

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the European Bird Census Council in Mikulov, Czech Republic

6 November, 2015 09:30 – 10:00

Attending: Board members: Ruud Foppen, David Noble, Anny Anselin, Henning Heldbjerg, Mikhail Kalyakin, Oskars Keiřs, Danae Portolou and Aleksi Lehikoinen, Observers and Invitees: Petr Vořřšek, Marina Kipson, Jana řKorpilovř, Anna Gamero (all Czech Society for Ornithology) and Kai Gedeon (EBCC 2016 conference organiser).

TOP 1: Chairman's welcome

EBCC Chair Ruud Foppen welcomes all participants (Board members, Delegates and guests) to the AGM 2015. To fit in with other activities in the workshop programme, the meeting was very short.

TOP 2: Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Delegates on Board (Verena Keller), Board Observers Mark Eaton (RSPB), Szabolcs Nagy (representing Wetlands International), Ivan Ramirez (BirdLife), Sergi Herrando (ICO) and Gabriel Gargallo (ICO), as well as EBCC Delegates Igor Gorban (Ukraine), Jořo E. Rabaça (Portugal), Hans Schmidt (Switzerland) and Norbert Teufelbauer (Austria).

TOP 3: Minutes of last Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the last AGM in Portugal in October 2014 can be found on the EBCC website. There were no questions or modifications raised and the minutes were accepted.

TOP 4: Chairman's Report on behalf of EBCC Board and Observers

The Chairman briefly described activities over the past year highlighting progress with the EBCC's three main initiatives (the Pan-European Common Bird Monitoring Scheme, the second European Breeding Bird Atlas, and the EuroBirdPortal project), all of which were being presented this week during the workshop or in associated meetings. Preparation is well underway by local organisers and the Board for next year's EBCC conference in Halle, Germany, on September 6-9.

TOP 5: Financial report

The EBCC Treasurer Anny Anselin presented the Financial Report for 2014, circulated prior to the meeting, including expected income and expenses for 2015. The bank account currently holds ca €32,000, but this includes ca €27,700 from the Swiss Ornithological Institute, which will be paid to staff in the key institutions coordinating the European Breeding Bird Atlas (EBBA2). Other income from data charges and royalties was roughly balanced by annual costs for meeting travel of some Board members and for maintaining the EBCC website. Overall, there is no significant change in the EBCC's financial position.

TOP 6: Delegate Officer's Report and election of new national Delegates

Oskars Keišs presented the Delegates Report and introduced the proposal of Karen Aghababyan as second Delegate for Armenia. Delegates present voted 4:0 to accept the nomination of Karen Aghababyan. Discussions are underway regarding potential new delegates in other countries and will be proposed before the next AGM in Germany.

TOP 7: Any other business

There were no AOB items raised. The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10:00.

Mikulov, 6 November 2015

Chairman
Ruud Foppen

Secretary
David Noble