

CAMBRIDGESHIRE BIRD CLUB

Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting held at 7.50 pm on Friday 10 March 2017 at St. John's Church Hall, Hills Road, Cambridge

The President, Robin Cox, was in the Chair. 46 members attended.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Pamela Landshoff, Rowena Baxter, Chris Thorne, Peter Herkenrath, Doug Radford, Bruce Martin and Andrew Green.
2. **The Minutes of the 2016 AGM** were approved and signed.
3. There were no **Matters Arising**.
4. The Chairman, Vince Lea, presented the **Annual Report of Council** in which he reviewed the past year's activities and thanked the Officers and Council of the Club, together with Committee members; the Bulletin and Annual Report contributors and writers; and other volunteers and helpers for their commitment of time, energy and skills to the Club during the last year. The full text of Vince's report will be made available on the Club's website.
5. The Treasurer, Roger Swain, presented the **Financial Statements**. The Club's finances were in a healthy position, with a comfortable level of reserves. Roger reminded the meeting that the accounts continue to be on a receipts and payments (cash) basis. Membership subscriptions remained stable at just over £5,000; Gift Aid reclaimed of £1,059 shown in the accounts related to 2015 subscriptions. The gross income from the Conference had been nearly £2,000 and even after deducting expenses and donations (to the RSPB and BTO) it still made a surplus of £517. As usual, the largest cost item was the 2014 Bird Report, at £3,873. The estimated cost of the 2015 Report, shown as a footnote, and chargeable within 2017 was shown as £3,000, which reflected the generosity of the editorial team in donating their time. The Club had made a contribution of £250 out of its ordinary expenses to the publication of *The Birds of the Nene Washes*.

Overall receipts totalled £8,601 and payments £8,405, giving a small

surplus for the year of £195. Council had budgeted for a small deficit. The General Fund thus started the year with £12,564 and ended with £12,760. The Special Project Fund remained untouched at £2,550. Total Club funds closed at £15,310.

Adoption of the Statements was proposed by Louise Bacon, seconded by Ann Scott and agreed *nem.con*

6. **President and Vice-Presidents.** Council's nominations below were proposed by Vicki Harley, seconded by Bob Jarman and elected *nem.con*.

President: Robin Cox.

Vice-Presidents: James Cadbury, Graham Easy, Colin Kirtland, Rita Lingard, Bruce Martin

7. **Election of Council.** Council's nominations below were proposed by Pam Peacock, seconded by Vicki Harley and elected *nem. con*.

Chairman: Vince Lea; Secretary: Michael Holdsworth; Treasurer: Roger Swain; County Recorder: Louise Bacon; Bird Report Editor: Vince Lea; Bulletin Editors: Peter Bircham and Chris Brown; Meetings Secretary: Vicki Harley; Website Officer: Chris Quy; Membership Secretary: Clive Sinclair; Research Officer: Robert Brown; other Council members: Mike Foley, Rob Pople.

8. Kevin Harris was re-appointed as **Auditor**. Proposed by Stuart Lingard, seconded by Kevin Hand and carried *nem.con*.

9. The **Bob Scott Prize for Ornithological Research in Cambridgeshire** was not awarded this year as there were no entries.

10. The **Bird Photograph of the Year** was awarded to Gary Thornton for his photograph of a Little Owl.

11. **Any other business**

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 8.20 pm.