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**Minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting of the Welsh Ornithological Society
7 November 2009, Llanrwst**

1. Apologies for absence

Pete Jennings, Elvet and Louise Jones, John Lloyd, John Ramsay

2. Minutes of the last AGM on 8 November 2008, Abergavenny

Proposed as accurate by Mick Green, seconded by Ursula Bowen. Accepted.

3. Matters arising

None

4. Chairman's report

WOS is making progress in providing a service as a coordinator of bird clubs across Wales. We need to meet with our bird club partners in order to find out what they wish WOS to do to help them.

WOS is currently in a better financial position and members were thanked for their continuing membership and for attending the conference. This sustainable position may enable WOS to undertake other tasks that may need some financial input.

We intend to improve our website and Julian Hughes is now working on the site to make it more usable by members.

5. Treasurer's report

The accounts were presented to the meeting with an apology that the balance sheet figures for 2007 did not add up. This was subsequently found to be due to a line being missed off the version handed out to the conference. The figures for the year being reported were correct.

WOS is now working with a slight surplus. The major costs each year remain the journals and the conference.

The financial report was proposed for acceptance by Tim Stowe, seconded by Mick Green. It was accepted.

6. Secretary's report

Minuted the various meetings of Council, AGM and Recorders' Forum. The last had been a useful meeting with a full agenda of bird-related topics. He had organised this conference and passed on one piece of correspondence that the Chairman then dealt with.

7. Editor's report

The Editor apologised that the June issue of *Welsh Birds* did not appear until September. Publication in June turned out not to be possible as that is the middle of the breeding season and future issues will be published in August or September.

The Editor thanked Julian Hughes for his assistance in obtaining Welsh versions of the abstracts of the papers in the last edition.

Jon Green would welcome help with preparing the *Welsh Bird Report*. Any volunteers to contact Jon or the Editor.

8. Election of President

The Chairman announced that the previous President, David Saunders, had resigned. The Chairman thanked him for his support of WOS.

A new candidate for the post was identified and has indicated his willingness to become President – Iolo Williams. The proposal for his approval as President was put by Ursula Bowen, seconded by Brayton Holt. Accepted unanimously.

9. Election of officers

All the current officers have completed their first of three years, so there were no vacant posts.

10. Election of Council members

Three existing Council members had completed their first of three years and did not need re-election. During the last year, Anne Brenchley had been co-opted to Council and wished to be elected. Proposed by Ursula Bowen, seconded by Jim Hulse. All were in favour.

The Chairman informed the meeting that there were spaces for another four members of Council. Volunteers should contact him.

11. Proposal to change the name of 'Welsh Birds'

The Chairman reported that there had been some changes, last year, to the constitution to refer to 'birds in Wales' rather than 'Welsh Birds'. A proposal had been put by Brayton Holt to change the name of the WOS journal to 'Birds in Wales'. There was brief discussion and the proposal was seconded by Eileen Bell. The majority supported the change, with one vote against.

12. Date of next meeting

The next AGM will be on 6 November 2010 at a venue to be decided.