

## BRITISH ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

### Minutes of the AGM of the British Ornithologists' Union held on 1 April 2015 18:00 at University of Leicester

President Prof Gill welcomed everyone to the AGM.  
A total of 34 members attended the meeting.

#### 1. Apologies for absence

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

#### 2. Minutes of the previous AGM

Minutes of the previous AGM held on 2 April 2014 at the University of Leicester (published online <http://www.bou.org.uk/BOU-2014-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 2014

Prof Gill and Mrs Evans outlined the report and accounts. There were no questions.

The adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2014 was proposed by Dr Rob Robinson and seconded by Prof Graham Martin.

#### 4. Elections to Council

Council proposed that Prof Keith Hamer be elected as President to replace Prof Jenny Gill; Mr Neil Bucknell be elected as a Vice President to replace Prof Graham Martin; Dr Darren Evans be elected as an Ordinary Member of Council to replace Dr Niall Burton as Chair of the Meetings Committee; Dr Jennifer Smart be elected as an Ordinary Member to serve as Chair of the Engagement Committee; and that Dr Graeme Buchanan, be elected as an Ordinary Member of Council to replace Dr Stuart Butchart.

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, Prof Gill thanked members of Council and the BOU's committees for their valuable work over the year.

#### 5. Reappointment of Auditors

The reappointment of Alliotts Chartered Accountants was proposed by Mrs Julianne Evans and seconded by Dr Chris Feare.

#### 6. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Prof Gill thanked Mrs Angela Langford and Mr Steve Dudley for their continued hard work for the Union during the year. She stated that one of the things she had soon begun to appreciate when she became involved with the BOU was the excellent administration the BOU had in place, and the key role this had played in recent development, and was key for the continued success of the Union.

Prof Hamer presented Prof Gill with a gift in appreciation of her hard work during her time as President and outlined the significant development made by the BOU during her term. Mr Dudley also added his heartfelt appreciation, thanking her for everything she had achieved in developing the BOU and its staff during her Presidency.

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