

Minutes – BirdLife Botswana - Annual General Meeting

Date: MAY 12TH 2012, Time: 1800hrs

Venue : NO.1 LADIES OPERA HOUSE, KGALE VIEW, GABORONE

1 Welcome by Chairperson

1.1 The Chairman offered apologies for the following members:

Dr S Tyler, M Soroczyinski, Mr and Mrs Fortgens, Mr and Mrs Borello, Mr and Mrs Hanna, P Zappala, Mr and Mrs Lakin, Mr and Mrs Coleman

1.2 The Chairman welcomed members of BLB to the meeting, as well as representatives of the Botswana Press. He gave a particular welcome to the Director of BLB, Kabelo Senyatso who has returned having been away for 4 years successfully completing a PhD in the UK.

1.3 He invited members and prospective members to eat after the meeting, and asked that those who can afford to do so contribute a minimum of P50 towards the cost of the refreshments provided.

2 Minutes of last meeting:

2.1 These were circulated to all members well before the date of the meeting electronically.

2.2 Ros Wyer proposed the minutes as a correct record of the deliberations and Eugenie Skelton seconded them.

3 Financial report.

3.1 The treasurer reported to members He mentioned that the Audit for the last financial year had been posted to all members as an email attachment.

3.2 The treasurer said that BirdLife Botswana is looking for money and that he hoped the Director, Kabelo Senyatso might be able to seek fresh sponsorship for the organisation in terms of project finances and the like.

3.3 He noted that the organization has grown a lot, salaries, phone bills, accommodation, meals and fuel in particular took a fair share of budget during the last financial year. The Maun office has been audited separately. Total income was in the region of P1.9 million and yet expenditure far exceeded this during the last financial year. Jean Jones is a professional auditor and was thanked for her services to the organisation.

3.4 It was agreed that each project be reflected separately in next year's financial statement.

4 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman presented his report.

5 BLB AGM board nominations 2012

5.1 Members of the public present were reminded that voting was for paid up members only. Rre Mark Lane- Jones conducted the election of Board members.

5.2 The nominations following the vote were as follows:

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
Chairman	H Hester	M Goldsworthy	I White
Vice-Chairman	M Barclay	P D'Arcy	D McColaugh
Secretary	P D'Arcy	H Hester	M Lane-Jones
Treasurer	I White	H Hester	D Goldsworthy
Membership	Vacant		
Website	M Goldsworthy	M Barclay	P Zappala
Education	D McColaugh	M Webb	E Skelton
Retail	M Webb	G Hester	M Lane-Jones
Records	C Brewster	S Tyler	M Goldsworthy
Babbler	S Tyler	W Borello	R Borello
Familiar Chat	E Skelton	M Lane-Jones	H Hester
Ordinary	K Toomey M Lane-Jones L Rutina	J Larosa E Skelton H Hester	I White R Wyer P Zappala
Director	K Senyatso		
<u>Representatives</u>			
Maun	P Hancock		
Kasane	P Zappala		
Francistown	M Soroczynski		
Jwaneng	-		
Gantsi	K Grant		
DEA	Dr M Flyman		
DWNP	F Dipotso		
UB	Dr Dithlogo		
Serowe	M Makwati		

5.3 Mike Goldsworthy, the out-going Vice-Chair of BLB, was thanked for his great contribution over a considerable number of years. The post of Membership remains

vacant – it was agreed that someone would be co-opted in sometime in the near future.

6 Crane fund (Ian Nuttal-Smith)

- 6.1 The owner of a mobile crane hire company, Ian Nuttal-Smith, said he has joined BLB as a Corporate member and will contribute one Pula for every hour each of his cranes are in use by customers. He noted that in Southern Africa there are 15 crane species, and hoped that, perhaps, the fund can be made worldwide as time goes on. He has four cranes operating. He presented a poster with the theme “Conserving Rarities And Natural Environment” – (CRANE)

7 Announcements

- 7.1 BLB is trying to arrange a film premiere - The Big Year - the fundraising will be on Thursday 14th June at Maru a Pula. Donations will be given at the door. Cheese and wine will be on the House.
- 7.2 A series of bird identification courses are to be run over four weeks, four courses on successive Saturdays. The charge will be P50 per lecture. They will be done at Mokolodi, or in town if they are done during the weekdays. More details will be sent to members over the internet.

8 Presentation by Kabelo Senyatso – Kori Bustards

Rre Senyatso gave an overview of the PhD that he qualified for at East Anglia University, UK. The project work was on Kori Bustard.