

British Ornithologists' Club 2017 Annual Review Meeting

The 990th meeting was preceded by the Annual Review meeting at which the Chairman presented his Review and the Trustees' Report and Accounts for 2017 (<http://boc-online.org/wp-content/uploads/BOC-Report-and-Accounts-2017.pdf>). The meeting was attended by Miss H. Baker, Cdr M. B. Casement, RN, Mr S Chapman, Mr R. Dickey, Dr R. A. Cheke, Mr D. J. Fisher, Mr R. Malin, Dr C. F. Mann, Mr D. J. Montier, Mrs M. Montier, Mr A. Pittman, Dr R. Prÿs-Jones, Dr D. G. D. Russell, Miss J. Springett, Mr S. A. H. Statham, Dr B. G. Stokke and Mr C. W. R. Storey (Chairman).

Introducing the Report and Accounts, Chris Storey reminded the meeting that whilst under the terms of the BOC CIO constitution there was no requirement for a formal AGM, the annual review is an important opportunity for the Trustees to give an account of their stewardship during the past year. Summarising the main events set out in the Report and Accounts, he highlighted:

- BOC CIO and legacy arrangements affecting the final winding-up of the old style BOC (intended for 2018).
- Continuing success of Bull. Brit. Orn. Cl. under Guy Kirwan's editorship. (In answer to a question from the floor, it was confirmed that Vol. 137 onwards would be archived on the BioOne site. Previous volumes are archived on the BHL site and the Club is in the process of completing the transfer of Vols. 132–136 to BHL.)
- Publication of Robin Woods' Falkland Islands checklist.
- Celebration on 6 October 2017 of the 125th anniversary of the Club's first meeting. Stephen Chapman produced a suitably decorated cake, which was ceremoniously cut by Dr Claire Spottiswood.

Dr Robert Prÿs-Jones outlined the highly successful meetings programme and said that starting with Dr Nigel Collar's talk the Club intended, with the agreement of speakers, to record the Barley Mow talks and place them on YouTube.

Richard Malin introduced the Accounts. He reported that the Club was in a strong financial position: more than 50% of expenditure in 2017 was accounted for by the one-off costs of the Falkland Islands checklist publication and the final BOU settlement. The Herbert Stevens Trust continued to provide a healthy income stream.

In answer to a question concerning use of funds, the meeting was reminded that in the absence of a paying membership the Club was dependent on income generated by the trust funds. The Checklist series would also require periodic capital expenditure.

Closing the meeting, Chris Storey thanked the many people on whom the Club depends.

Trustees

The Trustees regret to report that Mike Earp has decided to resign as a Trustee of the BOC, owing to other commitments. Chris Storey's Trustee term, due to end in October 2018, was renewed for a further three years as Trustee and Chairman at a Trustees' meeting on 19 March 2018.