

Minutes of the 82nd Annual General Meeting of the Ornithological Society of New Zealand
(Inc.)

Held at Haere Roa, University of Canterbury, 4pm, 5th June 2022.

Present: Council members: Bruce McKinlay (President), Natalie Forsdick (Vice-President), Ian Armitage, Colin Miskelly, Keith Woodley, Lynne Anderson (secretary). EO: Ingrid Hutzler and about 70 members.

Welcome: from the President

Apologies: Mel Galbraith, Josie Galbraith, Paul Garner-Richards, Eleanor Gunby, Phil Rhodes, Pete McClelland, Murray Williams, Jim Jolly, Bernie Kelly, Julia Melville, Gillian Allen, Brenda Pulham, Geoff de Lisle, Dallas Bishop, Peter Frost, Ben Bell, Phil Battley.

Motion: *That the apologies be accepted.* Bruce McKinlay / Stuart Nicholson Carried

Recent Deaths:

Alastair Thompson
Jack Taylor
Kerry-Jayne Wilson
Martin N. Foggo
Rowley Taylor
Ruth Crockett
Terry Johnson
Tony Cartland
Ian C. Bell

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Motion: *That the minutes of the last AGM in 2020, as circulated, be accepted as a true and correct record.* David Lawrie / Ian Armitage Carried

Matters Arising: None

Treasurer's Report:

The full financial report for the 2021 year is available on the website. Statements of Financial Position and Performance were displayed on screen and some printed copies were available.

President Bruce went through the financial statements and relayed a written report from Paul Garner-Richards (treasurer) to the meeting:

The 2021 accounts were completed by Paul Garner-Richards and Debbie Fawcett (Business Base) and have been reviewed by Simon Danson (NMA Ltd).

Income from NZ subscriptions was up from the previous year but there was a slight drop from overseas subscriptions.

Thanks to Michael Szabo the income from adverts in the Birds NZ Magazine have more than doubled.

We received a generous bequest from the estate of Connie Wright for which we are very grateful.

Printing and postage continue to be the main expenditure for the Society.

There have been a few Projects Assistance Funds grants for the year as well as the funding of the Atlas project.

Several projects received funding from the Birds NZ Research Fund.

The finance sub-committee has developed a budget and continues to investigate the most appropriate sustainable business model for the Society.

Paul expressed thanks and acknowledged the support he has received from the Council, the EO and the Membership Secretary.

Bruce thanked Paul, in his absence, for his work and dedication to the treasurer's job.

Question: Why had the EO's fees dropped by \$11,000 since the previous year? Bruce replied by saying there had been a reduction in hours.

Motion: *That the Treasurer's Report and financial statements be accepted.* Bruce McKinlay / Natalie Forsdick Carried

Council Nominations: Lynne (secretary) announced that from the three Council vacancies that arise each year she had received two nominations: for Colin Miskelly and Eleanor Gunby. Josie Galbraith has stood down from Council and there was still one vacancy. Bruce thanked Josie, in absence, for the work she had done for Council.

President's Report:

Bruce presented his annual report for the 2021 year.

Matters Arising from the President's Report: Question: "If somebody sprained their ankle on an Atlassing trip, would that be regarded as an incident?" Bruce replied: Yes, definitely - any accident or incident that happens on a field trip that has been advertised as a Birds NZ event needs to be reported.

Motion: *Bruce moved that the President's report be accepted.*

Bruce McKinlay / Stuart Nicholson Carried

Awards – the following were awarded:

Notornis Student Author Award- Edin Whitehead

New Author Award – Simon Lamb

Best Student Talk Award – Daria Erastova

Best Poster Award – Lucy Howell

Peoples' Choice Poster Award - Archie McFarlane

Meritorious Service Awards

Geoff de Lisle

Dallas Bishop

Shaun Lee

Tom Moynihan

Geoff Norman

Awarded to a standing ovation:

Falla Award to Graeme Taylor

No Notices of Motion had been received by the secretary

General Business: None

Peter Fryer, Regional Representative of Taranaki, reminded people that the conference is in New Plymouth next year and hoped to see many members attend.

The meeting closed at: 4.45pm

Signed:

Date:

Bruce McKinlay, President