TEESMOUTH BIRD CLUB, RECORDS SUB - COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held at 18:30 on Sunday 3rd September 2017 at the house of GJ.

Present
County Recorder: Tom Francis (TF)
Compilers: Graeme Joynt (GJ), Geoff Iceton (GI), Mark Rowbottom (MDR), Graham Megson (GM) [minutes]
Ordinary Members: Mark Askew (MRKA), Ian Foster (IF), Ian Kendall (IK)

1. **Apologies**
Ringing Officer: Chris Brown (CBr), Compiler: Chris Bell (CB)

2. **Minutes of last meeting**
2.1 The joint minutes for 01/03/2017 and 24/04/2017 were accepted.

3**. Cleveland Bird Report 2015**
3.1 The Cleveland Bird Report 2016 has been compiled in five sections and was proofed at this meeting and at an earlier 18th July 2017 meeting. GM thanked GI for helping with his workload and GJ was thanked for editing all of the sections. TF was thanked for compiling the tables and gazetteer and checking records.

3.2 It was noted that the British Birds Rarities Committee (BBRC) has moved to aging gulls as 'first calendar year', 'second calendar year', etc – rather than using the terms 'first winter' and 'first summer', etc. This is due to confusion regarding the aging and terminology used for gulls. It was agreed that this sub-committee needs a consistent approach, however, a decision was deferred. For now the terms 'first winter', 'first summer', etc will continue to be used, but not 'first year'.
3.3 The correct name for Rifts Wood in Saltburn was confirmed.

Actions: GJ to undertake a final edit and distribute for final comments from all; TF to check gazetteer; CBr to select photographs, compile the ringing report and organise formatting and printing.
Action: GM to ask Tom Charman (Natural England contact for the Tees estuary) if he will supply Seal Sands low-tide counts, previously undertaken by Mike Leakey.

4. **Sub-committee structure**
4.1 GM resigned as compiler due to workload issues and will serve for three years as an Ordinary member.
4.2The following committee structure was agreed for now:

Office	**Member**
Recorder	TF
Report editor	GJ
Compiler	MDR, GI, CB, IK
Ringing Officer	CBr
Ordinary members	MRKA, IF, GM

6. **AOB**
6.1 GJ noted his intention to prepare a report so that the committee can review chough on the Cleveland list, as this is the only species which does not have robust records. It was previously agreed to review the five historic records when time allowed.
6.2 GJ noted his intention to prepare a report so that the committee can review Cleveland records of Taiga bean geese as this is now a full species, split from Tundra bean goose. Taiga bean goose is the scarcer of the two species in Cleveland, with some ten records to review.
6.3 The rule for reviewing published records is that a majority is needed to overturn a previously accepted record (i.e. 6/10 votes against).

7. **Date of next meeting**
7.1 To be scheduled.

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