

## BRITISH ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

### Minutes of the AGM of the British Ornithologists' Union held on 2 April 2014 18:00 at University of Leicester

President Dr Gill welcomed everyone to the AGM. A total of 22 members attended the meeting. This being the first year that non-BOU members had been encouraged to stay for the AGM, Dr Gill gave a brief overview of the work of the BOU.

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Prof John E Cooper and Michael Walters.

#### 2. Minutes of the previous AGM

Minutes of the previous AGM held on 27 March 2013 at the University of Leicester (published online <http://www.bou.org.uk/BOU-2013-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 2013

Dr Gill highlighted the successful participation of the BOU in running the EOU. The profits from this conference were to be used to help support Early-Career Researchers (ECRs) at future EOU conferences.

The BOU's recent focus on recruitment of ECRs has proved a success.

*Ibis* continues to flourish and an additional editor had recently been appointed.

The Joint Publications Committee had been disbanded due to a diminishing market for printed checklists. The BOC had confirmed their commitment to continuing the series.

The BOU is in the process of establishing an Engagement Committee, which will look at ways to deliver the BOU's aims to the wider ornithological community. Dr Gill asked those present for any suggestions for members of this new Committee.

With reference to the accounts, Mrs Evans commented that although the BOU was currently in a sound financial position, with investments performing well, there remained uncertainty surrounding open access publishing and the future impacts on *Ibis*.

The adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2013 was proposed by Prof Rob Fuller and seconded by Mr Alan Barclay.

#### 4. Elections to Council

Council proposed that Dr Helen Baker be elected as Honorary Secretary to replace Dr Ken Smith and Dr Barbara Helm be elected as an Ordinary Member of Council to replace Dr Helen Baker.

There being no other names put forward (rule 10.3), 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 members of Council and the committees for their valuable work over the year.

#### 5. Reappointment of Auditors

The reappointment of Alliotts Chartered Accountants was proposed by Dr Rob Robinson and seconded by Mr Neil Bucknell.

#### 6. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

In closing the meeting Dr Gill thanked Mrs Angela Langford and Mr Steve Dudley for their continued excellent work for the Union during the year.

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