



Minutes of the 74th Annual General Meeting of the Cape Bird Club held at 19.30 on 24th March 2022 via Zoom

Note: the meeting was scheduled for 10th March 2022 but postponed due to load shedding. An emergency e-newsletter was sent out notifying members of the changed date.

Meeting Chair: Priscilla Beeton

Meeting Secretary: Gillian Barnes

Register of Members Present: A total of 62 members registered their attendance and a quorum (40) was declared. The attendees are listed below.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Peter Steyn, Michael Buckham, Cheryl Leslie, J Mortensen, Daryl de Beer, Lynette de Beer and Suzanne Hofmyer.

1. Welcome:

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the 74th AGM of the CBC. She thanked all who were present online for attending in these trying times of Covid19 and Eskom load shedding.

2. Confirmation of Minutes:

The Minutes of the AGM dated 11th March 2021 were made available on the CBC webpage. They were accepted as correct.

Proposed: Patrick Riley. Seconded: John Magner and Johan Schlebusch.

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising from the 2021 AGM minutes.

4. Chairperson's Report:

Priscilla Beeton had presented her report prior to the meeting. It was circulated in the CBC e-newsletter and published on the CBC website. It will also be published in the July 2022 issue of Promerops.

The Conservation report was also circulated in the CBC e-newsletter and published on the CBC website. It will also be published in the July 2022 issue of Promerops.

Priscilla mentioned two matters from the report that she felt needed to be raised: Firstly, the Club magazine, Promerops and Editor Fiona Jones:

Fiona had received some well-deserved international recognition when she had received a request from the Alexander Library of Ornithology (a branch of Oxford's Bodleian Library) that they were keen to put a link to the web version of Promerops on their journals page as well as a link to the Promerops index (PromDex) that Fiona has developed and made available on the CBC website. Fiona was congratulated on this development and what a fine job she was doing.

The second point that Priscilla wished to mention was her appreciation to all the Committee members who supported her during her tenure as Chairperson, particularly the Vice-chairperson, Johan Schlebusch, who was also stepping down from the committee after seven years as Vice-chair.

The Chairman's and Conservation reports were accepted without query. Proposed: John Magner. Seconded: Mel Tripp.

5. Financial Report

Joy Fish presented the Treasurer's report for the period 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021. She reported that the club's financial situation is good, with a very healthy balance of funds in the bank. Income has been generated by members' fees, proceeds of the sale of second hand books and donations.

A small decrease in member numbers year on year is evident but in spite of another difficult year members number 700. Seventy six (76) new members joined the Club in the period under review.

Our youth education programme was still on hold although a few activities were possible during the second half of the year.

Funds generously donated by a member were spent on new sign boards for Strandfontein Birding Area and Rondevlei Nature Reserve. Mel Tripp was thanked for his input and design.

Donations amounting to R 27,950 were given to:-

SANCCOB: R 10,000 plus R 3,200 for membership,

BLSA - Mouse Free Marion Project: R 10,000

BLSA - BirdLasser App: R 2,500

BLSA – Bird Fair: R 2,250

Joy thanked Mary Debrick for her assistance as well as Paul Slack and Angela Wilson from Fast Track who are our auditors.

It was proposed that we appoint Fast Track to continue as auditor for 2022. Proposed: Priscilla Beeton. Seconded: Patrick Riley

A member raised a query regarding the Website cost that has doubled compared to the previous year. Joy advised that she had investigated that at the time that the financials were being prepared. The explanation given was that in the previous financial statement the club communication charge was shown separately but was now included in the Web Hosting charge. The explanation was accepted.

There being no further queries and questions raised the Financial Report was accepted and adopted. Proposed: John Magner. Seconded: Priscilla Beeton

6. Promerops Awards:

Johan read the citation for the Promerops Award to Priscilla Beeton, the only recipient this year.

7. Election of new committee.

Resignations: Priscilla Beeton and Johan Schlebusch.

New Nominations: Jane Doherty has accepted nomination to join the committee. Proposed: Penny Dichmont. Seconded: Gail Darling.

Joel Radue has accepted nomination to join the committee. Proposed: Mike Buckham Seconded: Priscilla Beeton.

Nominations of previous committee members : Dave Whitelaw, Joy Fish, Linda Merrett, Mike Buckham, Penny Dichmont and Gillian Barnes have accepted their nominations.

The meeting unanimously approved the appointment of the nominated members to the CBC Committee for 2022.

It was noted that the meeting had been recorded and that there was a record of attendance.

There being no further business the AGM was declared closed at 20.15, whereafter Michelle Vrettos gave a presentation on the research that she had been doing on the relevance of the malar stripes in Falcons.

Record of attendance:

Deona Andrag, Colin Attwell, Melodie Hertzlett, Gillian Barnes, Richard Barnes, Ann Baumann, Priscilla Beeton, Ken Buchanan, Marilyn Buchanan, Gertraud Burle, Nigel Cornfield, Barbara Currin, Heather Davies, Jane Doherty, Jacobus De Swardt, Sandra De Swardt, Penny Dichmont, Joy Fish, Gill Ford, Kathleen Garrity, Alison Gilbert, Dene Goodwin, Anne Greig, Jonathan Hemp, Marj Hemp, Linda Hibbin, Clive Hoard, Andrew Hodgson, Heather Hodgson, Marilyn Hoole. Heather Howell, Linda Johnston, Fiona Jones, Tanya Kieswetter, Dennis Laidler, Gigi Laidler, John Lombard, Anne Mcleod, John Magner, Jane Magner, Linda Merrett, Duke Metcalf, Marilyn Metcalf, Rosemary Nathan, Dieter Oschadleus, Marc Pelteret, Patrick Riley, Beryl Riley, Johan Schlebusch, Otto Schmidt, Sandy Schmidt, Rob Sieborger, Marilyn Sieborger, Ommund Sivertsen, Kathleen Sutton, Mel Tripp, Michelle Vrettos, Dave Whitelaw, Karin Wilson, Steve Wilson and Gerald Wingate.