

**MINUTES
OF
THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE ESTONIA HALL JEFFCOTT STREET NORTH ADELAIDE
JULY 12th 2011**

The President declared the meeting open at 8:10pm with 64 members and visitors present. Apologies were received from Bruce F. Evans and Joe Williams. It was nice to see Robert Wagener back after a bout of ill health.

The President welcomed new members, visitors and our Guest Speaker to the meeting.

All member services were available, with the ABK Magazine and Talking Birds Newspaper also available.

Dennis Lomman reminded members that at the coming August 2011 meeting judging of the entries for the Society's Photographic Contest would take place. This will be done by members, so we will need your support in judging the entries. There have been some excellent photographs submitted in all divisions of the contest so it will not be an easy task. All prizes have been obtained and the Committee is confident that the winners will be more than satisfied with the reward for their efforts.

Minutes of the June 2011 General Meeting, as published in the July 2011 edition of B.K.I.A., were accepted as a true and correct record. Moved: S. McLean. Seconded: R. Wilson.

Our Guest Speaker for the night, Jodie O'Connor, gave an excellent and informative address on the plight of some of the Darwin Finches found on the Galapagos Islands. These birds are being attacked by a parasite which is threatening the species and unless a solution can be found to the problem, then in the very near future, these species will no longer exist. Jodie supported her address with many pictures of the Islands and the birds inhabiting them. The many questions asked by members present showed their genuine concern for the plight of the birds.

Tony Melbourne thanked our Speaker and made a presentation on behalf of members present.

The raffle was drawn with excellent prizes available. Again the Society is indebted to the generosity of our Corporate Donors and our members. The members who contributed to the raffle are as follows:

J. Hannant, B. Noble, R. Wilson, S. McLean, B. Hoffmann, A. King, J. Williams, G. Edwards, D. Lomman, M. Russell, B. O'Grady, J. Caldecourt, J. Northeast and J. Butler. We would also thank the following corporate supporters, Magill Grain, Intensive Farming Supplies, S.A. Bird Co. and Passwell Products for their continued support.

As there was no further business the President closed the meeting for supper.

A. Melbourne
SECRETARY