

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

The meeting was opened at 8:10pm by Vice President Kym Sandercock, with 62 members and visitors present.

Apologies were received for R. Chilton and D. Young, both still on the sick list, G. Johnston, K. Turner, Mark Shephard OAM and Joe Williams. It was pleasing to see Bruce F. Evans among us after a period of illness, looking fit and well again. Kym gave a special welcome to two new members, Narelle Wagener and Mike Milburn, who had joined on the night. Narelle is the wife of our Librarian Robert Wagener and Robert has immediately installed Narelle as his assistant.

All Member services were available, plus the monthly *Talking Birds* Newspaper.

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

The Treasurer gave a brief report on the Society's Annual Bird Sale, which despite the rain was a success. Bird sellers were up on the previous year, along with the number of birds for sale. However, we were down crowd-wise which reflected in catering and raffle sales being down. Due to the efforts of those helping on the day we still were able to make a profit, albeit, lower than at last year's Sale. However, Service Item sales were up on last year which was a great help in maintaining Society funds.

Matt Russell announced that the committee was looking at a variation to the SAN Project which would make it easier for members to participate. Some interstate clubs were selecting one or two native parrot and finch species and trying to establish multiple breeding pairs. The Swan Hill Bird Club was targeting 25 pairs of Mulga Parrots, which are in low numbers in Victoria, in an attempt to increase the breeding pool of these parrots. Members put forward a number of both parrot and finch species for consideration by the SAN team.

Question Box: Answer to be published in the May Magazine. [see page 98]

The Guest Speaker for the night was Scott Butler. Scott runs his own business aimed at promoting Australian Wildlife at educational venues, plus children's parties *etc.* All the birds and animals involved had been trained and maintained by Scott, and it was somewhat of a departure from our normal bird subjects. Junior Member, Liam Mounce, "volunteered" to be Scott's assistant. I think Liam was a bit unsure when Scott draped a large Parente lizard across his shoulders. Liam also helped with a free flight demonstration with a Ganggang Cockatoo. Out of Scott's Pandora's Box came a large python, Sugar Gliders and a Hairy-nosed Wombat. Members greatly appreciated the effort Scott put into the demonstration and the detailed information on the exhibits and the methods used to train the specimens.

Tony Melbourne made a presentation to Scott on behalf of members, but made sure there was a safe distance between Scott and his Black-headed Python. It was a meeting well worth attending to see animals that we normally do not get to see on such close terms. Thank you Scott, a most entertaining night.

The Raffle was then drawn, some twenty prizes being available. Kym congratulated the winners and thanked the donors to the raffle. Regular Corporate donors, Magill Grain, S.A. Bird Co., Shep's, Intensive Farming Supplies and Passwell Products. The following members also generously contributed to the prize pool: Brian Allen, Bob Hoffmann, E. Parsons, Richard Wilson, P. Van Der Lans, Matt Russell and Jeanette Melbourne. Thank you for your support.

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

A. Melbourne—Secretary