



RSPB LINCOLN LOCAL GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MAY 13, 2021

Because of the continuing corona virus pandemic and the enforced restrictions on the gathering of people, this year's AGM was again conducted via "Zoom" on the above date.

The AGM was opened at 1930 by the Group Leader who welcomed 37 members to the meeting.

Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Wendy & Michael Hinks and Alan Smith.

Approval of the 2020 AGM

The minutes of the 2020 AGM had been made available on-line for members, and the Group Leader announced that the Committee had reviewed them and found them to be an accurate record of the meeting.

Matters arising - no points were raised by members attending.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary announced a very shortened report by virtue of the fact that no guest speakers had been able to visit the Group over the past 12 months because of corona virus restrictions. He then outlined the on-line "Zoom" meetings that had been arranged for January to April 2021 and referred to the subject matter therein and also the quality of the speakers and their images. He then informed members of the speakers booked and the topics of their talks for the months of September to December 2021, subject as ever to pandemic restrictions being lifted. He advised that at this time he had not made any bookings for speakers for 2022.

Field Secretary's Report

The Field Secretary began by reminding members that no field trips had been possible over the past 14 months because of corona virus restrictions. He then announced that Sunday coach trips would recommence (subject to there being no change in current plans to ease lock down) from July 2021, and that trips were arranged and confirmed to RSPB Bempton Cliffs in July, RSPB Frampton Marsh in August, and RSPB Titchwell in September. No further trips in 2021 had yet been confirmed. He next announced a planned weekend holiday to Northumberland for October 8/9/10, 2021, visiting Saltholme, Hauxley and Washington WWT, and staying at The White Swan in Alnwick. The cost to be £220p.p. in a twin/double room, £300 in a single. There are currently 20 people booked and there is still availability but the booking deadline must be May 19, 2021.

Finally the Field Secretary reminded members that the again postponed holiday to Somerset (now booked for May 8-11, 2022) has 27 bookings, but there is still availability at the hotel.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer displayed on screen the independently audited accounts of income and expenditure and the year-end balance sheet. He announced that there had been little income and only minimal costs over the past financial year due to lack of activity caused by the pandemic lockdown. The bulk of income was from the sale of bird food, and he thanked Colin and Jill for their efforts in this

respect, and also offered thanks to Wendy and Mike Hinks for their efforts selling books and plants at their garden gate. The only other big source of income was the profit of £217.50 on the sales of the 2021 Group Calendar. The Treasurer then explained the year-end balance sheet and the Holiday Account in detail, and advised that the latter had to hold a substantial balance in order for us to pay deposits to hotels for trips away. He then mentioned that the cost for registering with "Zoom" for our meetings had been covered by an anonymous sponsor, whom he thanked. He also referred to the sum of £8000 which the Group had donated to RSPB projects.

Group Leader's Report

Again a much-shortened report was announced due to lack of activity. The Group Leader first explained that he had attempted to keep in touch with as many members as possible (over 100) by monthly emails updating them on RSPB affairs as much as possible until the Group can hold face-to-face meetings again. He told the meeting that from July 2020 Committee meetings had been held via "Zoom" and that from January 2021 this medium was used for talks and that over the past four months there had been an average of 56 connections for these free talks, but he warned that if on-line meetings had to continue from September there would have to be a charge to join in as we had no more free speakers available. He concluded by re-iterating that we had done our best to help the RSPB by our donation of £8000, and that we were planning to restart coach trips from July and indoor meetings from September.

The Group Leader was then thanked by Margaret Lunn for all his most informative monthly e-mails to members.

Election of Committee

The Secretary reminded the meeting that in March 2020 all existing Committee members had expressed their willingness to continue in office and all had been duly proposed and seconded and that there were no additional nominations, and that the situation remains the same. The Committee have continued to perform their duties and will do so until a face-to-face AGM ratifies the situation.

The committee for 2021/2022 remains:

Peter Skelson (Group Leader)
Colin Goulding (Fundraising)
Stewart Foster (Secretary)
Yvonne Allen (Facebook)
Mike Catchpole (Publicity/Media)
Mel Thorn (Membership)
Heather Dowson (Sponsorship)
Fiona McKenna (Various duties)
Mike Willey (Field Secretary)
Graham Mumby-Croft (Treasurer)

No other items were submitted to the Secretary in writing for discussion at this meeting.

The meeting therefore formally closed at 2000.

Group Leader's Award - again this year due to lack of activity by the Group the award cannot be presented.

Following the formal business, a presentation was given by Mike Catchpole entitled "It's a Wonderful World - Look and You Will See."