

Minutes of the 2023 AGM of the Orkney Field Club held on October 27th at St Magnus Centre in Kirkwall

Present and apologies: The meeting was attended by 26 members and 5 non-members. Apologies were received from Keith Fairclough, Michael Gee, Penny Martin and Alexandra Wright.

Chairman's Welcome and Report: The Chair, Helen Aiton, welcomed everyone and presented her report for the year. She showed a powerpoint presentation of all the events approximately 18 in all, held by or participated in by OFC over the past year. After Covid restrictions, talks returned from Zoom to in-person/blended in November and are now back to wholly in-person. Thanks were given to all the organisers of the events. The annual bulletin was produced and distributed to our members. John Crossley was thanked as he retired from being bulletin editor for many years. Communication with our membership continued through regular newsletters, emails, Facebook and our website.

Minutes of the 2022 AGM: There were no matters arising and the minutes of the 2022 AGM were approved on a proposal by Anne Gascoigne and seconded by Jenny Taylor.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer, Brian Ribbands, presented the accounts to the meeting and they were proposed for approval by Graeme Walker and seconded by Jenny Taylor. The accounts were healthy and no entrance fee is currently being charged to talks.

Minutes of the 2022 AGM: Copies of these minutes were available at the meeting. There were no matters arising and the minutes of the 2018 AGM were approved on a proposal by Helen Aiton and seconded by Anne Gascoigne.

Election of Committee: The Current Committee, with the exception of Mike Gee, were prepared to stand again and were proposed by Megan Taylor, seconded by Sarah Sankey. Thanks were given to Mike for his contributions over the year. In addition to the existing members (Helen Aiton, John Crossley, Keith Fairclough, Anne Gascoigne, Penny Martin, Brian Ribbands, Jenny Taylor, Graeme Walker and Alexandra Wright) two new members were elected : Grierson Collister and Steve Sankey (proposed by Anne Gascoigne and seconded by David Aiton).

Date of Next AGM: This was agreed as 18th October 2024

The meeting was followed by a very well attended and enjoyable talk entitled 'The Art of Nature Photography' by Raymond Besant.