

Friends of Lavell's Lake AGM

Charity Number: 297074

Dinton Pastures on Tuesday 20th January 2015 at 7.30 pm

Present: Fraser Cottington (Chairman), Peter Scudamore (Treasurer), Jane Campbell (Secretary), Les Blundell, Ron Bryant, Brian Bennett, Renton Righelato, Simon Bartlam and 11 other members.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Phil and Maria Kinch, Mike Rea, Tim James, Irene Gilder, Jenny Vaughan, Richard Marsh, Gill Finch and Alan Rymer.
2. **The approval of the minutes** of the last AGM held January 20th 2014 was proposed by Les Blundell and seconded by Renton Righelato.

3. 2015 Reports

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Copies were provided. Peter highlighted the main points which were:
 - It was noted that the period covered was to Dec 31st 2014.
 - Gift Aid has been refunded for 2011 and 2012. Submissions need to be done for 2013 and 2014.
 - The section detailing assets was added on advice from the Charity Commission. There is no requirement to attribute values.
 - The membership secretary added that 40 members still pay at the old rate of £5. These members will be contacted.
2. **Countryside Service Report:** Simon Bartlam's report was also sent out in advance of the meeting. In addition:
 - Simon had no news of how the golf-course site will be used. Possibilities include car parking and MAC events.
 - Fraser thanked Simon for his hard work and the help he provides to FOLL.
4. **Chairman's Report:** This was sent to all members of the group in advance of the meeting. Fraser highlighted the following points:
 - 2014 was a great birding year
 - The ringing report is interesting
 - The work done on the SW corner at Lea Farm looks to be a success.
 - The committee will be offering fishing rights on a trial basis to Twyford and District FC. This is for the whole stretch from the green bridge and will bring in a yearly income in the region of £500.
 - The schedule of work for monthly volunteer work parties is proposed in Fraser's report and shows when extra parties will be needed.
 - The website is being re-written. This is a two stage process the first of which is the basic site which will be ready in 2-3 months. The second phase, a member's area, will follow.
 - Fraser displayed a map detailing future conservation projects.

5. Election of Officers

The following officers are remaining in post:

Chairman: Fraser Cottington, Treasurer: Peter Scudamore, Secretary: Jane Campbell

Other committee members remaining:

Les Blundell, Ron Bryant, Renton Righelato.

Phil Kinch was elected to the committee, proposed by Renton Righelato and seconded by Fraser

Bob Bennett was elected to the committee, proposed by Jane Campbell and seconded by Gray Burfoot

Brian Bennett retired from the committee. Fraser thanked him for his hard work and commitment.

6. Grant Applications

Once Fraser has finalised the drawings detailing our plans for the site we will be making applications for grants to help fund the work. Phil Kinch has already done much preparatory investigation into this.

7. Change to Constitution

The proposed change to the constitution was passed.

From:

7. Finance

- a. An audited statement of accounts shall be prepared annually to the 31 December and laid before the Association at the Annual General Meeting.
- b. Cheques drawn on behalf of The Association shall be signed by such person or persons as the Committee may from time to time direct.
- c. The Committee shall be empowered to pay proper remuneration to Auditors as appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

To:

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- a. A statement of accounts shall be prepared annually to the 31 December and laid before the Association at the Annual General Meeting.
- b. The Committee shall appoint an independent person with the requisite expertise to carry out an examination of the annual accounts.
- c. Cheques drawn on behalf of The Association shall be signed by such person or persons as the Committee may from time to time direct.

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Renton proposed a vote of thanks to Fraser for his never-ending enthusiasm and commitment.

The AGM finished at 8.45 and was followed by a very informative and enjoyable talk by our own Renton Righelato on 'The Atlantic Rainforest' which showed some of the outstanding conservation work being done in Brazil and some of its unique birdlife.