

The SOC Scotland's Bird Club



84th SOC Annual General Meeting 21st November 2020

(held virtually in accordance with the provisions of the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020)

*SOC Scottish Charity Number: SC 009859
A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation*

- 1 Present** Ian Bainbridge (President/Chair), Lesley Creamer (Vice-President *Management and Infrastructure*), Jeremy Wilson (Vice-President *Birding and Science*), David Lindgren (Hon. Secretary), Andrew Thorpe (Hon. Treasurer), c39 Members.
- 2 Apologies for absence** Apologies had been received from Dave Heeley and Joan McNaughton.
- 3 Minutes of the 83rd AGM, 23rd November 2019** The Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2019 were approved without amendment. There were no matters arising.

Adoption of the Minutes:

Proposed: Ben Darvill

Seconded: Peter Gordon

Approved by electronic vote.
- 4 Annual Report and Accounts 2019-2020** The Chair, Ian Bainbridge (IB) presented the Annual Report and Accounts for the period 2019 – 2020. He noted that the new format of the Annual Report followed the appointment of new Independent Examiners, Messrs Whitelaw Wells, at the 83rd AGM. As the financial year end to which the accounts had been prepared overlapped only slightly with the restrictions that had come into operation after the commencement of the COVID-19 pandemic, there was little in the Annual Report that referred directly to the effect those restrictions had had on the operation of the SOC, the Chair nonetheless took the opportunity to thank the staff of the SOC, members of Council and SOC volunteers for all the work that they had done and flexibility they had shown both during the financial year and subsequently.

The Treasurer commented on the financial results shown in the Annual Accounts, noting the net loss for the year and the depressive effect that the

pandemic had had on the valuation of the SOC's investment portfolio at the year end and commenting on variations in income since the last accounts.

Adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts

Proposed: Will Cresswell

Seconded: David Jardine

Approved by electronic vote.

- 5 **Re - appointment of the Independent Financial Examiners**
- The Treasurer recommended to the members that Whitelaw Wells be re-appointed.
- Approval that Whitelaw Wells be appointed Independent Examiners to the Club**
- Proposed:** David Rackham

Seconded: Jeff Banks

Approved by electronic vote.

- 6 **Election of Council Member**
- The Chair noted that the term of office of Will Cresswell as an Elected Member of Council was coming to an end. He noted Will's contributions to the work of SOC Council and that he had indicated that he was willing to continue to serve. There were no further nominations.

Re-election of Will Cresswell as an Elected Member of Council.

Proposed: Chris Wernham

Seconded: Peter Gordon

Approved by electronic vote.

- 7 **AOCB**
- There being no other competent business the Chair, Ian Bainbridge, closed the meeting.

- 8 **Date and place of next meeting**
- The next Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on the Saturday evening of the next Annual Conference in 2021. The venue will be the Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry with a provisional date of the 20th November 2021.