

**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF BIRDS SA
MONDAY, 10th APRIL 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, Simon Brealey, Marilyn Browne, Lynton Huxley, Graham Carpenter .

Guests:- John Spiers, Jeff Groves.

3. APOLOGIES

Cynthia Pyle, John Fennell, Emma Montgomery, Daniel Rogers (Vice President), Jody Gates.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Simon Brealey moved that, "The Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 20th March 2017" be accepted. Seconded by Marilyn Browne CARRIED

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING

5.1 Responsibilities for Key Committee and other Positions.

J Gitsham We still require nominations for one General Committee Member and a Treasurer for the Birds SA Management Committee for 2017.

5.2 Dry Creek Saltfields

J Gitsham William Brooker is liaising with the current management to 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.

5.3 "Fledglings Activity" Frahns Farm Road, Monarto

K Buckley This event held on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th March, with David Paton leading the activities was a resounding success with "thanks" due to the bioR team for running the "Fledglings Fieldtrip".

D Paton Because of bird behaviour, in future it would be better to run just two sessions each day. "Science Week" in August is another opportunity for a Fledgling Activity at Monarto.

5.4 Community Grant Funding

J Gitsham Our application for a Community Volunteer Grant of \$1,000 has been successful, so we will purchase a new Spotting Scope to support our field work and education programmes.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Removal of significant trees at Glenside

J Hatch I will make contact with Mark Purnell, leader of the Greens Party.

6.2 Paiwalla – signs

J Gitsham Designs are being made up and costings will be available when they are completed.

6.3 National Beach Nesting Birds Conference – 6th May

J Gitsham I will attend this event and BirdLife has requested if any Birds SA Members are available to lead some of the field trips.

6.4 Chris Steeles – Nest Boxes

J Gitsham Chris will be a "Presenter" at Members Night in July.

6.5 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. I will try to obtain a precis for inclusion in the Newsletter

6.6 Buckland Park

J Gitsham I have started the email communication with Tony Flaherty (ALMR NRM) to gain access for Birds SA to Buckland Park and to be more involved in other AIBS and local wetland issues.

7. TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

New Members

Emma Lucy Rowe	Woodside
Andreas Alexandrou	West Beach
Sonia Kleindorfer	Bedford Park

There are still 47 outstanding "membership renewals", reminder emails will be sent out.

Brian Walker moved that we approve the Treasurer's reports and the actions from it.
Seconded by Marilyn Browne.

CARRIED.

7.1 Treasurer's Position 2017

J Gitsham At this point there is no nomination for the role of Treasurer for next year. I would like to recommend that if this role is not filled to ask "Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association" to undertake this role for the coming year. They manage the accounting records for several environmental groups. There is a fee for their service of \$3,120.00. Auditing fees would be added to this amount. Brian Walker has sent detail of various tasks required for the accounting keeping records for Birds SA.

J Gitsham proposed that if we have no nominations for the role of Treasurer by the time of the AGM that we employ GWLAP to undertake this task. Seconded by John Hatch. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B Walker I will put this proposal to the General Membership at AGM.

B Blaylock The eNewsletter should advertise the Treasurer role again, and warn membership that if there are no nominations the role will be out-sourced and this will involve a cost.

B Walker I have lodged the REO return and I will do the ACNC return by the end of the month to enable a smooth handover to the new Treasurer.

7.2 "Long Service" Certificates

B Walker "Long Service" Certificates have been prepared. I will advise people that they are about to receive them.

7.3 Storage of Books and Stationery

B Walker We need a volunteer to store the books, "Wildlife of Greater Adelaide" and various stationery items upon my resignation.

7.4 Proposal to limit Birds SA financial support to various organisations/groups.

B Walker Currently 87% of funds received are concentrated on the Membership benefits. There are limits on what can be spent out of various funds and these are dictated by the Constitution. Therefore the Association's capacity to support potentially worthy activities is limited.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Conservation Fund

B Walker Andrew Black has received a request for financial support from Emma Rowe for survey work on the Wedge-tail Eagle population on the Fluerieu Peninsula. This request was supported and approved by the Committee. B Walker will advise Emma that she has been successful.

8.2 Conservation - Closer Links with other Organisations

S Brealey To forge closer links with other conservation organisation has been accepted as a good initiative. Sub points to that are:-

- to expand the "WEA Course",
- for the Committee to be more involved with "the travelling road show" to promote conservation,
- to identify birds and habitat that is most at risk in South Australia and to focus on these,
- develop closer links with like minded organisations,
- get more involved with content on Birds SA web site,

D Paton If you want a more serious conservation message to be part of the "road show", you need to work out how to marry that message together with birds?

S Brealey The Main Committee and Conservation sub-committee would still like David Paton to be available if needed, for scientific and conservation advice after his resignation.

David Paton agreed and prefers contact via email.

9. GENERAL MEETINGS

D Rogers Apology (Nil Report).

10. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORNITHOLOGIST

M Browne Nil Report

11. WEBSITE

B Blaylock Nil Report

12. NEWSLETTER - eNewsletter

C Pyle (Apology) Nil Report.

13. CAMPOUTS AND FIELD-TRIPS

L Huxley Nil Report.

14. CORRESPONDENCE (including emails)

14.1 DEWNR – Draft Management Plans, Innamincka Regional Reserve and Witjira National Park.

Ann Somerville-Charles – query re capitalization in ornithology articles.

Regina Durbridge, GWLAP – bird monitoring at Tolderol.

James Norris – bird id x2 & **Gary Foot** – bird id, Collared Sparrowhawk

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 **Committee Positions 2017-2018**

D Paton We are still short of one ordinary Committee Member and a Treasurer.

15.2 **Friends of the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary**

B Walker We need to develop further links with this group as many of the Members are new to shorebird observation.

The selling of their “Bags” at General Meetings has posed some problems with space particularly when trying to distribute the Newsletter. I suggest limiting the “bag sales” to Members Nights.

15.3 **Selling Badges via “Collectors” web-site**

K Buckley I have received a suggestion that Birds SA could increase their badge sales by linking to Badge Collectors website.

B Blaylock We are not in the “business” of badge selling.

15.4 **Content of revised Field List**

B Blaylock We started the revised Field List by putting in sub species.

G Carpenter As the “Birds Records” person, I have found that people are unclear whether or not a sighting is unusual, or a first record for a given area. That is why the “Field List” was invented, to give people basic information about birds you are likely to see in SA and the State was divided up into regions. This information is not available in Field Guides, so it is filling a niche. It needs to be easy to use, and should not be filled up with too much taxonomy. Getting rid of sub-species out of there makes the “Field List” about half the size.

D Paton A “Field List” containing sub species is a more substantial reference, but perhaps not to be used in the “field”.

B Blaylock The DEWNR census contains maps, but the maps will not show the distribution of sub species. The “Field List” is an opportunity to show where sub species are. DEWNR are not putting any information about where the birds are found.

D Paton The “Field List” could just be the single species and have a web site entry where people can find the sub species.

M Browne This reinforces that people use “Field Guides” and generally that is just species. People who are much more knowledgeable will look for sub species and they can be directed to our web site for that detail.

J Hatch Maps are very useful for people, rather than regions so that people have an easy reference.

D Paton Perhaps a little map could be included at the back that highlights six regions.

15.6 **Fleurieu Birdwatchers Affiliation Proposal**

J Gitsham Wendy Phillips has advised that the Fleurieu Birdwatchers have a membership of 100, half of whom are already members of Birds SA. They have an AGM coming up in May and at this point cannot get any new Committee Members and may be forced to fold. They have successful field trips, and are affiliated with BirdLife. I have suggested that they become a “Branch” of Birds SA. They would not need a Committee, just a Co-ordinator, and could make use of our Newsletter and website. They have \$2,000 in the bank and would donate this to Birds SA Conservation Fund.

The Management Committee approved this suggestion.

15.7 **South Australian Ornithological Society Cannon Nets**

B Blaylock Phillipa Horton has asked for guidance on the disposal of old SA Ornithological Society cannon nets.

Advised to destroy them.

15.8 **“Editors Bound Set” of the Journal**

J Hatch I am holding the “Editors Bound Set” of the Journal and would like direction as to where this could be stored.

M Browne I will store them.

16. CLOSE

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be held at **7.45 pm on 8th May 2017**.

Signed Date