

**BIRDLIFE NORTHERN QUEENSLAND**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF AGM, 2 March 2013**  
**Cominos House, Cairns**

1. **Meeting opened** by Convenor, Kath Shurcliff at 5.15pm.
2. **Attendance:** Doug Herrington, Dave Houghton, Sandi Oswald, Ceri Pearce, Sandra Christensen, Jun Matsui, Hidetoshi Kudo, Trish Young, Virginia Simmonds, Col Perkins, Jan Perkins, Leanne Perkins, Ian Northcott, Martin Willis, Sam Willis, Pippy Cannon, Grahame Allen, Mundi Allen, Tom Collins, Ian Sinclair, George Baker, Teresa Baker, Dom Chaplin, Graham Harrington, Kath Shurcliff
3. **Apologies:** Murray Hunt, Keith Fisher, Lindsay Fisher, Alastair Freeman, Amanda Freeman, Alan Gillanders, Maria Gillanders, Helen Larson, Neville Pederson.
4. **Minutes of Formation Meeting, 21 April 2012.**  
These were read out by the Convenor, moved accepted by K. Shurcliff, seconded by Sandy Oswald, accepted by meeting.
5. **Convenor's Report** – presented by K. Shurcliff (attached to these minutes), moved accepted by K. Shurcliff, seconded by C. Pearce, accepted by meeting.
6. **Treasurer's Report** – presented by I. Northcott (attached to these minutes), moved accepted by I. Northcott, seconded by K. Shurcliff, accepted by meeting.
7. **Committee Elections**  
The Convenor asked approval of the meeting that she be allowed to conduct the elections, and this was approved. All positions were declared vacant. and the following were elected, with only one nomination received per position.  
**Convenor** – Kath Shurcliff (nom. G. Harrington, sec. A. Gillanders)  
**Secretary** – Murray Hunt (nom. K. Shurcliff, sec. D. Herrington)  
**Treasurer** – Ian Northcott (nom. H. Kudo, sec. G. Harrington)  
**Committee Members**  
Virginia Simmonds (Crane Counts Coordinator; nom. G. Harrington, sec. D. Houghton)  
Ceri Pearce (Contact Call Editor; nom. K. Shurcliff, sec. I. Northcott)  
Hidetoshi Kudo (Webmanager; nom. H. Kudo, sec. D. Herrington)  
Graham Harrington (IBA Coordinator; nom. Virginia Simmonds, sec. K. Shurcliff)  
Doug Herrington (Activities Coordinator; nom. H. Kudo, sec. I. Northcott)  
Dom Chaplin (Brochures; nom. K. Shurcliff, sec. I. Northcott)  
Martin Willis (Conservation Coordinantor; nom. K. Shurcliff, sec. G. Harrington)  
Martin Cachard (nom. H. Kudo, sec. K. Shurcliff)

**8. Other Business**

- (1) It was pointed out that notification of the Townsville newsletter was not being received by many BirdLife Northern Queensland members, although a decision at the Formation meeting was to encourage this. Following discussion it was decided the following should be actioned:
- a notice in Contact Call with a direct link to the Townsville newsletter website, and reminder to members to contact National Office (membership@birdlife.org.au) if they wish to receive a hard copy of "Contact Call" or "Drongo";
  - place a prominent direct link in our website to the Townsville newsletter and ensure this link is updated with new editions of the newsletter;
  - email our NQ members with direct link to Townsville newsletter;
  - email BirdLife Townsville with a copy of our newsletter, for distribution by them.
- (2) V. Simmonds moved a vote of thanks to the committee, particularly Doug and Murray, for pulling together a vibrant program of activities, the like of which we have not seen before in Northern Queensland. Seconded by K. Shurcliff, and accepted by all with applause.
- 9. Meeting closed at 5.50pm, followed by presentation by Martin Willis on "Birds of Africa".**

Minutes recorded by Ceri Pearce