

BRITISH ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

Minutes of the AGM of the British Ornithologists' Union held on Wednesday 4 April 2012 at 18:00 at the University of Leicester

Dr Gill welcomed everyone to the AGM. A total of 15 members attended the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Professor John E Cooper, Prof Chris Perrins and Dr Ken Smith

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

Minutes of the previous AGM held on 6 April 2011 at the University of Leicester (published online <http://www.bou.org.uk/BOU-2011-AGM-minutes.pdf>) 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 for 2011

Dr Gill highlighted that the Council had commenced a strategic review of all the Union's activities, to ensure that everything we undertook remained relevant and worked efficiently.

Dr Gill also highlighted the implementation of student representatives on BOU Committees.

With reference to the accounts, Mr Oliver commented that *Ibis* continues to perform well financially. In 2011 this again was partly due to the sales of the online backlist of issues, however this income remained unpredictable.

Mr Oliver also highlight that conferences were now losing money due to the current squeeze on external funding, reduced delegate numbers.

In spite of this Mr Oliver stated that the BOU remained well-resourced in terms of finance, and that we could still afford to fund many activities, with scope to fund more activities which may arise from the ongoing strategic review.

The adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2011 was proposed by Dr Helen Baker and seconded by Dr Gavin Siriwardena.

4. Elections to Council

Council proposed that Julianne Evans be elected Honorary Treasurer, replacing Mr Peter Oliver: Dr Paul Dolman be elected as an Ordinary Member to replace Dr Paul Donald as Chairman of the Grants Committee; Dr Keith Hamer be elected as an Ordinary Member to replace Dr Ian Hartley as Chairman of the *Ibis* Management Committee; and Mr Hugh Wright be elected as an Ordinary Member to replace Prof Sarah Wanless.

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 for their hard work on behalf of the Union during their time in office.

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

5. Reappointment of Auditors

The reappointment of Alliotts Chartered Accountants was proposed by Mr Peter Oliver, and seconded by Mr David Stroud.

6. Any Other Business

As a mark of gratitude of Mr Oliver's tireless work on behalf of the Union during his time as Honorary Treasurer, he was presented with a framed Robert Gillmor print of the *Ibis* cover.

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

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