

**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF BIRDS SA
MONDAY, 10th OCTOBER 2016
CHARLES HAWKER CONFERENCE CENTRE, WAITE RD, URRBRAE**

1. MEETING

David Paton (President) opened the meeting at 7.38pm.

2. PRESENT

David Paton, (President), John Gitsham (Vice President), Brian Walker (Treasurer), Brian Blaylock (Secretary), Kate Buckley, John Hatch, Simon Brealey, Cynthia Pyle, Emma Montgomery, Lynton Huxley, Jody Gates, John Fennell.

3. APOLOGIES

Graham Carpenter, Merilyn Browne, Daniel Rogers (Vice President).

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 David Paton moved that, "The Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 12th September 2016" be accepted. Seconded by J Gitsham CARRIED

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING

5.1 Fledglings Group/Education Sub-Committee

D Paton I am happy to run an event for children in March 2017, with the help from other Committee Members. I suggest an "affiliate membership", low cost, for younger Members who may wish some link with Birds SA.

J Fennell I suggest the introduction of "bird feeders" particularly in National Parks, to encourage interest in and education about birds and thus the environment.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Field Lists

B Blaylock The "Field Lists" have been reviewed and upgrade to the 5th edition, and prepared as a "pdf" file. It will be upload to the web site once the taxonomy changes have been made.

6.2 Saltfields and Buckland Park

J Hatch I will contact Colin Rogers to see if he will write up an article on the current use of the "ponds" and see if he could gives us regular updates on the status of the ponds.

7. TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

New Members

Philip Verco	Bordertown
Brian and Bev Reichelt	Port Augusta
Jillian Nickolls	Pinnaroo
Doug and Sandy Castle	Hove
Gabrielle Hunt	Modbury
Peri and Alan Stenhouse	Adelaide

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

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Conservation

S Brealey We are making progress on defining our objectives.

8.2 Education

K Buckley I will contact Merinda Hyland to see if she and Lou and Terri would attend our next Committee Meeting to further discuss the role and undertakings of this sub-committee.

9. GENERAL MEETINGS

D Rogers Apology (Nil Report)

B Walker October Speaker organised, November is Members night.

10. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORNITHOLOGIST

M Browne Apology (Nil Report)

B Walker Marilyn would like the paper on the Budgerigars by the end of the month.

11. WEBSITE

B Blaylock I would like more photographs of birds. There are 124 bird sites on the web and it is gaining more popularity, world-wide.

12. NEWSLETTER - eNewsletter

C Pyle I need materials by the first week of November for the next Newsletter.

B Walker I will again promote, Sophie's Garden, Laratinga, Shorebird Festival, Duck Survey and renewal for some positions on the Management Committee in the eNewsletter. As well I will again advertise the selling of the book, "Wildlife Of Greater Adelaide", by James Smith, in both the eNewsletter and the Newsletter, at \$60 for Members and \$65 for non-Members.

13. CAMPOUTS AND FIELD-TRIPS

L Huxley October long-weekend camp-out was cancelled due to the extreme weather event.

I will check the coming field trips sites for accessibility due to rain or flood damage.

14. CORRESPONDENCE (including emails)

14.1 Peter Gower, change of address. Mary-Ann Van Trigt, bird id (2). Andrew Coulson (Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary), re CollabLab. Melissa Leggett, re owl call, Southern Boobook. Jill Nickolls, Photos for Pinnaroo wetlands. Brian Howse, bird call from Nightcliff, NT, Spangled Drongo.

14.2 Research Grant Application

Peri Stenhouse, University of Adelaide.

Rebecca Schaefer, Flinders University.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

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

J Gitsham Emma has everything planned. The event was promoted at the September Birds SA General Meeting. We need 12 Members to come along and tend the stall and take bird walks every hour on the hour. I will advertise the event on local radio Friday.

E Montgomery I have been trying to get the "Men's Shed" to come and demonstrate the making of Bird Nesting Boxes.

15.2 Banners

J Gates A draft copy of the design for the banners has been emailed to all Committee Members.

Discussion followed on design suggestions, with the Adelaide Rosella suggested as the appropriate bird.

15.3 Duck Surveys

J Gates There has been a suggestion that volunteers might like to undertake duck surveys.

B Blaylock We might not be able to cover all sites, but we should do some surveys.

J Gates Volunteers need to get in touch with Mike Greig to enlist for the survey work.

15.4 Sale of "Wildlife of Greater Adelaide"

B Blaylock Author concerned that we might be selling the books at the same sites as he, such as the Flyway Festival at St Kilda.

B Walker We will not sell his book at St Kilda.

15.5 Southern Eyre Birds

B Blaylock As membership in country groups increases, they are concerned about liability insurance, and therefore they may become members of Birds SA so that the "Group" is covered by Public Liability. As well, if they become Members Birds SA, we may be able help them with some regular expenses, such as hall hire for meetings, and use the Birds SA eNewsletter to advertise their events.

15.6 A Rocha

J Hatch After attending their meeting it is clear that they are dedicated to conservation, and are particularly interested in the AIBS, but they have no knowledge of the detail of this site. They are an international group, having projects around the world. They can provide hands on work, or they can lobby for support.

15.7 Koonamore Station

J Gitsham On behalf of D Hansman - Adelaide University are looking for donations towards fencing costs around the Koonamore Station. The fence is to keep the stock out.

15.8 WEA Course

J Hatch The WEA Course has now been capped at 27 attendees.

16. CLOSE

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.40 pm on **14th November 2016**.

Signed Date