

LINCOLNSHIRE BIRD CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
ADMIRAL RODNEY HOTEL, HORNCastle
19 MARCH 2013

Present 27 members and officers

Apologies Ian Macalpine-Leny, Bill Sterling, Graham Catley, Hugh Middleton, Nicholas Watts

Minutes of 2012 AGM The Minutes are on the website. Accepted as a true and accurate record: proposed Sheila Jennings; seconded: Andy Sims. All agreed.

Hon Chairman's address (Andrew Chick)

Thanks to all who have helped the Club over the past year in whatever capacity: Committee members, writers for the Bird Report. Anyone who is interested in helping in the future would be very welcome.

The Report for 2011 is still at the printers in particular but should be sent out within 3 weeks.

Status of Birds in Lincolnshire has been published and mailed.

Rare and Scarce Birds 2003-7 is in the final stages; many thanks to Graham Catley and members of the Rarities Committee for their efforts.

The Newsletter is still being produced; articles are welcome.

Atlas is still ongoing.

Thanks are due to Colin and Sheila Jennings who retire as Committee members after 6 years. We are pleased that they will continue to input data. They are to given honorary membership and Sheila was presented with a bouquet by John Badley on behalf of the LBC.

Hon Treasurer's report (John Watt)

The accounts have been circulated at the AGM and independently audited. Expenditure exceeded income by £974 as we are catching up on past reports; this will continue next year. We have sufficient reserves to cover these costs and there is no need to increase subscription levels. £406 has been refunded to those who paid a deposit for the Atlas; there is still £186 balance as some have not been traced and others have opted to treat their deposit as a gift. The £20k bond matured and has been reinvested with Barclays; no ethical bank offers a similar product to societies.

Report from Secretary (Robert Carr)

Nothing to report.

Report from Hon Membership Secretary (Mike Harrison)

Current membership now estimated to be just fewer than 300. The use of LWT to collect direct debit subscriptions has been a great help.

Report from Sales Officer (Bill Sterling, presented by Andrew Chick in his absence)

Less than 50 of the 2010 report remain unsold; a full statement has been minuted and archived.

Report from recorders

John Clarkson raised the issue of Manby Flashes where a hide erected by a local farmer has been vandalised. The members agreed on a show of hands that the LBC would make a contribution to the costs and the exact details could left to the committee.

John Badley reminded members of the hide at Cut End; a key is available from Steve Keightley for a £5 deposit. The issue of a survey of Willow Tit and Lesser Spotted-Woodpecker was raised: they have both declined

severely on the basis of reports by members but their exact status is unclear. Next year might be best as it is too late to organise it for this year.

Election of Officers

Anyone who wishes to replace Colin or Sheila on the committee is welcome to put themselves forward.

AOB

We have been involved with the GLNP (Greater Lincolnshire Biodiversity Project), especially in the Reedbed section where we have monitored the status of a number of species of concern.

We organised a joint day with the BTO (Chris Gunn) for young birders, but there were no takers. The lack of young members is a cause for concern and that we might attract more if we allowed non-members to post on the Reports section of the website. This would be a one year trial and all who posted would have to do so in their own name, not anonymously. This was agreed on a show of hands.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 22h15.

RJF Carr, Secretary.