

## **PSNS ORNITHOLOGICAL SECTION**

### **Minutes of the AGM held via Zoom on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022**

The chairperson Moira Hutchison welcomed nine members to the meeting.

**APOLOGIES:** David Griffiths and Alison Wilson

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March had been circulated to members previously. These were approved, proposed by Jeff Banks and seconded by Moira Hutchison.

**MATTERS ARISING:** The proposal of an amalgamation with Botany which was discussed later.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:** Moira Hutchison intimated that it was unfortunate we were not able to meet in person. She also intimated her intention to stand down as Chairperson. She thanked the committee for their work during the session.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jeff Banks presented the report. This was the first year in which there was a single sub payable to PSNS and individual sections no longer collected their own. A transfer of funds was made to the sections, the rate for the ornithological section being a continuation of the previous rate of £3:00 and made for the number of members who had indicated an interest in ornithology on the membership form. Thus the payment was £99. Fees for the 2 speakers were paid as donations to their respective organisations. The balance now stood at £814:48. The financial year is the end of February and particularly in view of the envisaged combination of sections the accounts would be scrutinised by an independent scrutiny ready for the possibility of passing on the funds to a new body.

**COMMITTEE:** The proposal of an amalgamation with Botany Section was discussed at this point as this had a bearing on our own committee. A paper regarding this union had been compiled by a sub-committee and had been sent to members for their perusal before the AGM. Several members were of the opinion that this proposal was the only step forward. There were no objections. Although Moira and Pam Reynolds had intimated that they wished to stand down the committee agreed to stay in place until a joint meeting with both committees could be arranged to pave the way for a future joint section.

**REPORT FROM COUNCIL:** There was not a lot to report from the Council but Jeff told us that the Curious Minds talks online have been very successful. There is a healthy bank balance at the moment. The Council are keen on the joining of Botany and Ornithology and have intimated that funds could be made available for the launch of the new section. PSNS are supporting the production of a Historic Perth Map in conjunction with The Historic Towns Trust.

**AOCB:** Jeff suggested that we should try and organise some Ornithological summer outings. This met with approval and Pam offered to hold a committee meeting at her house. There being no other business the AGM closed.

Moira introduced John Duncan who gave us a talk on his visit to Alaska. John's presentation was very enjoyable and informative. He showed us many slides, beginning with the history of Alaska and took us through to the present day with pictures of the varied wildlife of the region. Moira gave a vote of thanks and the meeting closed.