

BIRDLIFE BOTSWANA - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING May 2011

VENUE: NO. 1 LADIES OPERA HOUSE, KGALE VIEW, GABORONE DATE: 6TH MAY 2011

1 Welcome - Harold Hester

2. Attendance Register-

(Only those who are fully paid up members were allowed to vote for the new committee)

2.1 Mike and Karin Barclay, Remi and Wendy Borello, Chris Brewster, Bill and Lucinda Briddes, Craig Britz and Janet Woods, John and Inga Dalziel, Bonnie Fairbanks, Pete Hancock, Mike and Elsie Lakin, Mark and Mary Lane-Jones, Pete Laver, Bob and Doreen McColaugh, Roger Meridith and Joan LaRosa, Nfila Nfila, Ian and Sue Paddick, Robert Rogier and Khin-Sandi Lwin, Christine Schoettier, Steffen Schuemann, Mark and Eugenie Skelton, Marion Stewart, Dr Kathleen Toomey, Ian White, Rod and Ros Wyer, Phil Zappala

2.2 Apologies:

Mary Webb, Gail and Floris Fortgens, Chris and Celia Sugden, Graham and Lynne Floyd, Nicky Bousfield, Kabelo Senyatso, Elsie Lakin, Geraldine Hester, Yukiko Maki-Murakami

3 Minutes of the last meeting - none

4 Treasurer's report

4.1 Many thanks to the hard work of Ian White and Daphne Goldsworthy, the latter who has been helping with the weekly recording of financial transactions throughout the last year.

4.2 There are three projects that BirdLife Botswana is supporting plus the running of two offices, one in Maun and one in Gaborone.

4.3 The organisation is paying its bills. Jean Jones was thanked for carrying out the audit exercise. The turnover is about P2 million, compared to about P30,000 ten years ago. BLB is a non-profit organisation. A few hard copies of the treasurer's report for 2010 were available, but those who wished to be given a hard copy and who did not get one were asked to forward their names to Ian White the Treasurer.

4.4 The Chairperson said he was proud of the good state of the finances.

4.5 A list of donors will be added to the report. Thanks to those who have dug deep into their pockets to keep the organisation in a healthy state.

5 Chairman's report

The chairman presented his report which will be available in the next Babblers

6 Election of office bearers.

Designation	
Chairman	H Hester
Secretary	P D'Arcy
Treasurer	I White
Membership	M Goldsworthy
Website	M Goldsworthy
Education	D McColaugh
Retail	M Webb
Records	C Brewster
Babblers	S Tyler
Familiar Chat	E Skelton
Ordinary	M Barclay K Toomey M Lane-Jones L Rutina
<u>Representatives</u>	
Director	K Senyatso
Maun	P Hancock
Kasane	P Zappala
Francistown	M Soroczynski
Jwaneng	K Ditshane
Ghantsi	K Grant
DEA	Dr M Flyman
DWNP	D Mosugela
UB	Dr Dithlogo

All approved

7 General.

- 7.1 Members were invited to speak out about any issues related to the BirdLife Botswana organisation.
- 7.2 A suggestion was made that information given to members in emails be presented as a series of bullet point in order to take up less space and for ease of reading.
- 7.3 With regard to Familiar Chat, a 2 or 3 line email can be sent with a direct link to download the document.
- 7.4 Monthly walks in Gaborone: some people come to one of the walks and never come again. Young people in particular. We should get details from those who attend and follow them up / thank them for attending / invite them to attend the next meeting.

7.5 The statement of finances should be sent in advance as a soft copy, rather than members receiving them at the door at the beginning of the AGM, thus with no time to scrutinise them.

8 Presentation: Pete Laver, on initial findings from Bird Population Monitoring.

The meeting closed at 2030 hours.