### **BIRDLIFE BOTSWANA**

# MINUTES OF THE BIRDLIFE BOTSWANA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on SATURDAY 22 May 2010

Welcome: The Chairman welcomed everyone. There were 34 present

## **Apologies:**

Drs L and S Tyler, Mr and Mrs R Borello, Mrs S Ward, John and Inger Dalziel, Mike and Elsie Lakin, Boitumelo Sekhute, Mr Kevin Grant of Ghantzi, Mr P Roper, Dr L Rutina, Mr B Bonyongo, K Senyatso, Mrs K Toomey

## Minutes of the previous meeting:

Accepted by R Wyer & seconded by Geraldine Hester.

Matters Arising - None

#### **Treasurer's Report**:

Ian White reported the following: 2009 has been a good year. Unfortunately the financial reports could not be audited. Steps will be taken to attend to this and the report will be given to members by the end of July. Geraldine Hester wanted to know whether the shop was a profitable operation. The Chairman assured her that we covered our costs easily. The Chairman extended thanks to Ian White for all his efforts on behalf of BLB. The Chairman expressed his appreciation to Ian for automating as much as possible.

#### **Chairman's Report:**

The chairman presented his comprehensive annual report, which covered the activities of staff and volunteers. He described the highlights of the past year.

**Office Bearers** were then elected with Mark Lane-Jones inviting nominations from the floor. *The following officials were appointed:* 

Chairman	Harold Hester
Vice Chairman	Mike Goldsworthy
Treasurer	Ian White
Secretary	Vacant
Education Officer	Doreen McColaugh
Membership Secretary	Mike Goldsworthy
Records Sub-Committee	Chris Brewster
Chairman	
Editor Babbler	Dr Stephanie Tyler
Editor Familiar Chat	Eugenie Skelton
Editor Conservation newsletter	Pete Hancock
Press Liaison Officer	Eugenie Skelton
Marketing Officer	Mary Lane-Jones
Web Site Manager	Mike Goldsworthy
Ordinary members	Mike Barclay
	Dr. Kathleen Toomey
Representatives:	
Kasane	Pete Laver

Maun	Pete Hancock
Francistown	Mike Soroczynski
Ghanzi	Kevin Grant
Jwaneng	Kabo Ditshane
DEA	Ms Arabang Kanego
DWNP	Dr. Lukas Rutina and Dr David Mosugelo
Business	Balisi Bonyongo
UB representative	Dr Dithlogo
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Members of staff are ex-officio members of the Board. The Board has a right to co-opt additional members if required.

## General

Members were urged to make use of our BLB website, our Flikr website and to use Tickbird to record all their sightings.

<u>Please visit the BLB website for all your Birding information:</u> <u>www.birdlifebotswana.org.bw</u>

## **Evening Talk**

Dr Graham McCulloch gave us a very entertaining talk with overheads, on – 'Flamingos of the Makgadikgadi'

The subject was fascinating and we hope to hear more.

All members and guests were invited to join in the supper, which followed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 21:30