

**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF BIRDS SA
MONDAY, 8th MAY 2017
CHARLES HAWKER CONFERENCE CENTRE, WAITE RD, URRBRAE**

1. MEETING

John Gitsham, (President), opened the meeting at 7.45pm.

2. PRESENT

John Hatch (Vice-President), Jeff Groves (Vice-President), Brian Blaylock (Secretary), John Spiers (Treasurer), Kate Buckley, Simon Brealey, Marilyn Browne, Lynton Huxley, Karin Donkin, Cynthia Pyle, Jody Gates, Alan Burns, Bea Rogers.

Brian Blaylock moved that, "This meeting approves the appointment of Beatrice Rogers as a General Committee Member to fill a vacancy on the 2017-2018 Birds SA Management Committee".

Seconded by J Gitsham

CARRIED

Brian Walker - Guest

3. APOLOGIES - Graham Carpenter.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Marilyn Browne moved that, "The Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 10th April 2017" be accepted with the following amendments:-

7.1 (last line in paragraph) "accounting keeping records" changed to "account keeping records"

15.4 "Field Guide invented" changed to "Field Guide produced"

Seconded by Lynton Huxley.

CARRIED

4.2 Business Arising – Bag Sales by FAIBS at General Meetings

C Pyle The Committee have decided that the FAIBS "Bag Sale" should only take place on Member's Nights, that is, July and November. However, November is also the night of the distribution of the "Birder". I suggest that the 'Bag Sales' take place after the Meeting, and be set up in the "supper area" where we serve the food because there is more space available for their display table in that area.

The Management Committee agreed with this proposal.

CARRIED

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING

5.1 Event Management for the month of May

K Buckley Brian Blaylock has liaised to loan 15 pairs of Birds SA binoculars to the Nature Foundation who are organising their annual bird identification work-shops for Indigenous children at Witchelina. Brian will also run similar workshops for children from Bethlehem School at Worlds End. We currently have 15 children registered for the "Fledgling Activity" on 26th May, to be run prior to the General Meeting.

5.2 Community Grant Funding

J Gitsham The Spotting scope will be purchased in the near future with our Grant Funding. I will contact Mike Steed in the future regarding further Grant and collaboration opportunities linking with the Nature Conservation Society.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Tolderol

J Gitsham I propose that, Birds SA donate \$7,000 to the purchase of environmental water and maintenance of levee banks at Tolderol in 2017. Seconded B Blaylock.

CARRIED

6.2 Paiwalla – signs

J Gitsham The design of the four interpretative signs is complete, with the cost being \$928 for eight 66cmx34cm signs.

J Gitsham proposed that, "Birds SA donate \$928 for the payment of these signs" .Seconded by Simon Brealey.

CARRIED

J Gitsham Birds SA will to have an annual "Field Trip" to Paiwalla, and individual members of Birds SA can visit Paiwalla if they first contact Steve Scowns.

6.3 National Beach Nesting Birds Conference –26th and 27th May

J Gitsham We have received a request that Birds SA Members lead some of the "Field Trips" for this Conference. I will attend on the 26th and 27th of May. Please contact Grainne Macquire if you can assist.

6.4 Paper on Saltfields – Colin Rogers

J Hatch As Colin Rogers has agreed to give a presentation on the Saltfields at the August General Meeting, we may not feel that the précis of his paper is necessary.

6.5 Content of Revised Field List

B Blaylock Graham Carpenter suggested that the "sub-species under the schedule" be put back into the current field list. I would rather see it without the "sub-species".

The Committee agreed that we need two different Lists – a ‘Simplified’ List without the sub-species and a ‘Complete’ List that includes the sub-species.

6.6 Fleurieu Birdwatchers Branch of Birds SA Proposal

J Gitsham Wendy Phillips will discuss the suggestion that the Fleurieu Birdwatchers become a branch of Birds SA at the “Fleurieu Birdwatchers” AGM next week.

7. TREASURER’S REPORTS

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

New Members

Jasmin, Graham, Nathan & Orion Packer	Ironbank
Jean Tucker	Aldinga Beach
Birgitt Denker, Phil Oskar, Markus Versteegh	Strathalbyn
Nina Leak	Mylor
Kendall Whittaker	Seacliff Park

John Hatch moved that we approve the Treasurer’s reports and the actions from it.

Seconded by Marilyn Browne

CARRIED.

7.1 Appointment of an Auditor

J Gitsham As our Auditor of many years has retired, I recommend that John Spiers carry out research to find a replacement Auditor for Birds SA.

7.2 Membership Officer

B Walker I will continue to process New Members until the final hand-over to Simon Brealey. As Simon does not attend General Meetings, B Blaylock will collect new membership forms from General Meetings and forward them to Simon Brealey.

7.3 eNewsletter

B Walker We need a replacement person to undertake the compiling and transmitting of the eNewsletter. I am willing to continue to undertake this role for another couple of months.

J Gitsham We will ask for a volunteer at the next General Meeting to undertake the role of sending out the eNewsletter.

7.4 Emailing The Birder

B Walker We need a volunteer to undertake the “emailing” of the Birder.

B Blaylock I will email out the Birder.

7.5 Storage of the copies of “Wildlife of Greater Adelaide”

B Walker I still have 4 boxes of these books.

K Buckley I will store the books.

7.6 Conservation Fund

J Spiers Two Members of the Conservation Fund are retiring from their employment so we need to find two people who are currently employed to replace for them.

7.7 Signatories to Cheque Account

J Gitsahm I propose: "That the persons listed below are to be the authorised signatories for the South Australian Ornithological Association Inc. in respect of the following accounts with the ANZ bank:

Customer Name	BSB	Account Number
The South Australian Ornithological Association Inc.	015-208	4059-52042
Birds SA Conservation Fund	015-141	9094-62207

Signatories are to be any two of :

John Gitsham (President)
John Hatch (Vice-president)
John Spiers (Treasurer)
Brian Blaylock (Secretary)

ALL OTHER PERSONS NAMED AS A SIGNATORY ARE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE RECORDS OF THE BANK.

In addition John Spiers (Treasurer) is to be given electronic access for Non-value Transactions (read-only) for the same accounts."

Seconded by Marilyn Browne.

CARRIED

B Walker left the meeting at 8.30pm.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 **Conservation Fund**

M Browne proposed that, “the “Grant Application” of Diego Guevera for his work on the Mt Lofty Ranges Southern Emu-wren, be granted. Seconded by John Gitsham. CARRIED

8.2 **South Australian Rare Bird and Distribution**

B Blaylock There has been no change to the Membership of this sub-committee.
Brian Blaylock, Andrew Black, Graham Carpenter, Lyn Pedler, John Fennell, Colin Roger, John Hatch, B Green.

8.3 **Conservation sub-Committee**

J Gitsham I have stepped down from the Conservation sub-Committee. The Membership of this sub-Committee is now:-
John Spiers, William Brooker, David Hansman, Phil Cole, Nigel Gammon, Simon Brealey, Jeff Groves and Rodney Attwood.

8.4 **Conservation - Closer Links with other Organisations**

J Spiers We have drawn up a list of people who will “champion” various organisations.

BirdLife Australia J Gitsham, W Brooker.

Nature Foundation D Hansom, P Cole

Field Naturalists B Blaylock

Nature Conservation Society of SA J Gitsham

Bush Heritage S Brealey

BioR J Gitsham

We plan a reciprocal arrangement with advertising events on our web sites.

8.5 **Conservation Council of South Australia**

J Spiers We need a Birds SA representative on the Conservation Council.

J Groves I will be the Birds SA representative on the Conservation Council.

8.6 **Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary**

J Groves I am preparing a letter on behalf of Birds SA to present their view on the disturbance to birds by the people harvesting cockles and crabs in the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary. I will forward this letter to the Minister for both PIRSA and DEWNR.

9. GENERAL MEETINGS

J Hatch Speakers for all General Meetings this year have been organised.

10. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORNITHOLOGIST

M Browne I only have one article at the moment. I still have not received a Bird Report from G Carpenter.

11. WEBSITE

B Blaylock Nil Report.

12. NEWSLETTER - eNewsletter

J Gitsham I would like to suggest that we print all of the “Birder” in colour, not just the front page.

C Pyle I will get a quote on the cost of having the whole “Birder” in colour.

13. CAMPOUTS AND FIELD-TRIPS

L Huxley All participants in the Easter Campout paid \$20 to attend. After making a donation of \$50 to the local Ambulance Service for the loan of their BBQ, buying small gifts for the Ranger and local bird persons, and paying for the hire of portable toilets we made \$122.

I am investigating holding the October Camp-out at the Hallelujah Hills, 20ks north of Robertstown. We will again charge participants a fee to cover the cost of hiring portable toilets and to make a donation to the Worlds End Conservation group.

14. CORRESPONDENCE (including emails)

14.1 Erica Murphy – bird id (= Spotted Pardalote). Bob Green – 2017 Orange-bellied Parrot surveys. Fleurieu Birdwatchers branch of Birds SA proposal (John Gitsham). Ann Somerville-Charles – white capped Buff-banded Rail. Sharon Gillam – Around the Mounds 2017 Autumn. Caroline Nefiodovas (NFSA) – binoculars. Rebecca Kulikovskiy – Wedge-tailed Eagles at Thorndon Park. Adam Swift – bird id (= Nankeen Night Heron)

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 **Training “Wading Bird Survey Team”**

K Buckley The number of “trained” members of Birds SA who are prepared to undertake Wader Surveys has diminished. I suggest that we need a small team of experienced Surveyors to train new Members in identification of Waders in order to increase the number of people prepared to undertake survey work.

J Gates We need more people in general, to undertake Bird Survey work.

J Gitsham On the 27th August Monarto Zoo have requested that Birds SA provide some Members to undertake leading some survey work. There is also an opportunity for Survey work on the Orange-bellied Parrot on 20-21 May, 21-22 July, 19-20 September.

15.2 Sponsorship Friends of Parks Forum 2018

K Buckley Friends of Parks Board have enquired as to whether Birds SA would like to sponsor part of the Friends of Parks Forum at Innes in 2018.

J Gitsham I think Birds SA have enough financial commitments at the moment.

15.3 Purchase of a printer and Microsoft Publisher

K Buckley In order to maintain interest in the Birds SA Stall at various events I sometimes need forms and name tags printed. I do not have the technology to undertake this task myself.

B Blaylock I can source Microsoft Publisher for \$14 a copy and I will do the printing on my printer and seek reimbursement from Birds SA.

15.4 Letter from Margaret Cameron

J Hatch Both Brian Walker and I have responded to Margaret's letter.

15.5 Magnetic Committee Name Badges

J Gitsham I propose that, "the Committee approve the purchase of magnetic name badges for each Committee Member for approximately \$9 each". Seconded Lynton Huxley. CARRIED

15.6 ABC Radio Presentation

K Buckley I would like to propose a vote of "Thanks" on behalf of the Committee, to John Hatch for the great publicity that he gained for Birds SA with his excellent presentation on Wading Birds and answering "Listener bird questions", on the ABC Radio on Sunday 7th May.

16. CLOSE

Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.45 pm on 12th June 2017.

Signed Date