

Teesmouth Bird Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 8th April 2024

Present: Mr Mike Leakey (Chairman)
Mr Steve McDonnell (Treasurer/Vice Chair)
Mr Chris Sharp (Secretary)

Mrs Barbara Crinson, Miss Julie Mason, Mrs Debbie Lawson, Mr Steve Ashton (Ordinary Committee Members). Mr Alistair McLee (Co-Opted Committee Member)

31 Club members present.

1. Welcome to the AGM

Mr Leakey welcomed members on behalf of the club.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Chris Bielby.

3. Minutes of the Previous AGM

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2023 were accepted as a true record, proposed by Barbara Crinson and seconded by Alistair McLee.

4. Officers' Report

The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary outlined the following main items from the full Annual Report.

Chairman's Report

Mr Leakey thanked the retiring Chairman, Steve McDonnell and all the Trustees for their efforts and continued support. It had been a particularly difficult year due to the deaths of Honorary Treasurer Mark Askew, Newsletter Editor Eric James and club stalwart Don Page all of whom had made a massive contribution over many years. He went on to highlight many of this year's news, events and achievements thanking all those involved, as follows: the quarterly committee meetings via Zoom; eight evening meetings with a diverse programme of talks; ten local outings; the 49th Annual Cleveland Bird Report; three Newsletters; the work to set up a Motus tracking station at RSPB Saltholme; a number of successful conservation projects including the installation of swift and peregrine nest boxes; and the club's receipt of a generous £38,000 legacy.

Secretary's Report

Membership numbers were at a healthy total of 445 with only a slight drop compared to the previous year. Special thanks went to Eric James who had edited the newsletter until his recent death. Thanks were made to Jamie Duffie who had taken over this task, who continued to manage the website and handle PayPal receipts for membership fees. Chris also paid a special tribute to the last two treasurers of the club, Mark Askew and Don Page, both of whom sadly died in 2023, between them serving a total of just under 50 years in this role. The Annual Bird Report was a publication the club could be proud of. Recorder, Alan Crossley, the records sub-committee and compilers were thanked for all their efforts, with special thanks to Chris Brown for editing and formatting the report. Tom Francis and Graeme Joynt have continued to assist Alan in his duties as recorder. It had been disappointing that an appeal for new volunteers to help on

the committee or lead local outings had received little response, in spite of a wealth of expertise amongst members in the club.

Treasurer's Report

Following the death of Mark Askew, it was decided that a Treasurer's Committee, comprised of all Trustees, be put in place until a new Treasurer could be elected at the 2024 AGM. Steve McDonnell, speaking on behalf of the Treasurer's Committee, summarised the main points from the report for 2023. The £38,000 legacy from the estate of former member, Joyce Hodgson, had taken the account figure to £90,000. Discussions were under way as to how the money could be spent and how best to provide fitting memorials to Don and Mark. A number of schemes were being explored, including the Barn Owl Box Scheme. Steve welcomed any further suggestions of worthy schemes.

Recorder Report

In the absence of Recorder, Alan Crossley, Mike Leahey (member of the Records Sub-Committee) was able to say that the group continued to function to a high standard, working hard behind the scenes.

5. Election of Officers and Ordinary Committee Members

The following officers and ordinary Committee Members were elected after a unanimous show of hands:

Chairman	Mr Mike Leahey
Vice Chairmen	Mrs Debbie Lawson
Treasurer	Mr Steve McDonnell
Secretary	Mr Chris Sharp
Ordinary Members	Ms Barbara Crinson Miss J Mason Mr Steve Ashton
Co-opted Member	Mr Alistair McLee

The Chairman welcomed Steve Ashton as a new member to the committee and reminded everyone that committee members could be co-opted at any stage of the year.

7. Any Other Business - None

8. Close of Formal Business

Minutes taken by D. Lawson

Certified as a true record by Mike Leahey (Chairman), 1 May 2024

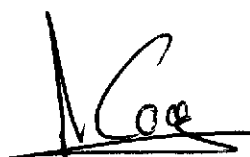


**TEESMOUTH BIRD
CLUB**

**Annual Statement of Income and Expenditure 2023
(with 2022 for
comparison)**

	2023		2022	
	Income	Payment	Income	Payment
Subscriptions	4422.88		4833.48	
Gift Aid	0.00		823.15	
Interest	169.36		52.20	
Meetings		319.97		459.27
Lecture Fees		227.00		250.00
TBC Gen Publications	249.86		168.97	
Bird Report		3200.00		3180.00
Printing & Stationery		300.00		466.36
Postage		770.73		917.19
Subs to other Societies		78.00		50.50
Insurance		157.00		157.00
Sundries	22.50	48.85		
Website		399.53		395.94
Donations	38875.29			
Tees Ringing Group		1500.00		
Feeding stations		1245.50		943.72
Hide repairs		173.80		1704.00
Data provision	0.00			
Bank charges		0.00		113.20
	43739.89	8420.38	5877.80	8637.18
Excess Income		35319.51		-2759.38
	43739.89	43739.89	5821.13	5877.80

Balance B/F 2022	56294.75	Balance B/F 2021	59054.13
Excess Income	35319.51		-2759.38
Balance 31.12.2023	91610.26	Balance 31.12.22	56294.75
Cash In Hand	0.00		0.00
Bank Current Acc	40410.26		279.69
Deposit A/C 'PSMF'	0.00		0.00
Skipton BS	51200.00	NS&I	56015.06
	91610.26		56294.75



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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Teesmouth Bird Club

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Teesmouth Bird Club for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act")

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities Accounts and Reports) regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



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