

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

1. MEETING

David Paton (President) opened the meeting at 7.35pm.

2. PRESENT

David Paton, (President), John Gitsham (Vice President), Brian Blaylock (Secretary), Kate Buckley, John Hatch, Cynthia Pyle, Lynton Huxley, Jody Gates, John Fennell, Merilyn Browne, Graham Carpenter, Simon Brealey.

3. APOLOGIES

Brian Walker (Treasurer), Daniel Rogers (Vice President), Emma Montgomery.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 J Hatch moved that, "The Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 14th November 2016" be accepted with the following amendment, Item 10 – fourth row to read:-
Tim Low has asked for a 'right of reply' to the comments made in one of the reviews of his book.

Seconded by Lynton Huxley

CARRIED

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING

5.1 Meeting January, 16th, 2017, 7.10pm

D Paton We need discussion on what our Members expect of us.

J Fennell It seems unclear as to whether Birds SA is a "Membership Group", or "Conservation Group".

B Blaylock Incentives to take our Newsletter electronically should be part of our strategic plan.

D Paton We need a detailed "Job Description" for each Committee Member.

5.2 Succession Strategy for Key Committee Positions 2017

K Buckley Joe DeFoe could be interested in undertaking the role of Treasurer for Birds SA, however, he will be overseas for the next six months.

5.3 Event Management 2017 (Replacing the Education Sub-Committee)

K Buckley 500 Birds SA Logo badges have arrived. Red-capped Robin and Diamond Firetail badges are on order, 250 of each.

5.4 South Australian Country Bird Groups

B Blaylock Birds SA needs to be more proactive with country groups such as the Riverland. I suggest that we organise presentations to take to various country areas.

J Gitsham Paskeville Field Day would be an excellent opportunity to promote Birds SA on the Yorke Peninsula.

D Paton Presentations could be given in the region where we are holding a Camp Out.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 "Field List" 4th edition

B Blaylock The "Field List" 4th edition has been revised. It is with Andrew Black and then it will go to Graham Carpenter for the final check.

6.2 Saltfield/Buckland Park Article

J Hatch Colin Rogers has agreed to do an article on the Saltfields but he is rarely in Adelaide.

6.3 Paiwalla – signs

J Gitsham I have not heard back from the Chairperson of Paiwalla.

6.4 Chris Steeles – Nest Boxes

J Fennell Chris has indicated that he is willing to come and talk to Birds SA about the importance of the nest boxes. Birds SA could get some positive media spin off from this. So I see it as a good project.

D Paton We need to be strategic and invest in nest boxes where there is a clear need.

J Gitsham The important thing with nest boxes is that they have to be managed.

D Paton There needs to be a demonstration that the need is there. Go ahead and book Chris Steeles in as a Guest Speaker.

J Gates Fostering a relationship like that will be positive – he has an excellent Facebook, so we can link in with him.

7. TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

New Members

Alan Burgess	Salisbury East
Bill O'Neill & Lan Anh Nguyen Dang	Semaphore
Claire Hamm	South Plympton
Mansurwala Riyaz	Para Vista

John Hatch moved that we approve the Treasurer's reports and the actions from it, with confirmation from the Treasurer at the next meeting. Seconded Simon Brealey. CARRIED.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Conservation

- J Gitsham The Conservation sub-committee did not meet tonight. John Spiers has emailed the Committee with the proposed changes to our Duck Hunting Policy, highlighting that we do not support the recreational hunting of our native birds under any circumstances. This will be presented to the General Membership for approval at the January General Meeting, 2017.
- J Fennell Will this change our relationship with Tolderol?
- J Gitsham No, we will make it clear that we undertake and support work only in the Conservation Areas at Tolderol.

9. GENERAL MEETINGS

- D Rogers Apology (Nil Report)
- D Paton Back up support may be needed in various Committee roles in the future.

10. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORNITHOLOGIST

M Browne The draft of the next Journal has been sent to the Printer and I hope to get the proofs back sometime this week. If I can I will get it printed before Christmas. It should be available for the January General Meeting.

11. WEBSITE

- B Blaylock Several meetings ago I asked for ideas for places to go birding on the web site – there are now 150 Bird Watching places on our the web site. More photographs are to be up loaded – we have over 700 photographs on the web site.
- J Gates I have emailed a draft of "The Ethics and Protocols" for uploading material to the web site to all Committee Members.

12. NEWSLETTER - eNewsletter

- C Pyle The next Newsletter will be published in March not February because I will be away.
- J Gitsham I have a suggestion for a 'new look' cover to our Newsletter. Using Member's photographs, we change to a more magazine style – John showed an example – of a full photograph as the front page, a different bird being used for each issue. I will do the cover, and send as a pdf file to Cynthia.
- D Paton We could run a competition for the next best three photographs for the Newsletter covers for 2017.
- B Blaylock The current Newsletter is not on-line because I am still trying to fix one part of it.

13. CAMPOUTS AND FIELD-TRIPS

- L Huxley Field Trips have been published up to 2nd April 2017. A Field Trip to Tolderol is planned on 15th December. There is a bird survey there on Wednesday as well.
- J Fennell There are very few birds at Tolderol, should the Field Trip be moved to Laratinga?
- G Carpenter To prevent confusion for Members attending the Field Trip I suggest that you spend an hour at Tolderol as planned, then go back to Laratinga if the group wishes.

14. CORRESPONDENCE (including emails)

14.1 **Employment**, Carl Hudson. **Paiwalla access**, Lyn Farnham. **Bird Call Identification**, Russell Ladmore. **Bird Photographs Identification**, Mary-Ann van Trigt.

14.2 **Kangaroos at Sandy Creek**

B Blaylock It has been suggested that DEWNR should reply to the issue about kangaroo shooting, explaining the official view point from the Department as to why they are culling.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 Friends of the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary

K Buckley FAIBS held their Inaugural General Meeting on Sunday 11th December at the Watershed Café, Mawson Lakes. The draft “Works Programme for 2017” was presented and the Management Committee was formed. Birds SA Members, Beverly Harman, Joe DaFoe, Mary-Ann Trigt and Anna Woods are members of the Management Committee.

15.2 Apology

M Browne will be away in January.

16. CLOSE

Meeting closed at 9.12pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be held at **7.10 pm** on **16th January 2017**.