

**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF BIRDS SA  
MONDAY, 20th MARCH 2017  
CHARLES HAWKER CONFERENCE CENTRE, WAITE RD, URRBRAE**

**1. MEETING**

John Gitsham (Vice-President) opened the meeting at 7.43pm.

**2. PRESENT**

Brian Blaylock (Secretary), Brian Walker (Treasurer), Kate Buckley, John Hatch, Cynthia Pyle, Simon Brealey, Jody Gates, Marilyn Browne, Lynton Huxley.

Guests:- John Spiers, Jeff Groves.

**3. APOLOGIES**

David Paton, (President - Canberra), John Fennell, Emma Montgomery, Daniel Rogers (Vice President), Graham Carpenter.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1** Marilyn Browne moved that, "The Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 13th February 2017" be accepted with the following amendments:-

13.2 "principle" instead of principal

14.5 Should read, "- request for assistance in finding the Sooty Owl that had escaped. It was subsequently found."

15.1 Insert "to", "These changes will be put to the Members"

Seconded by Simon Brealey

CARRIED

**5. STRATEGIC PLANNING**

**5.1 Responsibilities for Key Committee and other Positions.**

J Gitsham Simon Brealey is the Membership Officer, but we still need to find a Treasurer to replace Brian Walker on his retirement from this position.

**5.2 Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary**

J Gates The AIBS eNewsletter covers all up dates.

**5.3 Dry Creek**

B Walker As Dry Creek is no longer open, all locks have been changed perhaps due to the public liability issues, could Birds SA seek permission for Colin Rogers to continue to undertake surveys in the saltfields at Dry Creek. He will be covered by Birds SA Public Liability.

**5.4 Pt Pirie, Open Day Wandearah Wetlands**

B Blaylock On behalf of Birds SA I attended this function on 24th February 2017 function along with Peter Langdon & Bernie Haase from Port Augusta.

**5.5 "Fledglings Activity" Frahns Farm Road, Monarto**

K Buckley This event will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March, with David Paton leading the activities. Bookings have been constant with Sunday being fully booked and few spaces left on Saturday. There are three sessions each day and each session is limited to 10 children. The organisation, BioR, has advertised this event and will assist on the weekend. DEWNR and Friends of Parks have also advertised this event for Birds SA. Birds SA logo has appeared on all documentation sent out to attendees and "name tags" prepared by Brian Walker also contain Birds SA Logo. Our banner will be displayed as the "meeting point" on Frahns Farm Road, so Birds SA has received excellent exposure from this activity.

**5.6 Laratinga**

J Gitsham Due to the extreme weather events of last year that have resulted in high cost repair work, Laratinga does not have the resources to undertake the "Laratinga Bird Fair" this year. They are suggesting that it should become a biennial event and hope that Birds SA continue to support this event.

**5.7 Community Grant Funding**

J Gitsham Should our application for a Community Volunteer Grant of \$1,000 be successful, it is required that we purchase a new Spotting Scope, not second hand, to support our field work and education programmes.

**6 ACTION ITEMS**

**6.1 Kangaroo Culling at Sandy Creek.**

B Blaylock Jason van Weenen forwarded his response to this issue which has been sent to Cynthia Pyle for inclusion in the Newsletter.

**6.3 Paiwalla – signs**

J Gitsham I have sent Steve Scownes a pdf file of our logo and advised him that we need the details regarding the Paiwalla Sign. We will consider financially supporting this project when the full details are available.

#### **6.4 Chris Steeles – Nest Boxes**

J Gitsham Dan Rogers needs to make contact with Chris Steeles. He is prepared to give a 10 minute presentation on the “Nest Boxes”.

#### **6.5 Price Saltfields**

J Gitsham After the success of gaining permission for two Birds SA Members to accompany Chris Purnell to Price Saltfields in February I hope that we can make this a regular event.

#### **6.6 AIBS Community Meetings**

K Buckley I attended two of these meetings, the afternoon meeting at Port Adelaide which was poorly attended then the meeting at Thompson Beach on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>. Many local residents attended that meeting to voice their concerns on how the AIBS may affect them.

#### **6.7 Paper on Saltfields – Colin Rogers**

J Hatch Colin has continued to develop his paper and when complete it will be suitable for inclusion in the Journal.

#### **6.8 Field List 4<sup>th</sup> Edition**

B Blaylock I will check with Andrew Black.

#### **6.9 Buckland Park**

J Gitsham Birds SA needs to have access to Buckland Park.

#### **6.10 Tolderol**

K Buckley Three Members of Birds SA assisted with the Tolderol Bird Survey on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

### **7. TREASURER’S REPORTS**

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

#### **New Members**

Sue & Bruce Lamont	Happy Valley
Pete & Pat Owen	Crafers West
Sheila Margaret Lewis	Tailem Bend
Dragos, Magdalena, Bianca & Andrew Moise	Fairview Park
Emily Tomassian	Aldinga Beach
Diana Koch	Balhannah
Narelle de Veau	Port Lincoln

MEMBERSHIP - The following proposal was passed at the February Birds SA Management Committee Meeting, “Any Member who has reached the milestone of 50 years of continuous membership of Birds SA should receive automatic ‘ Life Membership’ ”. We cannot have a different class of Membership without changing the Constitution.

John Githsam – We need to survey the Membership about changes to the Constitution with regards “Life Membership”.

Brian Walker moved that we approve the Treasurer’s reports and the actions from it.

Seconded by John Gitsham.

CARRIED.

### **8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **8.1 Conservation - Closer Links With Other Organisations**

S Brealey The “Conservation sub-committee” has more clearly outlined its goals and objectives, but we are still working on that document. We have a list of regular topics on our Agenda each month, such as, Monarto, Tolderol, Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary, Laratinga and the state of the River Murray. We want to more closely focus our efforts. We believe that the Sub-Committee and others Committee Members and Birds SA Members should foster closer links with other organisations that will benefit Birds SA. The five societies listed in my mail out, are not recommendations, rather just a list of people we have already had links with.

J Gitsham We should add the “Nature Conservation Society” to that list.

B Blaylock The “Field Naturalists” have a lot of properties around SA, but have a declining and aging membership. I believe that Birds SA should form a link with the “Field Naturalists”.

S Brealey Benefits we seek are, getting access to expertise, such as, how to raise funds, strengthen advocacy so that we have one strong message from the “conservation” movement and support with “educational programmes”. We need to avoid duplication of activities and progress to a collaborative approach towards conservation issues.

- J Gitsham One large voice is better than many smaller ones.  
 S Brealey I ask that the Committee Members read the material that was sent out, so that we can have further discussion at the next Committee Meeting and identify individuals who can link with the various conservation groups.
- J Spiers I was the Birds SA Representative on the Conservation Council. After I resigned nobody else was appointed. I believe that a Committee Member needs to represent Birds SA on the Conservation Council. This would require attending quarterly meetings and perhaps joining any relevant sub-committees. There is a "conservation sub-committee" that has access to the Minister for the Environment on a regular basis.
- J Gates I am prepared to attend the quarterly meetings of the Conservation Council as the Birds SA Representative.

**9. GENERAL MEETINGS**

- D Rogers Apology (Nil Report).  
 C Pyle From the list of Guest Speakers that I received there was some confusion about Member's Night, is it June or July?  
 K Buckley That was a "draft" list and not meant to be circulated. Member's night is July.

**10. WEBSITE**

- J Gates I have been putting up bird photographs received from John Spiers and John Fennell.  
 M Browne I can provide photographs if there are specific species that you require.

**11. NEWSLETTER - eNewsletter**

- C Pyle I need information regarding Guest Speakers for the Newsletter by the end of this week.

**12. CAMPOUTS AND FIELD-TRIPS**

- L Huxley I have visited Mt Scott Conservation Park and met with local Birds SA Member, Vicki Natt. We now have a strategy of sites we will visit during the Easter Campout. I also met the Senior Ranger, Michael Trebilcock, and he has agreed to cut the grass at the campsite and fill some large holes in the track to that site. There are Mallee-fowl nests that we can visit. David Sando will again provide some valuable local support. A transportable toilet has been organised.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE (emails)**

- 13.1** Laura Turner – Distressed young bird out of nest, referred to Fauna Rescue or RSPCA.  
 Lucy Uphill – Restless Flycatcher at Aldinga. The photograph is now on our web site.  
 Sam Fowler – Bird identification at Laratinga - White-faced Heron, photograph now on our web site.  
 Michelle Nash – Bird identification Eyre Peninsula - Spotted Harrier.  
 Vicki-Jo Russell – "Hi I'm a long term member, love the new website, congrats, Vicki-Jo".  
 Graham Packer – Bird identification - Black-winged Currawong.  
 Pamela Wright – A request for Birds SA to undertake bird surveys along the Anatocilla River. This request forwarded to Lynton Huxley.  
 Coral Johnson – Request for Birds SA participation at the Kadina Native Plant Sale in April. I have forwarded this information to Kate Buckley.

**14. OTHER BUSINESS**

**14.1 Bird Survey – Finniss**

- J Gitsham Mr Watkins, a winemaker in the Finniss area has 70 hectares of revegetated habitat and 30 hectares of swamp on his property. This is private property. He is keen for Birds SA to undertake surveys on his property at a pre-arranged time. I will give the details to Lynton Huxley so that he can organise access to this property for a Birds SA field trip.

**14.2 Glenside Trees**

- J Hatch 80 significant trees did have a reprieve from destruction in the development of Glenside. This has now been rescinded and the trees will be destroyed. Birds SA should voice their concern via a letter to the appropriate authorities, about the destruction of bird habitat.

**15. CLOSE**

- Meeting closed at 9.10pm.  
 The next Committee Meeting will be held at **7.40 pm on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**

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