

LINCOLNSHIRE BIRD CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 2 November 2011
MINUTES

Present: Andrew Chick, Mike Harrison, Robert Carr, Roy Harvey, Bill Harvey and John Watt.

Apologies for absence: Phil Espin, Steve Routledge, Grahame Hopwood, John Clarkson, Phil Hyde, Colin and Sheila Jennings, John Badley.

Matters arising:

LCCP See later item.

CGMP The contact is Caroline Steele not John Wardle. No plans at present to participate.

Bird Report See later item.

BAP See later item.

Honorary Member AC will contact R&K Heath.

Scarce and Rare Report See later item.

SoBiL See later item.

AGM Prof Newton FRS has agreed to attend the AGM on 20 March at the Admiral Rodney.

Officers' reports:

Treasurer: JW circulated his report. He drew attention to an 11% increase in membership income; 38% increase in subscription income; 187% increase in Data search income; Total income up 39% but Expenditure only up 12%. All agreed this is a healthy position.

£20,000 to be invested in a 1 year bond, best current rates from Barclays but they are slow to respond.

Sales: Sales report circulated prior to the meeting. Sales of Bird Reports have increased to 45.

Secretary: AGM organised – see above.

The venue for Committee meetings may have to change as Mary Porter retires from Chambers Farm Wood soon. The Fighting Cocks had been approached and would charge £10. Agreed to use them if Forestry Commission does not allow us to use CFW on the current terms.

Membership secretary: 6 new members only since the last meeting.

The hand over to LWT is under way. Liaison needed to ensure all clear about future responsibilities; JW to assist. The membership mailing would include a Newsletter and a Direct Debit form and will be sent out in the near future.

County recorder North: not present and no report received.

County recorder South: not present and no report received.

Rare Birds Breeding Rep: not present and no report received.

Rarities committee: The problem of a lack of descriptions from some observers continues!

Chairman and Webmaster:

1 LBC Newsletter: 1 will go out with the Membership mailing (see above); another with the Bird Report. Some discussion as to whether one is needed with the website carrying current sightings. Agreed that this will be an item for the AGM.

2 Joint meeting with LNU: AC will do the presentation at the next meeting on 26 November at Whisby NP at 2pm; topic to be Lincolnshire's Peregrines. To be advertised on the website. Agreed that this will be an annual event.

3 Garden Bird Survey: Following a meeting with Anne Goodall prior to our meeting, AC reported that he had got the impression that our LBC survey is stagnating – perhaps only 17 participating. RH queried this figure as he thought there were that many doing the surveys in the Scunthorpe area alone. The survey is not part of the BTO GBS. Data is not passed to the LBC. Data cannot be entered online. Feedback is not given to participants. AC will approach Anne Goodall, the current organiser, to try and move things on.

4 BAP: Neither AC nor PE could attend the recent meeting. Nonetheless LBC is a partner and Anne Goodall will continue as our representative. RC will file the documentation.

5 LCCP: AC had submitted a grant application for 6 Barn Owl boxes in the Anderby area. This was approved by LCCP and the boxes will be erected this autumn, weather permitting. AC will give progress updates. RC will file the documentation.

6 Reports: Anne Goodall said that SoBiL is nearly complete. AC hopes it will be finished within 6 months. A quote of £1200 had been obtained for 500 copies.

Rare and Scarce Birds has made little progress – only wildfowl section written so far. AC will approach Steve Keightley with a view to moving things on. Perhaps help could be sought from other individuals.

Bird Report 2010 is also well under way; AC circulated a progress report. Agreed that we will pay the Ordnance Survey a copyright fee of £47 to allow us to publish 3 maps of the sites referred to in the report, following the suggestion of Colin and Sheila Jennings. Also agreed that we should print 500 copies as last year; AC will get quotes for publications of 150 and 200 pages.

7 Atlas: Cheques will be sent to those who have paid but not received this. AC will post an item on the website asking if those concerned would waive the refund and contribute the sum to LBC funds. JW and RC will sign the 90 cheques when RC is a signatory.

Matters for discussion:

FWAG: Mike Harrison told the meeting that this body has gone into administration nationally; only 2 advisors were left in Lincolnshire.

Meeting closed at 21h40.