



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SATURDAY, 14 MARCH 2020

ATTENDANCE

1. PRESENT

Ceri Pearce, Renee Cassels, Lindsay Fisher, Wayne Young, Ray Pierce, Gary Wilson, Mikey Kudo, Kath Shurcliff, Graham Harrington, Alan Gillanders and +10 others.

2. APOLOGIES

Midge Bell and Pippi Cannon

PROCEEDINGS

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE, AND APOLOGIES

- Meeting held at Lake Barrine Tea House, Lake Barrine was declared open at 9:30 am by Wayne Young.
- Meeting attendance and apologies taken (Secretary).

2. MINUTES OF 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- Wayne Young opened the floor to questions and comments on 2019 Annual General Meeting minutes.
- No questions or comments received.
- VOTE: Wayne Young moved to accept the 2019 Annual General Meeting minutes, seconded by Kath Shurcliff, unanimously accepted.

3. CONVENORS REPORT

- 2019 Convenors Report (attached) prepared by Peter Valentine and presented by Kath Schurcliff.
- VOTE: Kath Shurcliff moved to accept the 2019 Convenor's Report, seconded by Alan Gillanders, unanimously accepted.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

- The 2019 Treasurer's Report was prepared and presented by Lindsay Fisher, Treasurer.
- Members were asked to review and accept the report on our financial situation as of 31 December 2019.
- VOTE: Ceri Pearce moved to accept 2019 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Kath Shurcliff, unanimously accepted.

5. OFFICE-BEARER ELECTIONS

- Alan Gillanders dismissed the Committee. All positions were declared vacant, and nominations received.

- The following Office-bearers were elected, with only one nomination received per position:
 - Convenor – Ceri Pearce
 - Deputy Convenor – Peter Valentine
 - Secretary – Renée Cassels
 - Treasurer – Lindsay Fisher

6. COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

- No nominations received for the Tablelands Area Coordinator role – Graham Harrington volunteered.
- VOTE: Ceri Pearce moved to accept Graham Harrington's offer to fill the role, Ray Pierce seconded, unanimously accepted.
- Gary Wilson volunteered to join the committee to assist Ceri Pearce as the Contact Call newsletter editor.
- VOTE: Ceri Pearce moved to accept the offer, Lindsay Fisher seconded, unanimously accepted.
- VOTE: Out of meeting vote 11/2/2020: Ceri Pearce nominated Pippy Cannon as BLNQ committee member with a role as Birds In Schools Coordinator, Kath Shurcliff seconded, unanimously accepted.
- The following Committee members were nominated and accepted:
 - Cairns Area Coordinator – Mikey Kudo (CP / RC)
 - Tablelands Area Coordinator – Graham Harrington (CP / RP)
 - Cape York Area Coordinator – Kath Shurcliff (RC / LF)
 - Cassowary Coast Area Coordinator – Sandra Christensen (CP / LF)
 - Stickybeak Coordinator – Golo Maurer (CP / WY)
 - Conservation Officer – role fulfilled by local area coordinators and PV (CP / KS)
 - Project Technical Support – Ray Pierce (CP / KS)
 - Grasswren Project Leader – Kath Shurcliff and Graham Harrington (CP / WY)
 - Website Manager – Mikey Kudo (temporary until new website launch)
 - Newsletter Editor – Ceri Pearce (temporary until replacement)
 - KBA Coordinator – Kath Shurcliff and Ray Pierce (CP / RC)
 - Committee Member – Wayne Young (CP / LF)
 - Committee Member and Conservation Coordinator – Peter Valentine (CP / KS)

7. CONVENOR'S ADDRESS

- Delivered by Ceri Pearce.
- The Branch and Committee sincerely thank retiring Convenor Peter Valentine, Deputy Convenor and Tablelands Area Coordinator Martin Willis, Member Coordinator Sam Willis and Cairns Area Coordinator Tom Collis for their valuable contribution to the Branch and Australia's birds over many years.
- 2020 Projects include Wave The Waders Goodbye / Gouldian Finches / May Day campout at Pinnarendi Station / Beach Nesting Birds / Carpentarian Grasswrens / Golden Bowerbirds date TBC).
- Call for members to organise events.
- Ceri Pearce opened the floor for any questions or comments. None received.

8. MEETING CLOSE

- Meeting closed by Ceri Pearce at 10:48 am.
- Meeting followed by a presentation on the Torresian Pied Imperial Pigeons (PIP) Project by John Winter.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Renée Cassels.