CAMBRIDGESHIRE BIRD CLUB

Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting held at 7.50 pm on Friday 9 March 2018 at St. John's Church Hall, Hills Road, Cambridge

The President, Robin Cox, was in the Chair.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Bruce Martin, Mike Foley, Kevin Harris, Peter Herkenrath, Mark Collins, Rob Pople, Rowena Baxter, Roger Swain and Tony Fulford.

2. **The Minutes of the 2017 AGM** were approved and signed.

3. There were no **Matters Arising**.

4. The Chairman, Vince Lea, presented the **Annual Report of Council** in which he reviewed the past year's activities and thanked the Officers and Council of the Club, together with Committee members; the Bulletin and Annual Report contributors and writers; and other volunteers and helpers for their commitment of time, energy and skills to the Club during the last year. The full text of Vince's report will be made available on the Club's website.

5. In the Treasurer, Roger Swain's absence, Michael Holdsworth presented the **Financial Statements.** The Club's finances were in a healthy position, with a comfortable level of reserves. Michael reminded the meeting that the accounts continue to be on a receipts and payments (cash) basis. Membership subscriptions remained stable at just over £5,000; Gift Aid reclaimed of £1,100 shown in the accounts related to 2016 subscriptions. There had been no conference in 2017, which largely accounted for the reduced total income compared to 2016. As usual, the largest cost item was the Bird Reports, at £5,831 which unusually covered the 2015 and 2016 reports which both fell in the same financial year.

Overall receipts totalled £6,872 and payments £8,450, giving a deficit for the year of £1,578, largely due to the two Bird Reports. The General Fund started the year with £12,760 in hand and ended with £11,183. The Special Project Fund remained untouched at £2,550. Total Club funds closed at £13,733.

Adoption of the Statements was proposed by Michael Holdsworth, seconded by Louise Bacon and agreed *nem.con.*

6. **President and Vice-Presidents**. Council's nominations below were proposed by Vicki Harley, seconded by Kevin Hand and elected *nem. con*.

President: Robin Cox.
Vice-Presidents: James Cadbury, Graham Easy, Colin Kirtland, Rita Lingard, Bruce Martin

7. **Election of Council.** Council's nominations below were proposed by Andrew Merryweather, seconded by Doug Radford and elected *nem. con*.

Chairman: Vince Lea; Secretary: Michael Holdsworth: Treasurer: Roger Swain; County Recorder: Louise Bacon; Bird Report Editor: Vince Lea; Bulletin Editors: Peter Bircham and Chris Brown; Meetings Secretary: Vicki Harley; Website Officer: Chris Quy; Membership Secretary: Clive Sinclair; Research Officer: Robert Brown; other Council members: Mike Foley, Rob Pople

8. Kevin Harris was re-appointed as **Auditor**. Proposed by Stuart Lingard, seconded by Rita Lingard and carried *nem.con.*

9. The **Bird Photograph of the Year** was awarded to Gary Thornton for his photograph of Grey Partridges.

10. **Any other business**
There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 8.15 pm.