

**LINCOLNSHIRE BIRD CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 10 AUGUST 2011**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Andrew Chick, Colin and Sheila Jennings, Graham Hopwood, John Clarkson, Mike Harrison, Phil Espin (observing re RBBP and BTO), Robert Carr, Roy Harvey, Phil Hyde.

**Apologies for absence:** Ian Macalpine-Leny, Janet Eastmead, John Badley, John Watt, Steve Routledge.

**Matters arising:**

The date on the previous minutes should read February, not March; Roy Harvey *was* present.

Website has been moved.

AGM was a success.

Minutes were a true record, with the amendments above: proposed by SJ and seconded by MH; all agreed.

**Officers' reports:**

**Treasurer:** not present, but he had sent a financial statement to RC which was circulated and approved. He would need to send a cheque to Mary Porter for the use of the room for the meeting.

**Sales:** not present and no report received.

**Secretary:** no written correspondence received.

Emails from organisations like tour companies were passed to AC and put on the website.

JE had sent RC a statement: she had received 14 data requests this year, which should realise £1,052.

**Membership secretary:** 320 members and 9 Honorary; 201 paid up for the current year and 87 not renewed from last year; 23 not renewed from 2009 and should be regarded as lapsed.

MH will write to those who have not paid and then transfer the records to the LWT.

**County recorder North:** JC felt his new role was a success: a conduit for information, whether requests for help with identification or passing on records to the various officers.

JC suffered from excessive junk emails; AC hoped that this might be reduced by changes he would make on the website.

**Count recorder South:** not present and no report received.

**Rarities committee:** RH felt that the new system was working quite well and that we have caught up well.

Some members are slow to vote and this may be a problem caused by the system.

There was some discussion as to who should have access to these records and where the data should be stored.

BTO RRs need access to accepted records from 1 January onwards as soon as possible to validate the records for the BTO Atlas; it was agreed that this be made available.

**Matters for discussion:**

**LIPU UK (AC):** We receive a copy of their newsletter each year, but it was felt that we should not subscribe.

**Lincolnshire County Coastal Park (AC):** AC had submitted an application for 6 Barn Owl boxes @ £450+VAT. There will be no cost to the Bird Club; Bob Sheppard will advise on suitable locations.

AC will keep us informed of the progress of the application.

**Coastal Grazing Marshes Project (AC):** This has a grant of £750k. Any projects we might have would need matched funding from the Bird Club.

AC will contact the project officer Roger Wardle in the first instance to enquire about possible projects.

**Bird Report (AC):** AC reported that this is on track: data for 60% of species accounts have been circulated; the introduction had been written and many photos had been submitted.

It was agreed that the format should remain the same, but that the conservation value could be enhanced by including data on red data species from the BBS from the BTO. PE would arrange for the information to be made available.

The question of sponsorship, both in the report and on the website, was discussed; AC would approach Vine House Farms.

**BAP Edition 3 (AC):** AC had received a communication and PE and RC will follow this up to see if there is any benefit to the Club from being involved.

**Honorary membership (AC):** AC proposed that this be offered to R and K Heath for all their work in the past. Agreed by all.

**Place names (C&SJ):** Location names were being changed in the records so that the identification of the locality would be easier for all users. Agreed that this was a step forward.

PE suggested the use of the Birdguides gazetteer.

**Scarce Bird Report (PH):** PH asked about the progress of this publication. It is in the hands of Steve Keightley. AC has not had any progress report but will seek one.

**SOBIL (AC):** This is in the hands of Anne Goodall.

AC understands that it is about half complete.

GH has proof read some of the species accounts and commented favourably.

**Next year's AGM (RC):** RC suggested that we invite Prof Ian Newton to be the speaker at the next AGM.

Agreed that he is suitable; RC to make the initial approach.

Meeting closed at 21h40.