

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE BIRD CLUB

**Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting held at 8.00 pm  
on Friday 13 March 2015 at St. John's Church Hall, Hills Road, Cambridge**

The President, Robin Cox, was in the Chair. 44 members attended.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Michael Holdsworth, Andrew Tongue, Doug Radford, Mike Foley, Ann Scott and Barbara York.
2. **The Minutes of the 2014 AGM** were approved and signed.
3. There were no **Matters Arising**.
4. The Chairman, Vince Lea, presented the **Annual Report of Council** in which he reviewed the past year's activities and thanked the Officers and Council of the Club, together with Committee members; the Bulletin and Annual Report contributors and writers, with especial thanks to Ali Cooper; and other volunteers and helpers for their commitment of time, energy and skills to the Club during the last year. The full text of Vince's report will be made available on the Club's website.
5. The Treasurer, Roger Swain, presented the **Financial Statements**. Due to an oversight, no paper copies of the accounts were available on the day, hence RS had to present the Statements with nothing for the attendees to refer to. A few changes had been made to the way we account, including a switch from an accruals basis to receipts and payments, which is easier to understand and meets the new Charity Commission regulations for small charities. **Standing orders continue to be an issue, with a significant proportion of members, 130, not having changed to the new rates brought in at the beginning of 2014, despite having had 15 months to do so.** Additionally, the HMRC have not yet refunded our Gift Aid for 2014, around £1000. Our outgoings were £34 more than our actual income for 2014, without this Gift Aid refund.

The Accounts could not be adopted as they were only available online and not in print form on the day. They will be re-presented for adoption at an EGM which will be held immediately before the May indoor meeting.

6. **President and Vice-Presidents.** Council's nominations below were proposed by Louise Bacon, seconded by Vicki Harley and elected *nem.con*.

*President:* Robin Cox.

*Vice-Presidents:* James Cadbury, John Clark, Graham Easy, Colin Kirtland, Rita Lingard, Bruce Martin

7. **Election of Council.** Council's nominations below were proposed by Stuart Lingard, seconded by David Heath and elected *nem. con*.

*Officers:* Chairman: Vince Lea; Secretary: Michael Holdsworth;

Treasurer: Roger Swain; County Recorder: Louise Bacon.

*Councillors:* (Vince Lea, Annual Report Editor); Peter Bircham and Chris Brown (Bulletin Editors); Vicki Harley (Meetings Secretary); Chris Quy (Website); Clive Sinclair (Membership Secretary); Andrew Tongue (Research Officer); Ali Cooper, Mike Foley.

8. Kevin Harris was appointed as **Auditor**. Proposed by Stuart Lingard, seconded by Vicki Harley and carried *nem.con*.

9. The **Bob Scott Prize for Ornithological Research in Cambridgeshire** was not awarded this year as there were no entries.

10. The **Bird Photograph of the Year** was awarded to Garth Peacock for his photograph of Black-necked Grebes.

11. **Any other business**

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 8.40 pm.