend.

15.5 Bob Brown Estate

B Walker A painting of a “Regent Parrot”, by Robert Hardie, was presented to Bob on his retirement from the Association in 1976. His “Estate” has gifted the painting back to Birds SA.

D Paton Suggest that we auction this item at the Members Night, November General Meeting.

16. CLOSE

Meeting closed at 9.08pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.40 pm on **10th October 2016**.

Signed Date