

The Minutes of the 68th Annual General Meeting of the Cape Bird Club

Held at Nassau Centre, Groote Schuur High School

on Thursday 14 April 2016

Meeting Chair: Priscilla Beeton

Meeting Secretary: Barbara Jones

Members Present: Priscilla Beeton, Julian Hare, Dave Whitelaw, Cheryl Leslie, Joan Ackroyd, Johan Schlebusch, Joy Fish, Barbara Jones, S. Becker, Simon Fogarty, Felicity Ellmore, Sylvia Ledgard, M. Botha, Kaye Foskett, Fazlyn Fester, Mary Shears, Cliff Shears, Jan Brown, Eion Brown, Shelley Brown, Charles Foster, Annabelle Foster, Dick Barnes, Fiona Jones, Otto Schmidt, Sandy Schmidt, Keith Breetge, Ian MacFarlane, Jane MacFarlane, John Lombard, Linda Merrett, Rosemary Nathan, Andrea Benn, Cherrie Klasser, Gill Ford, A. Lomberg, W.G Greig, Paul Jenkins, Cathrine Jenkins, Mel Tripp, Brian Vanderwalt, Nikki Nupen, Peter Nupen, Cedric Dallas, Jo Hobbs, John Fincham, Susan Perkins, Heather Howell, Shirley Dobson, DesLazar ,Sylvia Ledgard, Linda McIntosh, Lindsey MacDonald, John MacDonald, Sally Pegrume, G. Rodgers, Marje Hemp, Jonathon Hemp, Liz Haw, Mike Haw, Anne Greig.

1. Apologies: Peter Welch, Jeff Seekings, Stella Fogarty, Hayley MacIntosh, Jean Eva, Sue Smith, George Smith

Quorum: A quorum was declared and the 68th Annual General Meeting opened with a warm welcome by the acting Chairman. (I was chairman, not acting. The previous year I was acting)

2. Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of the AGM dated 12 March 2015 [and of the SGMs of 11th June 2015 and 14th January 2016) were approved. Proposed by Johan Schlebusch; seconded by Vernon Head

3. Matters Arising from Special General meetings of 11 June 2015 and 14 January 2016

- 3.1. The CBC Constitution has been updated to conform to the new BLSA Constitution dated 21 March 2015. The revised constitution was approved by the meeting.
Proposed by Peter Steyn; seconded by Sylvia Ledgaard and Dave Whitelaw
- 3.2 It was agreed that the CBC sign an affiliation agreement with BLSA and this was done on 9 Jan 2016
- 3.3 The proposal regarding voting rights on the WCBF were tabled at the WCBF AGM on 6 Feb 2016. A decision on the matter is still pending.

4. Chairperson's Report:

The full report for the period March 2015 to March 2016 can be found on the Cape Bird Club website. The report was proposed by Vernon Head and seconded by Heather Howell and Simon Fogarty.

5. Conservation Committee Chairperson's Report

Dave Whitelaw presented the Conservation Committee Report. The full report for the period March 2015 to March 2015 can be found on the Cape Bird club website.

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

A summary of the financial report was presented by the new Treasurer, Joy Fish, who thanked Julian Hare for his work in preparing the financial statements and for his support for her in her new role.

Assets were up compared to the previous financial year, although subscriptions were slightly down because of a drop in membership of about 30 couples in the under 30 age group. In response to a member's question, the hire of the Nassau School hall for member meetings cost R6 600 per quarter. Another question was whether some of the money in the Sustainability Fund should be used in conservation – this would be discussed at the next CBC Committee meeting.

Adoption of the Financial Report: Proposed by Kay Foskett; seconded by Vernon Head

7. Election of Committee Members

There have been no new nominations. The following members were elected to serve on the committee for the next 12 months:

Priscilla Beeton, Julian Hare, Dave Whitelaw, Cheryl Leslie, Joan Ackroyd, Johan Schlebusch, Joy Fish, Barbara Jones.

8. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.15pm.