

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' AND BUSINESS MEETING, 1982

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

The 67th Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Ornithological Society convened at 2105 on 7 May 1982 at the Baptist Convention Center, Brentwood, Tennessee. President Michael Bierly called the meeting to order, with Secretary Pat Stallings recording the minutes. The minutes of the 14 November 1981 meeting were approved as read.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

There were no reports from the Vice Presidents, Directors-at-Large, or the Secretary.

The CURATOR, James T. Tanner, reported sales of back issues of *The Migrant* had netted the Society \$179.38 during the past year.

The TREASURER, George R. Payne, Jr., reported that as of 30 April 1982 the Society had assets of \$26,846.05 with anticipated liabilities of \$7,850, leaving a capital reserve of \$18,996.05. Income for the last six months was \$7,398.96 with expenses of approximately \$3,000, including two issues of *The Migrant*.

Chairman Bierly reported for Charles P. Nicholson, EDITOR, that the December issue of *The Migrant* was being typeset now. Members were urged to send in material to be published. At present, there would be a short time span between receipt of material and publication.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Bierly asked for comments on *The Tennessee Warbler* as to format, content, or improvements. Ben Coffey commented on late delivery, which made it impossible to meet the published deadlines for making room reservations for the Spring meeting. Bierly stated that he thought the mail problems would be resolved and he would like to see information or announcements for publication from every chapter. Deadline for the Fall issue is 2 August 1982.

TOS CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE — The resolution to establish a TOS Certification Committee to verify an official Tennessee bird list was presented and George Payne moved that the resolution as printed in the March 1982 newsletter be brought to the floor for discussion; Anne Young seconded the motion. No changes were made and the resolution as printed was adopted unanimously. (Copy of the resolution is included in the minute book).

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT — George Payne made a motion that the Society send a letter to the United States Senators and Congressmen from Tennessee urging reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act. Carolyn Bullock seconded the motion. Charles Nicholson had drafted a letter stating the Society's position and it was voted to send this letter to the Tennessee delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE — The President stated that he had received a letter from Richard G.

Taylor, Finance Committee Chairman, saying that the records of the Treasurer had been examined and found to be in order.

NOMINATING — Tom Gushke, Chairman, placed in nomination the name of Tony Koella of the Knoxville Chapter as President-elect. No other nominations were received and the directors voted to present the name of Koella to be voted upon by the general membership at the business meeting.

CONSERVATION — Arlo Smith stated that the Memphis chapter participated in the Bald Eagle hacking project at Reelfoot Lake in 1981. Three eagles were successfully hacked. One was caught in a coyote trap in South Dakota and lost. The whereabouts of the other two are unknown.

Mr. Smith further reported that the Corps of Engineers was considering re-meandering some formerly channelized areas of the Forked Deer and Obion Rivers. Chuck Cook of The Nature Conservancy in Tennessee asked for suggestions for areas along the Hatchie River for possible acquisition to be added to existing wildlife areas.

Ken Dubke stated that several wildlife observation areas have been established in the state and a new Great Blue Heron rookery with seven nests has been found within the Savannah Bay observation area. Also, a pair of Ospreys have a nest with two eggs in the Tennessee River gorge near Chattanooga and six pairs of Ospreys have been reported from Watts Bar Lake.

A draft Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared for Amnicola Marsh and preservation of approximately 55 acres was proposed. The land has been valued at \$14,000 an acre however, Dubke sees a good chance of its preservation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL 1983 MEETING — Lloyd Clayton of the Buffalo River chapter extended an invitation to the membership for the Fall 1983 meeting. Lula Coffey moved to accept the invitation, Ann Hettish seconded, and the motion carried.

SPRING 1983 MEETING — Arlo Smith, reporting for Martha Waldron, invited the Society to West Tennessee for the Spring 1983 meeting to be hosted by the Memphis chapter, the location to be decided later.

FALL 1982 MEETING — Marjory Harper reported that the Highland Rim chapter would host the Fall 1982 meeting to be held 12-14 November in the vicinity of Woods Reservoir.

FORAY — The President stated that he had had difficulty in obtaining a Foray Director, and as yet, the position is unfilled. The 1982 Foray will be held in White County, 28-31 May. Lil Dubke suggested Marion County as a possible site for the 1983 Foray.

The meeting adjourned at 2150.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Following the banquet Saturday evening, 8 May 1982, the business meeting was called to order with 138 persons present. The President related the actions of

the Board of Directors Meeting and the name of Tony Koella was presented as President-elect. No other nominations were received and Koella was elected unanimously.

Members from each chapter present, members-at-large, and visitors were recognized.

Following announcements and awarding of door prizes, the membership was entertained by a program from Dot and Paul Crawford entitled "To the Yukon and Beyond."

Pat Stallings, *Secretary*

AOU CENTENNIAL

THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION, oldest and largest of the ornithological societies in North America, is celebrating the hundredth anniversary of its founding in 1883. Its quarterly journal, THE AUK, now includes about 1000 pages a year of papers on a wide variety of ornithological topics. The long-awaited sixth edition of the AOU Checklist of North American Birds will be published in time for the centennial meeting. If interested in knowing more about the AOU please write to Membership Chairman Dr. Gustav A. Swanson, Department of Fishery and Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO 80523.

BOOK REVIEW

THE FALCONS OF THE WORLD — Tom J. Cade, paintings by R. David Digby. 1982. Cornell University Press, Ithaca, New York. 192 pp. + 44 color plates. \$38.50. — This book is in two parts, biology of falcons (here restricted to members of the genus *Falco*), and species accounts. Topics discussed in the first part include characteristics and taxonomy of falcons, distribution, migration, feeding adaptations, flight performance and hunting success, sexual dimorphism, and behavior and reproduction. In the final chapter of Part I, "Falcons and men," Cade describes and defends the sport of falconry, and the contribution falconers have made to raptor conservation, particularly through captive propagation. Thirty-nine species are described and illustrated in Part II. Species accounts include descriptions of the birds, their geographic ranges, feeding and nesting habits, population estimates and the species' conservation status, and other interesting aspects of their biology. A lengthy current bibliography is included, and many unpublished studies are cited. Range maps appear at the end of the species accounts. Perhaps my major criticism of the book is that some maps show ranges of 2 species, without distinguishing them on the map or in the map key. The plates are well done, and I especially like the Orange-breasted Falcon (*Falco deiroleucus*) and Hobby (*F. subbuteo*). "Falcons of the World" is a handsome book, well illustrated and full of factual information written by a leading authority on *Falco*. I recommend it to anyone interested in raptors or raptor art.

— CHARLES P. NICHOLSON