



Huddersfield Birdwatchers Club

Minutes of 45th Annual General Meeting held at Huddersfield Town Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th November 2011.

22 members attended the meeting. There were no apologies for absence.

The minutes of 44th AGM on 16th November 2010 were circulated before the meeting and were accepted by the meeting as a true record and were signed by the President.

Alf King began the Presidents's report saying this would be his final report as he was no longer continuing as president. He thanked the members for their support during his time in office. It had been a good year for the club. with good attendance (averaging around 40) at the indoor meetings. This was down to the programme of speakers booked by John Walker and the venue. He was pleased that the publication of the Annual of Report was available at the meeting, bringing us in line with the objective of having our reports published within 12 months. This was thanks to Mike Wainman and his team of writers and to David Butterfield who collated all the records, and finally to the 70 plus members who sent in records.

Alf went on to say that the club had discussed carrying out habitat conservation but had decided against it for legal and insurance reasons. We were happy to give moral and small financial support to Kirklees Friends of the Environment for their work at Kerry's Nature Reserve and at Colne Bridge Sludge Plant.

He concluded by saying that it been an honour and pleasure to serve the club as President. Mike Wainman proposed a vote of thanks which was heartily supported by the members.

Mike Wainman began the Treasurer's report by saying that Mavis Murphy had been unable to audit the accounts as she was unwell and thanked Peter Burton for carrying out the audit. The accounts and supporting notes were set out in detail to meet the Charity Commission requirements.

The key points to note were;

- a loss of approximately £1,000 due to reserves spent on the project to digitise and archive all reports.
- Depreciation on projector, lap top etc now fully written off.
- Membership had increased to 105
- Donation of £200 made by Shirley Collinson
- Reduced income from sales of Annual reports.
- The income from subscriptions does not cover the underlying costs of running the club hence the decision to increase them for this year.

The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

Mike continued by saying the Archive project held reports back to 1966 and the aim is to make it available on the website. The information could be put on a CD for members to purchase for a nominal sum.



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David Butterfield gave a brief report as Recorder. The 2010 report was now published for members and he asked for records for 2011 to be sent on a regular basis, and all submitted early in the New Year.

Mike Denton read the Conservation report, details of which are filed with the minutes. The main points were that the club had been asked to carry out a survey at Stirley farm. The response from members had been poor, but he reported that members should be gratified that reports from the club had been given to the National Trust to help them write their management plan for the Marsden Moor Estate.

The Secretary reported that the nominations he had received for vacancies on the committee were listed on the agenda. The meeting approved these unanimously en bloc. Those elected were;

President	Terry Piggott
Treasurer	Mike Wainman
Indoor Meetings Organiser	John Walker
Committee Members	David Hardacre
	Alf King

It was noted that there was a further vacancy for 1 year to replace Russ Boland who had resigned mid year. The committee can co opt someone at any time.

Terry Piggott took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Mike Wainman said that as Mavis Murphy was unwell he had not approached her about appointing her as Auditor for a next year. The meeting agreed to leave the matter to the Committee to decide when the position was clearer.

There being no Any Other Business or questions the meeting was declared closed at 8pm

Signed

Date