

Moray Bird Club – the Moray Branch of the SOC

Minutes of AGM held online

Thursday 11 March 2021 at 7.30 pm

Apologies

None

Minutes of last AGM (13 February 2020)

These were approved by Martin Cook and seconded by Alastair Young

Chairperson's Report

The Club's last AGM was held in February 2020, having been brought forward by a month as the Scottish Birdwatchers' Conference had been planned for March 2020. However, the conference was cancelled due to the Covid pandemic and no indoor or outdoor club meetings have been possible since then.

As an alternative to in-person meetings the Committee organised virtual club meetings. The first virtual meeting was held on 12 November 2020 when Richard Somers Cocks explored his sightings of colour ringed Sandwich Terns on the beach at Findhorn and the information this provided on their movements around the UK and further afield. Martin Cook summarised the year's notable bird sightings.

The second virtual meeting was held on 13 January 2021 when Ben Darvill from the British Trust for Ornithology shared the latest findings on Cuckoo migration and Martin Cook provided an update on recent sightings.

Both meetings were well attended.

As a way of keeping in touch with members we also produced three editions of a Club newsletter which has been well received.

The Chair thanked Frank and Alison Ritchie for all their hard work organising the virtual meetings and producing a very professional looking newsletter. The Chair also thanked Alison for all her work as Club Secretary and Frank for his work as Club Treasurer. Thanks, were also given to Richard Somers Cocks for attending SOC Council meetings, presenting the views of the Club to these meetings and reporting back. Finally, thanks were given to the remaining Committee members, Martin Cook, Melvin Morrison and Al Young.

Treasurer's Report

Frank Ritchie (Treasurer) reported that there has only been a couple of minor transactions in the past twelve months and the club currently had funds of £666.

Election of Office Bearers for 2021 – 2022

All the office bearers indicated their willingness to serve as committee members for another year. This was approved by Jenny Cook and seconded by Janie Thomason.

Further nominations were sought from the meeting; David Law proposed Sarah Law, and this was seconded by Alastair Young.

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Articles for the next newsletter should be submitted by the end of March.

Alison Ritchie (Secretary)

15 March 2021