

MINUTES
OF
THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE ESTONIA HALL
JEFFCOTT STREET NORTH ADELAIDE
OCTOBER 11th 2011

The President opened the meeting at 8:05 pm with 51 members present.

Apologies were received from: S. McLean, K. Sandercock, J. Hannant, B.F. Evans, F. Dobroszczyk, J. Butler and J. Wilson.

With the exception of Books Sales all member services were available.

Minutes of the September 2011 General Meeting, as published in the October 2011 edition of B.K.I.A., were accepted as a true and correct record. Moved: B. Hoffmann. Seconded: J. Veale.

There were no questions in the Question Box.

President Richard Chilton then introduced our Guest Speaker for the night, Professor Adrian Linacre, who gave a most interesting address on his work on the DNA identification of parrots. Professor Linacre explained the processes used in setting DNA profiles using feather barbs. Great interest was displayed by members with a large number of questions from the floor at the conclusion of Professor Linacre's address. Tony Melbourne proposed a Vote of Thanks to Professor Linacre on behalf of members present and presented him with a gift.

The Monthly Raffle was then drawn. The Society would like to thank all those who generously provided prizes for the raffle. Corporate donors: Magill Grain, Passwell/Wambaroo, S.A. Bird Co. and Intensive Farming Supplies. The following members also donated prizes to the raffle: Brian Noble, Matt Russell, Richard Wilson, Alan King, Bob Hoffmann, Richard Chilton, Bob O'Grady, David Wilson and Perla Tortosa, one of our newest members.

The President then advised members that shortly nominations for the 2012 Committee would be open, and that it is **imperative that members come forward to fill committee vacancies**. The Society will lose some committee members next year and members cannot expect the current committee to continue bearing the current work-load as they have done over the past few years. Unless some new blood is found the Society could find it extremely difficult to continue functioning in the future.

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

A. Melbourne ---Secretary