Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Canberra Ornithologists Group 2013

7.30pm, Wednesday 13 November 2013

Apologies
There were no apologies recorded.

Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting.
The minutes were accepted without amendment.
Moved: Chris Davey
Seconded: Geoffrey Dabb

President's report
Alison Russell-French began by expressing thanks to all those who've contributed to COG's activities over the past year.
Major activities during the year included continued development of COG's new website, planning for COG's 50th celebrations in 2014, conservation submissions, surveys, outings, publications, meetings and support for two further research projects through the Canberra Birds Conservation Fund.
[The full text of Alison's report can be found in Canberra Bird Notes 38(3), December 2013]

Adoption of President's report
Moved: Alison Russell-French
Seconded: Bill Handke

Presentation of Annual Statement of Accounts
Noel Luff reported that COG's financial position is still sound, with income largely coming from contracts and ongoing sales of *Birds of Canberra Gardens*.
There is shortfall in running costs, with member subscriptions not meeting the costs of direct member services. This shortfall is being met by interest on investments. Total member funds at the end of the 2012-2013 financial year were $171,588.

Adoption of annual statement of accounts
Moved: Noel Luff
Seconded: Lia Battisson

Appointment of auditor for 2013-2014
Rod Griffiths was confirmed as auditor for 2013-2014.
Moved: Noel Luff
Seconded" Bruce Lindenmayer

Election of office-bearers for 2014-2015
Jack Holland, as returning officer, presided over the election of the new committee.
All were elected unopposed.
President: Alison Russell-French
Vice-President: Neil Hermes
Treasurer: Noel Luff
Secretary: Sandra Henderson
Ordinary members: Bruce Lindenmayer, Lia Battisson, Jenny Bounds, Sue Lashko, Stuart Rae, Chris Davey. It was indicated that Julian Robinson will also be co-opted onto the committee, in his current role as website manager.
The AGM closed at 8.10pm