

LINCOLNSHIRE BIRD CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 10 JULY 2012
MINUTES

Present: John Badley, Andrew Chick, Robert Carr, Roy Harvey, Colin and Sheila Jennings, John Clarkson, Phil Espin, Bill Sterling, Mike Harrison.

Apologies for absence: Phil Hyde, Janet Eastmead, Ian Macalpine-Leny, John Watt, Grahame Hopwood.

Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed to be a true record.

Matters arising:

LCCP: Nest boxes erected and money in the bank.

Coastal Grazing Marshes: See later item.

2010 Bird Report: Printed and distributed.

BAP: See later item.

Honorary Membership for the Heaths: Had been contacted.

Atlas refunds: Done.

Coastal Marshes: See later item.

BBS: See later item

Officers' reports:

Treasurer: Not present, but report circulated. There was some discussion as to whether the Club should only use banks who are deemed to be ethical in their investments. Decision will be taken later.

Sales: Report circulated. 73 publications sold this year. We use PayPal to collect payment; they charge £1 per sale. With postage costs increasing, sending out reports is now at a slight loss. The cost will be reviewed in the future.

Secretary: Nothing noteworthy.

Membership secretary: 305 but 96 still have not yet paid. A list of non-payers will be circulated to Committee members to see if they can approach individuals they know.

County recorder North: The new system is working well. Over 150 emails received asking for guidance and all have received a reply. The number seems to be increasing perhaps as the profile of the Club has risen.

County recorder South: Echoed the comments of John Clarkson. John described the Association of County Recorders, an email group. One suggestion was that the LBC consider using the BTO's Birdtrack to record data. A discussion followed but no consensus was reached.

Rarities committee: Currently working on 2011; the problem of a lack of descriptions from some observers continues.

Rare breeding birds: A steady stream of records coming in.

Chairman and Webmaster: Contact details will be updated on the website and exemplar descriptions will be put on.

Items for discussion:

1 The proposal from Chris Gunn to support a BTO training day for RSPB young members was accepted. It was also agreed that they will be given a free copy of the last Bird Report.

2 John Badley's idea for a calendar for 2013 was well received and it was agreed that he should approach the photographer Olie Horton. The total cost, including printing 300 copies, should not exceed £600.

3 AGM speaker and BTO membership: decided that John Badley should approach Mark Avery.

4 Grazing Marshes project: Funds are available; Andrew would welcome any proposals.

5 LCCP: Very encouraging so far. Agreed that Andrew investigate the possibility of erecting an Osprey platform on the coast.

6 SoBiL 1995-2000 is virtually read to send to the printers. Agreed that there should be 400 copies with spiral binding (significantly cheaper).

7 Search income: Janet Eastmead has indicated that some of the income from data searches could be used to create online submission for the Garden Bird Survey. It was suggested that we might use the BTO for subsequent transfer; Andrew will look into this.

8 Gibraltar Point database: not available until the autumn, which makes it difficult to include in the Bird Report. Kevin Wilson had suggested that the LBC might help and Andrew Chick will contact him to clarify.

9 2011 Report Andrew reported that he has started this.

10 2003-7 Report: The LBRC Committee and Graham Catley have been involved and the work is progressing. Andrew will contact Steve Keightley for any further data and to clarify matters.

AOB:

1 Phil Espin had raised the possibility of LBC members undertaking BBS type surveys on LWT reserves. Dave Bromwich, Reserves Manager at LWT, had been approached but there were a number of reasons why this will not be pursued.

2 Searches for Anti-Wind Farm groups: Janet Eastmead had requested clarification of what charge should be made to such groups. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that they should pay the "Professional" rate in future. *Following a subsequent conversation with Janet it is clear that the matter should be further discussed at the next LBC Committee meeting, when a decision on confidential breeding records would be discussed.*

3 BAP The BAP documentation was not discussed. *Following a subsequent conversation with Anne, it is clear that we should contact her prior to the next LBC Committee meeting so she can outline what needs to be discussed regarding the BAP commitments made by the LBC.*

Meeting closed at 21h40.