

## BRITISH ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

Minutes of the AGM of the British Ornithologists' Union held on  
Wednesday 6 April 2011 18:00 at the University of Leicester

Dr Dawson welcomed everyone to the AGM.  
A total of 22 members attended the meeting.

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Prof J E Cooper, Mr S P Dudley and Mr P J Oliver.

### 2. Minutes of the previous AGM

Minutes of the previous AGM held on 7 April 2010 at the University of Leicester 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 fact that income from meetings had declined due to a decrease in agency funding. This lack of funding is likely to be a problem in future years.

One of the major income streams for the BOU is from *Ibis*, which continues to thrive. Although it is anticipated that income levels will not show as great a surplus as previous years where large sums were attributable to the sale of the digitised back catalogue.

Although income from conferences and membership is down, the BOU still has a surplus to spend from monies accrued in the previous years, hence new schemes such as the Career Development Bursary to be introduced in 2011.

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

The adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2010 was proposed by Prof Jeremy Greenwood and seconded by Prof Christopher Perrins.

### 4. Elections to Council

Council proposed that Dr Jenny Gill be elected to replace Dr Alistair Dawson as President, Dr

Graham Martin be elected Vice President to replace Dr Rob Fuller, Dr Niall Burton be elected as an Ordinary Member of Council to replace Dr Richard Bradbury as Chairman of the Meetings Committee and that Dr Stuart Butchart be elected as an Ordinary Member of Council to replace Prof Tim Birkhead.

There being no other names put forward (Rule 17), the nominations were approved.

The President welcomed the new members and thanked those retiring members 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. Reappointment of Auditors

The appointment of Alliotts Chartered Accountants as the Union's auditors for a further year was proposed by Sir Clive Elliott and seconded by Mr Paul Bellamy.

### 6. Any Other Business

At the previous AGM a new set of rules was approved, however in the intervening period these have had to undergo minor changes as a result of incorrect advice given by the Charities Commission. The revised rules, as approved by the Charities Commission are available to view on the BOU website.

Incoming President Dr Jenny Gill presented outgoing President Dr Alistair Dawson with a framed Robert Gillmor print of the cover of *Ibis*, and thanked him for his work on behalf of the Union during his time in office.

Dr Dawson declared the AGM closed at 18:20h, and thanked members for their attendance.