

**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF BIRDS SA  
MONDAY, 14th NOVEMBER 2016  
CHARLES HAWKER CONFERENCE CENTRE, WAITE RD, URRBRAE**

**1. MEETING**

David Paton (President) opened the meeting at 7.44pm.

**2. PRESENT**

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

**3. APOLOGIES**

Brian Blaylock (Secretary), Daniel Rogers (Vice President), Emma Montgomery, Simon Brealey.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1** J Hatch moved that, "The Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 10th October 2016" be accepted, with the following amendments:-

6.2 "ponds" to be written as "southern ponds"

6.2 'gives' becomes 'give'

Seconded by L Huxley

CARRIED

**5. STRATEGIC PLANNING**

**5.1 Fledglings Group**

D Paton To cater for the younger generation, Birds SA will form a Fledglings Group. I will run a "Field Trip" for this group in March 2017. This will be followed by a Fledgling Group Meeting, at Hawker Centre, Waite Institute, at 7.00pm, preceding the May and August Birds SA, General Meetings. Planning for these meetings and field trip need to start now.

**5.2 Succession Strategy for Key Committee Positions 2017**

D Paton I am resigning as President and Brian Walker is resigning as Treasurer at the end of this year. Discussion followed on the various Committee Management Positions for 2017.

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

D Paton With the feed-back gathered from the previous Education Sub-Committee and knowledge gained from the recent events, such as the Laratinga Bird Fair, it is evident that we need an Event Sub-Committee, rather than an Education Sub-Committee. This is a separate group from the Fledgling Group.

The Event Manager will need to organise and prepare materials for display including some suitable for children for, Science Week August 2017, Bird Week October 2017- "Flyway Festival", "Laratinga Bird Fair". Sophie's Open Garden, Easter and October 2017. Possibly "Waterwise" Wittunga and "Nature Play" Carrick Hill, Sturt Gorge.

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

**6.1 Duck and Quail Conservation**

J Gitsham The Conservation Sub-Committee has decided not to send a Birds SA representative to the Conservation Council Duck and Quail Committee Review this year. We strongly believe that ecological protocols and procedures should be adhered to at the Review.

**6.2 Tolderol – Bird Hide**

J Gitsham There has been an 'in principle' support that there could be a bird hide at Tolderol, but there is no obvious place for this to be erected at this stage.

J Fennell I have suggested that a "scrape" be made then the Hide can be placed near the "scrape".

J Gitsham Birds SA will be approached by SAMDB NRM for some funding sometime within the next six months for further on-grounds works.

**6.3 Eyre Peninsula Group – Kimba Function**

No action was taken by Birds SA to support this function.

## 7. TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

### New Members

William Winsler	Unley
Samuel Gordon	Royston Park
Benjamin Sean Freeling	Port Noarlunga
Allan Lance	Bordertown
Stephen & Padma Devi Carter	Aldgate
Laurie Broomhead	Kensington Gardens
Ian Richard Gardiner	Warradale
Rosemary & Roger Collins	Nairne
Denise Skiffington & John Coates	Mount Barker

Brian Walker moved that "The Treasurer's Reports and New Members be accepted and payments be approved, that Grant payments be approved, and that Membership Fees do not increase in 2017".

Seconded by J Gitsham

CARRIED.

## 8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 8.1 Conservation

J Gitsham The Conservation Sub-Committee is working on choosing other conservation groups in South Australia that would make good partners. Groups that match our objectives, so that we could combine on some projects.

We have also decided that we need to re-assess the Birds SA Policy on recreational Duck & Quail Hunting. We need to align ourselves with other birding organisation in Australia.

After further discussion our findings will be presented to the Members of Birds SA in 2017.

## 9. GENERAL MEETINGS

D Rogers Apology (Nil Report)

D Paton Speakers have been organised for coming next General Meeting, and Member's Night. The "Fledgling Night" for 2017 need to be organised, advertised, booked, and suitable presentations developed.

J Gitsham We have not had a "noted Guest Speaker" this year. We need to organise one for next year, perhaps Tim Low or someone similar.

## 10. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORNITHOLOGIST

M Browne I have little material for the next Journal. There is an 'historical' paper on Galahs, but if I wait for that to be reviewed it will mean that the Journal will not be out until next year. So it will just be a slim Journal.

Tim Low has asked for a 'right of reply' to the comments made in the reviewing of his book.

D Paton There are two options: for Tim to discuss his concerns directly with the review's author, or for the review to be reinstated and Tim to provide comments.

M Browne I will advise Tim of the two options and invite him to be a Guest Speaker at a Birds SA General Meeting in 2017. Birds SA would pay his expenses.

## 11. WEBSITE

J Gates Bird Profile from John Spiers and photographs will be put up. I will stagger them and put them up as "feature birds", as well as "Editorial guidelines" for news.

## 12. NEWSLETTER - eNewsletter

C Pyle I will advertise the following in the next Newsletter:-

Volunteers required to give an instructive, 10 Minute presentation, before a General Meeting next year and to contact Dan Rogers if they are interested.

The Fledgling Group will meet twice a year, prior to a General Meeting, and there will be a Fledglings Field Trip in March 2017 to be run by D Paton. Any Educational Materials suitable for presentations to this group to be sent to the Secretary.

The opportunity for Volunteers to participate in the "weeding" of Pengilly Scrub.

Due to my absence there will be a March Newsletter in 2017, instead of February, however, information and articles for the Newsletter will still be due by mid February.

B Walker I did remind Members that Member's Night starts earlier and to please bring a 'plate'.

I will not be available to prepare the information for the December eNewsletter. The Committee will need to advise Roger Collier of news items.

### 13. CAMPOUTS AND FIELD-TRIPS

L Huxley Field Trips have been planned and Leaders appointed up to 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2017. Easter 2017 is in the middle of April. I suggest that our Easter Campout be at the site proposed for the cancelled October long weekend Campout, Mt Scott CP, near Kingston in the South East.

### 14. CORRESPONDENCE (including emails)

14.1 Tim Low – re review SA Ornithologist V41 Pt1  
(See item 10)

### 15. OTHER BUSINESS

#### 15.1 Event Management

J Gitsham **Laratinga Bird Fair - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 10am-4pm** was a very successful day, in particular for Birds SA. The ‘bird walks’ conducted by Birds SA volunteers were very popular. A big “Thank You” to all who helped out on the day.

J Gates **Sophie Thompson’s Open Garden November 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>** was unfortunately disrupted by inclement weather. I had a good response from Birds SA Members to manage the Birds SA stall. I organised the delivery of the new Birds SA “Flag Banner” to this event. It was unfortunate that it could not be used due to strong winds.

A vote of “Thanks” to Jody was moved for the designing, planning and organising of the new “Flag Banner”.

J Gitsham I gave a presentation on behalf of Birds SA at this event on “Creating a Bird friendly garden”. It was well received.

K Buckley **Purchasing of Badges.** I propose that we purchase Bird Badges for sale on the Birds SA Stall at various events, and for sale to Members.

Brian Walker moved that we purchase from M &L Australia, 500 badges of Birds SA Logo, 250 Badges of the Diamond Firetail, 250 Badges of the Superb Fairy-wren.

Seconded by Lynton Huxley.

CARRIED

#### 15.2 Referral of Rare Bird Reports to SARDS

(From the Rare Bird sub-Committee – Brian Blaylock moved that “In addition to formal submissions made to it, the SA Rarities Committee be directed to examine any media report of a new bird for SA or of a species listed in the Rare Birds Review List, and to determine whether to include it as a confirmed report for the State”).

B Walker moved that “The Rare Bird sub-Committee make decisions regarding their Reporting”.

Seconded by M Browne.

CARRIED

#### 15.3 Birds SA Representative NCCSA

D Paton We need a nomination for John Spiers replacement on the Conservation Council.

J Gitsham It is logical that the representative comes from the Conservation sub-committee.

D Paton I will write to John and ask could he please find a replacement nominee.

#### 15.4 Paiwalla

J Gitsham In 2010 a letter was sent to Birds SA to request some financial assistance for interpretive signs at Paiwalla. (A private conservation wetland managed by the Wetland Habitat Trust). Chairman, Steve Scown, has approached me and asked again for Birds SA to financially support the interpretive signs at Paiwalla. They would supply the photographs, Birds SA logo would be on the sign. The management of Paiwalla has changed and access to the area is by arrangement, it is open on a restricted basis. But Birds SA Members are welcome by appointment.

J Fennell I support that Birds SA be involved, but there has to be better access for Members.

D Paton I suggest that John Gitsham get further details on the signs. We are interested but we will not commit just yet.

L Huxley We can resume excursions to Paiwalla?

#### 15.5 Apology

B Walker I will be an apology for the next Committee Meeting.

#### 15.6 January Meeting Date

L Huxley The January General Meeting date will be 20<sup>th</sup>, rather than 27<sup>th</sup>, as suggested by Brian Blaylock because, January 26<sup>th</sup> is a public holiday. The Guest Speaker needs to be advised.

#### 15.7 Hills Garden Club

M Browne I gave a presentation on Birds at the Hills Garden Club and advertised Birds SA at this event. It was well received.

**15.8 WEA Course**

J Gitsham The WEA Course has about 20 people in the class each week and a successful field trip was held at Thordon Park.

**15.9 VIP – DEWNR**

J Gates I received information from DEWNR regarding the visit of a VIP to Adelaide who is requesting a bird tour of the Thompson Beach area. I have forwarded this email to all Committee Members. It is an opportunity to further publicize Birds SA.

**16. CLOSE**

Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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

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