

HUDDERSFIELD BIRDWATCHERS CLUB

Minutes of 46th Annual General Meeting held at Huddersfield Town Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th November 2012.

The meeting appointed Alf King as chair of the meeting.

20 members attended the meeting and apologies were received from David Hardacre, Wendy Baggeley and Russell Smithson.

The minutes of the 2011 AGM were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by AK. There were no matters arising.

Presidents Report.

In the absence of a President, AK gave a brief activity report (filed with these minutes). He reminded the meeting that Terry Piggott had had to resign through ill health and said that his treatment had had a beneficial effect. He also told the meeting that David Hardacre had resigned from the committee because he moved from the area and he too was diagnosed with brain tumour and his treatment was also progressing.

AK stressed that the club belonged to the members and the committee would welcome feedback on any issue including the indoor meeting programme. He asked that members participate, we need committee members and someone with IT expertise to help with the website.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Wainman had circulated the audited accounts with the agenda, pointing out that we were operating at break even, but as costs were expected to rise we could expect a small loss this year. Subscriptions were held this year but will be reviewed later in the year. Cash that we do not need for day to day running of the club has been held in Standard Life but they were taken over by Barclays and the account cannot now be operated in accordance with our governance procedures. The Committee had agreed that these funds will be moved to a small building society and work is underway to do this.

He thanked Peter Burton for carrying out the audit.

There being no questions, John Walker proposed that the accounts be adopted, David Butterfield seconded and they were approved unanimously.

Recorder's Report

Prior to the meeting David Butterfield circulated the Recorder's report (filed with these minutes). There were no questions but AK pointed out that now we have the data filed electronically it made report writing easier. DB asked that members submitted records regularly, preferably monthly.

Conservation Report

Mike Denton gave a brief report on Conservation activities (notes filed with the minutes). Some debate followed on the loss of Cooper Bridge as a birdwatching site.

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Election of Officers

The proposals placed on the agenda were accepted unanimously by the meeting as follows:

Those to serve 2 years,

Secretary	Chris Abell
Recorder	David Butterfield
Conservation	Mike Denton
Publicity	Roger Mitchell
Committee Member	Stuart Brocklehurst

To serve 1 year

President	Mike Wainman
Committee Member	Russell Smithson
Treasurer	John Walker

Mike Wainman took the chair for the remainder of the meeting, wishing Terry Piggott well and thanking AK for standing in since TP's resignation.

Appointment of Auditor

MW reported that Peter Burton was willing to audit the next accounts and the meeting agreed to his appointment.

Any Other Business

Chris Abell floated the idea that in future years all the AGM documents be placed on the website but as there are members without computing facilities information will still be provided at the next AGM.

The age profile of the members was discussed and Roger Mitchell explained how we publicised the club's meetings. MW said we would welcome any ideas how to attract younger members.

The meeting closed at 8.15 followed by an excellent presentation by Stuart Brocklehurst on his artwork, showing how he produced the cover for the 2011 Annual Report.

Signed

Date