

MINUTES OF THE FALL 1988 TOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND SYMPOSIUM

The Tennessee Ornithological Society and the Alabama Ornithological Society met jointly at the Brandon Springs Group Camp facility in the Land-Between-the-Lakes Recreation Area, Stewart County, Tennessee, on 18-20 November 1988. Ninety-five persons registered for the meeting. The meeting consisted of a TOS Board of Directors meeting, symposium and field trips.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Dan Gray on 19 November. It was determined that a quorum was present. Copies of the minutes of the April 1988 meeting were distributed and approved as printed.

There were no reports from the VICE PRESIDENTS for East, Middle and West Tennessee. The DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE for East and West Tennessee were absent and sent no reports; the Middle Tennessee DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE had no report.

SECRETARY John Robinson reported that he would be resigning as Secretary after the Fall 1988 meeting because of a job transfer to northwest Wisconsin.

TREASURER George Payne reported that from 15 April to 15 November 1988, income was \$3,170.80, expenses were \$2,610.04 and capital reserve was \$27,937.43. A detailed report was submitted.

CURATOR James Tanner was absent but President Gray reported that income from sale of back issues of *The Migrant* totalled \$10.00; there were no additions to the archives.

EDITOR David Pitts reported that the March and June 1988 issues of *The Migrant* would be mailed as early as next week. He also stated that Allen Press, which only has two of the four colors currently used on the cover of *The Migrant*, had recommended that the Society publish its journal with the same color (green) on the cover of all four issues each year. George Mayfield moved that we retain the four colors that we now have, providing that the cost is not prohibitive, and that the final decision on the use of new colors be left to the Editor. Paul Hamel seconded the motion and it was approved.

David Pitts also reported that David Vogt has accepted the position of compiler of the Highland Rim and Basin Region section of "The Season" report. The former compiler for this region, Steve Stedman, was recognized by David Pitts as having done an excellent job in preparing well-written reports.

David Pitts stated that *The Migrant* will be copyrighted. He further reported that the printing of a membership list is overdue, and that Allen Press had recommended it be printed separately from *The Migrant*. George Mayfield suggested that the membership list be printed as a separate pamphlet or flyer having the same dimensions of a *Migrant* issue. Ken Dubke and Fred Carney cautioned against unauthorized use of the membership list by outside individuals, though such use of copyrighted material would be illegal.

David Pitts also reported that: the weight of the paper used to publish *The Migrant* will be slightly lighter; Society members should note how long it takes for the June 1988 *Migrant* issue to arrive from Lawrence, Kansas; and three volunteers will be needed for on-going projects. These projects include the organization and compilation of the annual Autumn Hawk Counts; the Eastern Mountain Region of "The Season" report; and the Winter Roadside Raptor Surveys formerly coordinated by Steve Stedman.

NOMINATING Committee Chairperson Ron Hoff reported that a new slate of officers would be elected in the spring of 1989, and requested that nominations be made soon. He also extended notes of thanks to John Robinson and Steve Stedman for their work as Secretary and President, respectively. A motion by Audrey Hoff to have President Gray select a new Secretary at his discretion was seconded and approved.

FINANCE Committee Chairperson Richard Taylor was absent and there was no report.

BREEDING BIRD ATLAS Chairperson Charles Nicholson reported that Atlas work in certain parts of the state is irregular and/or insufficient, and that a sixth year of field work may be necessary if the problem is not corrected. The Committee is currently enrolling authors to prepare the species accounts for the upcoming Atlas book. The University of Tennessee Press has expressed interest in publishing the book, although no commitment has been made. A Prospectus is currently being prepared. Finances from two Atlas fund-raising bird seed sales totalled approximately \$300.00.

CERTIFICATION spokesperson Richard Knight reported that an addendum to the official state list will appear in the March 1988 issue of *The Migrant*. He also presented an amended resolution (published in the *Tennessee Warbler*, Vol. 10, No. 2) which calls for several changes in the Committee, including the change of the Committee's name to the Tennessee Bird Records Committee. Charles Nicholson motioned to accept the resolution; this motion was seconded and approved.

CONSERVATION/EDUCATION Chairperson Ken Dubke reported that there were few additional reports of Common Barn-Owls resulting from the distribution of Barn-Owl posters across the state. The Chattanooga Chapter will be providing input to the management plan of the Prentice Cooper State Forest. A Resolution prepared by Chester McConnell of the Buffalo River TOS Chapter was presented. This resolution opposed additional channellization of the Obion/Forked Deer Rivers. A motion to accept this resolution was seconded and approved. Ken Dubke also reported that Gary Myers, Executive Director of the TWRA, is receptive to everything the TOS is doing.

The *Tennessee Warbler* EDITOR, the PATCHES AND DECALS Chairperson and the FALL SYMPOSIUM DIRECTOR were absent and there were no reports.

MEMBERSHIP Chairperson Audrey Hoff reported that 22 new memberships were received as a result of membership drive efforts earlier this year. A motion to allocate \$150.00 for the printing of more TOS brochures was seconded and approved. The brochures are to be distributed to each Chapter for local distribution to potential new members.

PUBLICITY Chairperson Lil Dubke suggested that each Chapter should have notices about its meetings and activities in the local newspapers. She also presented an example of how the activities of a TOS Chapter can be given "front page" treatment in a newspaper.

RARE BIRD ALERT Chairperson David Chaffin was absent, but John Robinson stated that he had sent Mr. Chaffin a letter informing him that Mike Bierly was willing to use his hotline tape at The Wood Thrush Shop to report rare birds that are called in. A motion to utilize Mike Bierly's bird alert tape to report rare birds and to cancel the search for funds to support a new bird alert system was seconded and approved.

TENNESSEE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL representative Ken Dubke moved that our membership in the TEC be renewed for one more year at a cost of \$50.00. The motion was seconded and approved.

Under old business, George Payne presented a proposed 1989 budget by summarizing anticipated expenses and income; uncommitted funds were estimated at \$2,850.00.

Under New Business, President Gray reported that Cleo Mayfield volunteered to accept the position of Secretary for the Society. John Robinson moved that compilers of "The Season" reports who receive photographs (of rare and common birds alike) submit such photographs to the Chairperson of the Tennessee Bird Records Committee after the issue of *The Migrant* in which the photographed record appears is published. The motion was seconded and was amended such that the location of where the photographs are to be stored is to be presented to the Board of Directors at the spring meeting. This amended motion was seconded and approved.

Martha Waldron reported that John Robinson has written a book entitled "The Birds of Tennessee" for which a publisher is currently being sought. A brief outline of the book was given and Martha moved that \$1,000.00 be allocated to help defray the costs of publishing the book. During the ensuing discussion, some members expressed concern that many of the Directors had not had an opportunity to review the book. Support for the project was also expressed, and the motion was seconded and approved.

Robbie Hassler reported that she gave one of her hummingbird carvings to David Pitts, who obtained it by donating \$100.00 to the Breeding Bird Atlas project.

Charles Nicholson moved that the TOS allocate \$270.00 to reimburse regional coordinators of the Breeding Bird Atlas project and \$375.00 to pay for the printing and distribution of the Atlas newsletter. The motion was seconded and approved.

A motion to approve the budget presented earlier by George Payne was seconded and approved. Following this item of business, the meeting was adjourned.

SYMPOSIUM

The program of the 1988 TOS Symposium was arranged by David H. Synder. Seven speakers made presentations; their names and topics follow.

Friday evening (18 November)

EFFECTS OF NON-POINT-SOURCE CONTAMINANTS ON AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS, by Mack Finley (Austin Peay State University).

Saturday afternoon (19 November)

WHERE DO CERULEAN WARBLERS CHOOSE TO BREED?, by Paul Hamel.

THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE STATUS OF SANDHILL CRANES IN TENNESSEE, by Ken Dubke.

BREEDING DISTRIBUTION OF CEDAR WAXWINGS IN TENNESSEE, by Charles P. Nicholson.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD EGGSHELL CHARACTERISTICS, by David Pitts.

THE TENNESSEE BREEDING BIRD ATLAS PROJECT AFTER THREE FIELD SEASONS: A PROGRESS REPORT, by Charles P. Nicholson.

BREEDING BIRD FORAY FOR HANCOCK AND HAWKINS COUNTIES, by Rick Knight.

Saturday evening

EXPEDITIONS TO SOUTH AMERICA, A BIRDER'S PARADISE, by Mark Robbins (The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia).

JOHN C. ROBINSON, Secretary