

## MARYLEBONE BIRDWATCHING SOCIETY



### Minutes of the 41st Annual General Meeting held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 at 7.00 pm via Zoom

1. There were 24 members in attendance
2. **Apologies for absence:** Judy Powell, Julia Courtney, Anne Charvet
3. **Minutes of the last AGM held 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021:** Approved
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:** Nil
5. **Chairman's report on the Society's activities in the 21/22 season:** See separate doc)
6. **Treasurer's report:** Below

The financial report was prepared by Judy and presented to the membership and Gaye Henson proposed that we accept the report and the membership agreed.

7. **Election of auditor/examiner:** The accounts are in the process of being examined by the auditor, Richard Campbell. It was proposed that Richard Campbell was re-elected as auditor/examiner of the accounts.
8. **Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee representative report:** Attached
9. **Election of committee**

Members offering themselves to be re-elected to the Committee:

- Steve Ripley                      Chairman
- Frances Tatnall                  Secretary
- Jean Clarke                        Membership Secretary
- Judy Powell                        Treasurer
- Marion Hill                        Publicity/ Coach booking secretary
- Gaye Henson                      Indoor meeting organiser/Hampstead Heath Consultative  
   Committee representative
- Joyce Huggins                    Local meetings organiser
- Andrew Peel                        Coach outings leader

Catharine Perry proposed that the committee is re-elected, and this was seconded by Barbara Luke. Judy is happy to be re-elected as treasurer for this year, but she wishes to retire from the committee. We are, therefore, looking for a new treasurer and volunteers are welcome. The task should become easier as Judy is moving the account to electronic banking.

**10. Plans for the 22/23 season:** A social event is planned for May '23. It could comprise a walk on the Heath then a gathering with music and food. Toni Menezes is organising further weekends away – December to Norfolk, March and June to the New Forest. If you are interested, please contact Marion. The next two coach outings to Keyhaven and Pulborough are booking up quite quickly, so members are encouraged to reserve spaces.

**11. Any other business:**

- Catharine Perry wanted the Zoom meetings to start later, at 8pm. Gaye agreed to look into the possibility of 7.30 or 8 pm start.
- Barbara Luke proposed that thanks were offered to the committee for all the work that it does for the Society.

**Frances Tatnall, Club Secretary**

**Marylebone Birdwatching Society Statement of Income and Expenditure y/e 31.06.22**

The Society is in good financial health. During the year it received £754 more than it paid out in expenses, and its total reserves stand at just over £10,000.

Coach income was £452 less than related costs, but the shortfall was more than met from membership subscriptions.

Subscriptions totalled just over £1,900, an increase of around £140 over the previous season.

In 2019-20 we had made a provision to refund amounts received for coach outings that were subsequently cancelled due to the pandemic, but in the event, many members elected to forego a refund or a credit, generously donating £212 by this action.

Speaker fees were at a modest level, especially as we did not need to pay travel costs for speakers talking to us on Zoom from their homes.

We made two donations during the year: £190 to Hampstead Heath in recognition of their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and our 40<sup>th</sup>, and £50 to Dr Meg Game in thanks for her enthusiastic and informed leadership of our Tuesday Heath walks until she retired.

No insurance was required last year, as we made no coach outings. This season we made two payments as the insurers have changed the start date of their policy to April 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a blanket policy that covers many birdwatching societies across the UK, and it is beneficial to be a member of this.

Richard Campbell, is in the process of examining the accounts, but no major changes are foreseen. I would ask that the meeting approves the accounts subject to completion of the examination.

Judy Powell, Treasurer

September 21<sup>st</sup> 2022