

ous to Europe, is a new North American visitant. Although it may be that the bird is a game farm or zoo escape, the fact that the same species was reported earlier in the winter from Ontario, Canada lends credence to the possibility that the bird is a true straggler. The Barrow's Golden-eye, while not quite the celebrity, was the first species reported upstate in two years which was not also reported on Long Island. It was seen in the Albany area. Other interesting records include two Wood Ducks and two Mute Swans in the Syracuse area, a continuing increase of Canvasbacks in the Niagara River.

Again with the cooperation of Dirck Benson of the New York State Conservation Department, we were given the data from the aerial duck count. Regional chairmen examined the results of the aerial census and compared these results with their own in many specific areas. One obvious reason for differences is the fact that the counts were not taken at the same time. The date span for the aerial count is wider, and even in cases where the counts were close the aerial count is taken during the week, the Federation count usually on a weekend. The 4% overall difference is again a credit to both counts, much of this difference due to inadequate Federation coverage in the Finger Lakes Region. On the other hand some regional editors were quite skeptical of the aerial totals in areas closely checked from the ground.

Credit for the success of this census must be even more widely distributed this year. To each field worker must go a share of this credit, but even more than they the regional chairmen deserve special note for their untiring efforts.

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FEDERATION COUNCIL MEETING

Pleasantville, New York, May 11, 1956

Dr. Dernel Every of the Saw Mill River Audubon Society welcomed the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs to Pleasantville. The ninth annual council meeting was then called to order, president Peter Paul Kellogg presiding, 22 delegates representing 16 clubs present.

Committees

Bibliography Committee: All serial publications containing references to New York State birds have been listed and cross referencing will begin soon. All clubs have been requested to send in a bibliography of publications of their group, and individuals are invited to call attention to articles which they feel the committee has missed.

Conservation Committee: A study is to be initiated into the subject of protection of the Kingfisher. The council went on record supporting the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs in their efforts to enact a law protecting all hawks and owls. The law was originally sponsored by the Buffalo Audubon Society. The council also recorded opposition to legislature permitting sale of detached parcels of forest preserve land in the bills' present form.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee: The new constitution and by-laws necessary for incorporation were adopted. The council also approved the name Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc. for the club, adopted the Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University, Ithaca as headquarters, and authorized the president to enlarge the constitution and by-laws committee. The newly designated members are Esley Hallenbeck, Byron Hipple and James Merritt.

Membership Committee: 34 new members since the previous council meeting were officially recognized. The Onondaga Audubon Society was commended for activity in enlisting members.

State Book Committee: Committee projects were enumerated: dividing the state into reporting areas, establishing criteria for records and standards for attendance and frequency of occurrence, designing a species questionnaire, outlining the general format for the book and the plan for each species, compiling a mailing list and starting a bibliography, considering financing, starting an ecological survey, proposing editorial and advisory committees, and searching for an editor.

Financial

The treasurer's report was given for 1955 by the treasurer for that period, H. Everest Clements.

Cash on hand (January 1, 1955) -----	\$ 577.78
Receipts -----	1,256.12
Expenditures -----	\$1,076.98

Cash on Hand (January 1, 1956) ----- \$ 756.92

In addition the permanent fund contained \$737.41. The auditing committee's report recommending acceptance of the records was approved.

Budget Committee: The budget for 1956 was approved. It provided \$50.00 president; \$10.00 vice-president; \$40.00 corresponding secretary; \$100.00 treasurer; \$60.00 conservation committee; \$800.00 Kingbird; \$50.00 bibliography committee; \$50.00 constitution and by-laws committee; \$10.00 membership committee; \$10.00 publications and research committee; \$25.00 state book committee; \$10.00 miscellaneous; total expenses \$1230.00.

1957 Officers and Meeting

An amended slate of officers was elected, as follows: president, Albert W. Fudge, 326 Larchmont Road, Elmira; vice-president, Robert S. Arbib, 231 Lena Avenue, Freeport; corresponding secretary, Elizabeth A. Feldhusen, 5 Catherine Street, Saratoga Springs; recording secretary, Mrs. Edward C. Ulrich, 193 LaSalle Avenue, Buffalo; treasurer, Allan S. Klonick, 901 Sibley Tower Building, Rochester.

Dr. Minnie B. Scotland of the Schenectady Bird Club invited the Federation to hold the 1957 meeting in Schenectady.

Appointed to the auditing committee for 1957 were: Reginald G. Hartwell, chairman, and Harold D. Mitchell. Appointed to the nominating committee for 1957 were: Alvin G. Whitney, chairman, Eugene Eisenmann, and Audrey L. Wrede. The president was authorized to appoint a committee to consider the problem of selecting a state bird. He named Winston W. Brockner to head this committee.

The council went on record thanking the three host clubs, Bedford Audubon Society, Saw Mill River Audubon Society and Scarsdale Audubon Society.

Elizabeth A. Feldhusen, Saratoga Springs.

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Brooklyn	E. J. Whelen
Central Suffolk Co., L. I.	Gilbert S. Raynor
Montauk, L. I.	N. R. Boyajian
Northern Nassau Co., L. I.	P. D. Skaar
Quogue to Watermill, L. I.	LeRoy Wilcox
Smithtown, L. I.	Robert Ralston
Southern Nassau Co., L. I.	Robert S. Arbib, Jr.
Western Long Island	Not stated
Bear Mountain—Harriman State Park	John Orth
Binghamton	L. E. Bemont
Bronx-Westchester Region	John Bull
Buffalo	Fred T. Hall
Conesus Lake	Harry Van Beurden