



Marylebone Birdwatching Society

MINUTES

of the 31st Annual General Meeting held on Friday 13 January 2013

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

23 members attended, including Committee members. Apologies were received from Anne Charvet, Meg Game, Andrew Peel and Lynette Small.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

The minutes were read and confirmed as a true record on a motion proposed by Barbara Luke, seconded by Helen McCulloch.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

The Central London RSPB currently held meetings on the second Thursday of the month. Views were sought by a show of hands on a proposal to move the Society's indoor meetings from the second to the third Friday in the month. As there were no objections the Committee would explore the possibility further.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2011 – 2012

The Chairman's report was read and adopted on a motion proposed by David Davidson, seconded by Marion Hill. See separate report.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

5 (i) The Treasurer circulated a statement of income and expenditure for the year ended 30 June 2012. This showed that overall the Society remained in a sound position with total assets of £5, 655. The surplus of income over expenditure however was lower than the previous year at £490.

5 (ii) Income from indoor meetings had increased, mainly as a result of charging for the January meeting. Expenditure was lower because of lower costs at the Camley St Park, where the May meeting was held.

5(iii) Coach outings covered their costs but with a lower surplus than in the previous year. Provision of £164 had been made to cover possible refunds for the trip cancelled in February. This cancellation might possibly have resulted in reduced bookings for later trips. The outings represented excellent value for money and more publicity was needed for their attractions.

5 (iv) The Dreda Farrell memorial fund now stood at £791.

6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

On a motion proposed by Helen McCulloch, seconded by John Rogers, the following were elected or re-elected to the Committee:

Malcolm Wroe	Chairman
Nick Moore	Secretary
Meg Game	Assistant Secretary
Jo Campbell	Minutes Secretary
Judy Powell	Treasurer
Marion Hill	Publicity
Alix Mullineaux	Heath Consultative Committee Rep.
Helen Newnham	Indoor Meetings Organiser
Jean Clarke	Catering
Lynette Small	Local Outings co-ordinator
Andrew Peel	Coach Outings co-ordinator
David & Susannah Davidson	Coach Bookings
Alanna Wilson	Membership Secretary

7. ELECTION OF AUDITOR

Richard Campbell was re-elected on a motion proposed by Jo Campbell, seconded by Barbara Luke.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members were reminded that volunteers were urgently needed:

- (i) To organise weekend trips. The task could be shared, with each volunteer undertaking one trip each season. The job involved two short busy periods for each trip but was not otherwise onerous. Information on and contacts with hotels and guides would be made available. At least one volunteer needed to be in place shortly to make arrangements for the 2013 – 14 season. Interested members should contact Barbara Luke.
- (ii) To assist Helen Newnham with the current programme of indoor meetings, with a view to taking over responsibility next season. Interested members should contact Helen.
- (iii) For assistance/advice on the Society's media contacts and publicity, in particular the technical aspects. Interested members should contact Marion Hill.
- (iv) In conclusion, members thanked the Committee for their work over the season.

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