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Minutes of the AGM of the British Ornithologists' Union held on Wednesday 7 April 2010, 18:00, at University of Leicester

Dr Dawson welcomed everyone to the AGM. A total of 24 members attended the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Rev. T.W. Gladwin, Mr J. Ferguson-Lees and Mr K. Heron.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

Minutes of the previous AGM held on 1 April 2009 at the University of Leicester (published in *Ibis* 152: 213) were approved and signed as a true record of that meeting. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Adoption of the Annual Report of Council & Approval of Accounts

Dr Dawson highlighted the change in Editor in Chief of *Ibis*, with Dr Donald now settled in to the post. We were actively looking at a rotation policy for our Editors to ensure that they would not all retire at the same point. He thanked all the Editors for their continued sterling work for the BOU.

Wiley-Blackwell continues to provide the BOU with an excellent service as publisher of *Ibis*, for which the Union remained extremely thankful.

Dr Dawson thanked Mr Steve Dudley and Mrs Angela Langford for their continued hard work on behalf of the Union over the year.

With reference to the accounts, Mr Oliver commented that *Ibis* continues to perform well financially. In 2009 this was in part due to the higher than predicted sales of the online backlist of issues, but also partly due to currency fluctuations which worked to the BOU's advantage during the year.

The adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2009 was proposed by Prof I. Newton and seconded by Mr D. Summers and passed *nem. con.*

4. Elections to Council

Council proposed that Dr Ken Smith be elected to the post of Honorary Secretary, replacing Dr Humphrey Sitters, and Dr Martin Collinson be

elected as an Ordinary Member of Council replacing Mr Bob McGowan as Chairman of the Records Committee.

There being no other names put forward (rule C.3), the nominations were approved.

The President welcomed the new members and thanked those retiring members, Dr Humphrey Sitters and Mr Bob McGowan, for their hard work on behalf of the Union during their time in office.

Finally, Dr Dawson thanked all members of Council and the Union's committees for their valuable work over the year.

5. Adoption of new Rules

The Union's Rules have not been updated since 1999 (adopted AGM 27 March 1999). The proposed Rules followed current Charity Commission guidelines and are proposed to replace the existing Rules.

The adoption of the new Rules, to replace entirely the Rules adopted on 29 March 1999, was proposed by Prof C.M. Perrins and seconded by Prof T. Hardy and passed *nem. con.*

6. Reappointment of Auditors

The appointment of Alliotts Chartered Accountants as the Union's auditors for a further year was proposed by Mr P.J. Oliver and seconded by Miss H. Baker and passed *nem. con.*

7. Any Other Business

Dr Dawson stated that it was usual for the next President to be identified during the final year of office of the outgoing President. He was extremely pleased to inform members that Dr Jenny Gill had agreed to be nominated as President-Elect, her term of office to be approved at the next AGM.

Dr Dawson declared the AGM closed at 18:30h, and thanked members for their attendance.