

**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF BIRDS SA
MONDAY, 13th FEBRUARY 2017
CHARLES HAWKER CONFERENCE CENTRE, WAITE RD, URRBRAE**

1. MEETING

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

2. PRESENT

John Gitsham (Vice-President), Brian Blaylock (Secretary), Brian Walker (Treasurer), Kate Buckley, John Hatch, Jody Gates, Marilyn Browne, Lynton Huxley, Simon Brealey.

3. APOLOGIES

Daniel Rogers (Vice President), Emma Montgomery, Graham Carpenter, John Fennell, Cynthia Pyle (away).

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 John Gitsham moved that, "The Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 16th January 2017" be accepted. Seconded by Brian Walker. CARRIED

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING

5.1 Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary.

J Gates The AIBS is entering the Management Plan process – you can go on-line to comment and/or attend the various meeting venues that have been advertised. Concerns have been raised about the rape and pillage of the beaches in the Sanctuary. Wader habitat is being destroyed. This is not DEWNR's problem and there is not much money available to address this.

D Paton I will write a letter to RAMSAR, David Papps – suggesting the closure of the beaches.

5.2 Birds SA Fledglings Group

D Paton I will co-ordinate a "Fledglings Group" Bird Banding activity at Frahns Farm, Monarto, on March 25th and 26th, 2017.

5.3 Science Week – August. Bird Week - October

D Paton I am happy to be involved with Birds SA during these events. I will have detail on the Bird Atlas by that time and will get some of those points printed in the "Advertiser".

6 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Price Saltfields

J Gitsham After making contact with Jean Turner, BirdLife, I have received an invitation for two members of Birds SA to join a survey team of 4, including Chris Purnell, BirdLife, on Wednesday 15th February 2017.

D Paton The whole of the "Gulf" region needs to be surveyed as part of the information gathering for the AIBS, not just 'hot spots', that is 'sampling'.

6.2 Paiwalla – signs

J Gitsham Have not heard any further from Steve Scownes about the Paiwalla Signs.

6.3 Chris Steeles – Nest Boxes

J Gitsham I have contacted Chris Steeles to confirm that he is interested in giving a presentation at a General Meeting but he has not committed to a date yet.

6.4 Kangaroo Culling at Sandy Creek.

B Blaylock Waiting on a response to the email that I sent to Jason Vanweenen.

6.5 Saltfields

J Hatch Colin Rogers has written a draft paper for our Journal about the decline of Waders and the causes, local, very local, or the whole flyway.

7. TREASURER'S REPORTS

Brian Walker presented the Birds SA Treasurer's Report for January 2017 and the Birds SA Conservation Fund, Statement of Income and Expenditure for January 2017. (see attachments at the end of this document).

New Members

Peter & Elaine Elton	Colonel Light Gardens
Christine Cowan	Wayville
Ellen Carter	Ascot Park
Craig Greer	Malvern
Jan Clarke	Dulwich
David Mann	Toorak Gardens
Jo, Grant, Caitlin & Phoebe Wood	Aldgate
Wendy Cook	Oakden

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

7.1 Library

Brian Walker moved that we maintain the valuation of the library at \$20,000. Seconded John Gitsham.

CARRIED

7.2 Annual Reports

D Paton A Conservation sub-committee Report needs to be included and some dates need to be changed from February 14, 2016, to 2017.

B Blaylock Page 1 of 15 has old Birds SA Logo.

Brian Walker moved that with the above amendments that Annual Reports be authorised and accepted and that Brian Walker and David Paton be authorised to sign the Reports.

Seconded John Hatch

CARRIED

7.3 Membership

D Paton moved the following proposal, “Any Member who has reached the milestone of 50 years of continuous membership of Birds SA should receive automatic ‘ Life Membership’ ”.

Seconded J Gitsham

CARRIED

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

8. CONSERVATION

(Nil Report)

9. GENERAL MEETINGS

D Rogers Apology (Nil Report).

10. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORNITHOLOGIST

M Browne The next Journal could be published in late July if I get the “Paper” written by Colin Rogers on the decline in Wader numbers and the Bird Report from Graham Carpenter.

D Paton We should use Colin’s findings as a media release. I will have Bird Atlas material available by July.

11. WEBSITE

B Blaylock (Nil Report)

12. NEWSLETTER - eNewsletter

C Pyle Apology (Nil Report).

13. CAMPOUTS AND FIELD-TRIPS

13.1 Easter Campout

L Huxley Our Easter Campout in April will be at Mount Scott CP in the southeast. Fire Ban information will be available nearer the date. David Sando will assist.

13.2 Toilet Facilities on Campouts

L Huxley Mount Scott CP has no toilet/shower facilities. Our current setup uses the drop toilet principal involving a post-hole digger and plastic bags and this can be hard work if the soil is not suitable or if a sudden downpour causes local flooding! Also the current pop-up tent/shelter needs to be replaced.

Lynton Huxley moved that Birds SA hire a “Portable Toilet” on a trailer for camp outs and charge a flat \$20 per vehicle fee to participants. Second John Gitsham.

CARRIED

13.3 Hot Weather Protocol for Excursions

L Huxley Our “hot weather policy” must be consistently advertised in all mediums.

If the temperature exceeds 36 °C at the location of the Field Trip it will be cancelled.

Field Trip participants need to be encouraged to check the web site for Field Trip Changes.

Field Trip Leaders are responsible to get cancellation messages onto the web site in time.

14. CORRESPONDENCE (including emails)

14.1 AIBS Management Plan Consultation - to be advertised in the eNewsletter and at the General Meeting on Friday night 24th Feb.

14.2 6TH National Beach Nesting Birds Conference – to be advertised in the next eNewsletter and J Gitsham will attend.

14.3 Pt Pirie, Open Day Wandearah Wetlands

B Blaylock On 24th February 2017, I will go to Pt Pirie to attend this function and take Birds SA advertising assets.

14.4 Killian Nedelec (France) – re internship.

14.5 Nic Bishop (Zoos SA) – request for help Sooty owl – found

14.6 Laratinga Field Trip - Sheila Lewis re field trip and joining Birds SA

14.7 Sale of AIBS Bags – Mary-Ann Van Trigt

B Blaylock A request has been made for permission to sell “Hand-Bags” for the Friends of The Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary, for profit, at Birds SA General Meetings.

The Committee approved this request.

14.8 Bird Identification – Shone Mayne -

14.9 Committee Membership 2017

J Fennell advised that he will not continue in his role on the Birds SA Management Committee in 2017 due to work commitments.

J Gitsham J Groves has expressed interest in joining the Committee at the 2017 AGM and John Spiers is also prepared to re-join the Committee. Emma Montgomery may not continue.

K Buckley Dan Rogers has expressed his desire to continue in his current Committee Role.

14.10 Employment – Colin Hudson

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 Changes to Birds SA Duck Hunting Policy

S Brealey These changes will be put the Members at the February General Meeting - we are opposed to the practise under any circumstances.

B Walker As this is a “policy change” it does not have the same ramifications as a change to the Constitution and therefore it does not have to go out to the whole membership.

15.2 Apologies February General Meeting.

David Paton. Brian Blaylock. Merilyn Browne.

15.3 Annual Ceiling on donations

K Buckley I suggest that we put a ceiling on the amount of money that we are prepared to donate in support of various conservation ventures.

J Gitsham We will need to consider the funds needed to support Tolderol.

D Paton We could have an appeal to Members to fund Tolderol.

15.4 “Wild Wetlands Day” Riverglades.

J Gitsham “Wild Wetlands Day” will be held on April 22nd at Riverglades. Birds SA will host a stall at this event.

15.5 Grant Application

J Gitsham Birds SA will again apply for a small grant of \$1,000 to purchase a Spotting Scope.

15.6 Birds SA Logo Badge

K Buckley I ask for a Committee decision on whether the Birds SA Logo Badge should be sold to people other than Members?

Committee decided that the Logo Badge should be for Members only.

15.7 Proofread of The Birder.

B Blaylock Some sections of The Birder are not proofread and contain errors, such as in the Field Trip details and Diary information.

It has been recommended by the Committee that The Birder be placed in “Drop Box”, Committee Members advised of this via email, each portfolio holder then has the responsibility to proofread their section, e.g., Dan Rogers to check details relating to General Meetings.

16. CLOSE

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be held at **7.40 pm** on **20 March 2017**.

Signed

Date