

**BirdLife Northern Queensland  
Draft Minutes of 2016 AGM  
4<sup>th</sup> March 2016 - Malanda Hotel Ballroom, Malanda**



**Meeting declared opened by Kath Shurcliff (Chairman) at 6.10 pm.**

**ATTENDANCE**, 30 members in attendance

**APOLOGIES:** Ian Northcott, Murray Hunt, Martin Willis, Sam Willis, Helen Larson, Jeff Larson, Fred Birkbeck, Jeanette Birkbeck, Amanda Freeman, Alastair Freeman, Neville Pedersen, Rachel McAlister, Brian Bywater, Renee Casells, Wendy Cooper, Golo Maurer, Ceri Pearce, Sandra Christensen, Del Richards, Alan Gillanders, Trish Forsythe, Andrew Forsythe

**Minutes of AGM 2015**

Previous minutes were taken as read Moved Margaret Merrill, seconded Doug Herrington; unanimously carried.

**Convenor's Report**

Presented by K. Shurcliff (attached to these minutes). Moved to accept by Kath Shurcliff, seconded by Lindsey Fisher, unanimously accepted.

**Treasurer's Report**

Prepared by Ian Northcott (attached to these minutes) and presented by Kath Shurcliff. Moved to accept by H. Cassidy, seconded by J. Frois, unanimously accepted.

A vote of thanks to Ian was expressed.

**Committee Elections**

Kath Shurcliff vacated the chair and all positions were declared vacant. Dominic Chaplin lead the election of the new committee. The following were elected, with only one nomination received per position.

**Convenor** – Kath Shurcliff (nom. C. Pearce, sec. G Harrington)

**Deputy** – Martin Willis (nom. K Shurcliff, sec. P Valentine)

**Secretary** – Renee Casells (nom. K Shurcliff, sec. G. Maurer)

**Treasurer** – Wendy Cooper (nom. M. Willis, sec. K. Shurcliff)

**Committee Members**

Graham Harrington (IBA Coordinator; nom. P. Valentine, sec. K. Shurcliff)

Tom Collis (Cairns Area Coordinator; nom. K Shurcliff, sec C. Pearce)

Ceri Pearce (Contact Call Editor and Cassowary Coast Coordinator; nom. K. Shurcliff, sec. G Harrington)

Virginia Simmonds (Crane Counts Coordinator; nom. K Shurcliff, sec. G. Harrington)

Hidetoshi Kudo (Webmanager; nom. K. Shurcliff, sec. C Pearce)

Sam Willis (Members Coordinator; nom. K. Shurcliff, sec. C. Pearce)

Peter Valentine, Conservation Officer and Tablelands Coordinator (nom. M. Willis, sec. S. Willis)

Golo Maurer (Sticky Beak Coordinator; nom K. Shurcliff, sec C. Pearce)

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm, followed by a presentation by Prof. Peter Valentine on "Strategies for Motivating Personal Birding"