

Moray Bird Club – the Moray Branch of the SOC

Minutes of AGM held online

Thursday 10 February 2022 at 7.30 pm

Apologies

David Law

Minutes of last AGM (11 March 2021)

These were approved Alastair Young and seconded by Martin Cook

Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson's Report was given by Melvin Morris in the absence of David Law.

The Club's last AGM was held in March 2021.

There were no indoor meetings held due to the continuance of Covid restrictions.

There were five virtual meetings held:

13 May - Birding at Findhorn Bay with Richard Somers Cocks

Birding at Spey Bay with Martin Cook

21 October -The Natural History of St Kilda with John Love

11 November - Birding the Balearics with Norman Elkins

9 December - Bird Tracks and Signs with Dan Puplett

13 January - Birds of Sanday with Mark Lewis

At the start of each of these talks Richard Somers Cocks provided an update on recent sightings on Findhorn Bay and Martin Cook provided an update on recent sightings for the last month.

There was a good turnout at these meetings.

There were also two outings:

24 October - Findhorn Bay led by Richard Somers Cocks

13 November - Lossiemouth led by Martin Cook

Both outings were well attended.

As a way of keeping in touch with members we also produced four editions of Newsletters which have been well received:

April 2021

July 2021

October 2021

December 2021

On 10 June a members' survey was sent to club members to allow them to express their views on how the club is run and to provide suggestions for future meetings and outings. The results were very encouraging, and the general feeling was that members preferred local/Scottish birding talks and articles.

Treasurer's Report

Frank Ritchie (Treasurer) reported that currently there is a deficit of £79.76 for the year and the club now has funds of £566.53.

Election of Office Bearers for 2022 – 2023

All the office bearers indicated their willingness to serve as committee members for another year. The Acting Chair welcomed member, Chris Thomas, to the committee.

This was approved by Janie Thomason and seconded by Jenny Cook.

Further nominations were sought from the meeting. None were forthcoming.

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None

Alison Ritchie (Secretary)

12 February 2022