MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BIRDS SA

held on 23 March 2018 at the

CHARLES HAWKER CONFERENCE CENTRE, WAITE ROAD, URRBRAE

OPENING

John Gitsham (President) opened the meeting at 7:50 pm. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologized for the late start due to security opening up late.

APOLOGIES

David Hansman

MINUTES

Merilyn Browne moved that the “Minutes of the General Meeting held on 23 February 2018 as posted on the website and noticeboard be accepted". Seconded by David Robertson. Carried.

NEW MEMBERS

John Gitsham announced the following new member -

Susanne Scarborough (Seaford Rise)

David & Suzanne Thorn (Victor Harbor)

Patricia & Brian Simpson (Strathalbyn)

Mary Clausen (Woodside)

Sue Scott (Mt Torrens)

Joy Peter (Happy Valley)

Stewart Andrews (Prospect)

Kanako Tanahashi (Seaton)

Adrian Shackley (Gawler)

Dominica, Mark Lee, Jordi & Maia Thomson (Golden Grove)

Elizabeth Bannister (Bordertown)

Graeme Finlayson (Crafers)

Ian Chapman (Campbelltown)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Gitsham – For new members there are small books behind passed around to enter their bird sightings for the past month.

John Gitsham – BirdLife Australia Affiliation

He had the pleasure of showing John Barkla, Chair of BLA around Laratinga Wetlands, Tolderol and Browns Road, Monarto. John Barkla was impressed with Tolderol and was one of the organizers for setting up Werribee. He has met with the Birds SA Management Committee that has spent six months in preparing the final draft with BLA. Once the final draft has been signed off it will be made available under the "Members" section on the website. A review of the affiliation agreement will be made after 12 months. Paul Sullivan, Chief Executive Office, BLA has confirmed that they will not set up a branch in Adelaide as long as the affiliation agreement is in place. Birds SA is already working alongside BLA e.g. 2020 Shorebirds Count. John said he was looking forward to a very productive year and thanked members for their support.

Alan Burns – Updated members on the proposal by the new Liberal Government to make Glenthorne Farm a National Park.

John Spiers – Some people gave me money at the general meeting last month and I would like to see them again.

John Gitsham – Would members who are going on the trip to Gluepot would they come and see me after the meeting.

John Gitsham – Nature Foundation SA are having an appeal for the Wedge-tailed Eagle. The highest six donors would go on the "Eagle Tree".

SPEAKER

John Hatch said that Tim Low is coming over to talk next month and that some members may have read his book *Where song began.* July is members' night and I need 4-5 potential speakers to get a balance. If you would like to speak please come and see me.

Tonight's speaker is Les Peters who came to Australia from England in 1964 and settled in Elizabeth. Les showed a video on how he approaches the making of bird videos. He showed clips of Spotless Crake, Little Grassbird, Chestnut Teal, Australian Pelican, White-browed Scrubwren, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Freckled Duck, Eclectus Parrot, and Australasian Shoveler. Video clips taken by his friend Brian O'Leary were also shown of Golden Bowerbird, Grey-headed Robin, Forest Kingfisher and Superb Lyrebird. He continued with his own clips of Pallid Cuckoo and Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo with Superb Fairywren, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Greater Crested Tern, Red Knot, Curlew Sandpiper, Blue-billed Duck, Spotted Catbird, Red-browed Finch, Koala, Australian Crake, Hooded Dotterel, White-mottled Semi-slug, White-breasted Woodswallow, Australasian Swamphen, Satin Bowerbird, Eastern Spinebill, Satin Bowerbird and Victoria's Riflebird. He is working on a film about the extinction of the Platypus and Azure Kingfisher in SA. He provided a number of hints for success. The final videos were Purple-crowned Lorikeets, another one by Brian O'Leary of young Victoria's Riflebirds displaying and finally a Spotless Crake.

BIRD CALL (Graham Carpenter)

Red-kneed Dotterel (52) – Goolwa Barrage

Pacific Swift – Waitpinga Conservation Park (300), Joslin, Port Elliott

Tree Martin – Adelaide (Leigh St), River Torrens (Pinky Flat)

Square-tailed Kite – Echunga

Dusky Woodswallow – near Strathalbyn

Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo – Finniss, Paracombe

Double-banded Plover, Pacific Golden Plover – Tolderol

Black-breasted Buzzard, Black Falcon – Witchelina

Osprey, Painted Buttonquail – Corny Point

Whimbrel, White-bellied Sea Eagle – Price Saltfields

Scarlet Robin – Cleland Conservation Park

FIELD TRIPS (Lynton Huxley)

Easter Campout at Balcanoona is coming up. Thirty-two have said they would be attending. A BBQ lunch will be held on the Sunday. Bring extra water. After the campout there will be additional surveys around Copley and Leigh Creek.

Sunday's field trip is to Paiwalla Wetlands. Meet at the Sunnyside Lookout.

CONSERVATION

Jeff Groves said that the sub-committee is working more closely with like-minded groups. Bill Breed is working with Bush Heritage Australia. The group is preparing Birds SA submission for the draft Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary management plan that closes on 16 April. They have raised many key issues. Jeff Groves had a meeting with Arkellah Irving, Vicki-Jo Russell and the Nature Conservation Society about AIBS.

Peter Gower asked if the sub-committee was getting involved with the proposed oil exploration off Kangaroo Island.

NEXT MEETING

John Gitsham closed the meeting at 9:20 pm. The next meeting is on 27 April 2018. This is the Annual General Meeting and 1-2 committee positions are still vacant.

Signed……………………………………………….. Date………………………