**MINUTES OF THE 82nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
**OF THE BRITISH TRUST FOR ORNITHOLOGY**

The 82nd Annual General Meeting of the British Trust for Ornithology was held by videoconference on Saturday 5 December 2021 at 3:00pm. The Chair of the Board, Prof Jenny Gill, presided, and 114 members attended remotely.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the 81st Annual General Meeting held on 5 December 2020 were approved, *nem con*.

**3. TRUSTEES’ ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

Prof Gill introduced the Trustees’ Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2021.

A short film entitled *BTO in 2021,* highlighting some of the significant achievements of the year, was shown.

The Honorary Treasurer Mr Ian Packer introduced the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

His presentation highlighted the underlying strength of the BTO group businesses, which was somewhat masked by the pension fund entries in the statutory accounts format.

There were no questions from the floor on the Annual Report and Accounts, and it was agreed, *nem con*, that they be received.

**4. TRUSTEE ELECTIONS**

There were five vacancies arising from the expiry of the terms of office of Ian Bainbridge, Fiona Barclay, Steve Hunter, David Parker and Debby Reynolds on 31 December 2021. Following an open recruitment process conducted by the Governance and Nominations Committee, the Board proposed as follows:

a. That Debby Reynolds be elected to serve an additional two year term ending on 31 December 2023.

b. That the following be elected to serve a four year term ending on 31 December 2025:

i Iain Coucher
 ii Richard du Feu
iii Lucy Wright

c. That no appointment be made this year to the vacancy arising from the retirement of David Parker.

**5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

The Board proposed that Ensors Chartered Accountants be re-appointed as auditors to the Trust, and this was agreed *nem con*.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 6:45pm.

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