

multiplied the number of names to be learned, gave the amateur a false impression that subspecies were discrete entities, and encouraged pretended sight identifications of races distinguishable only by expert comparison of specimen series. There were, however, arguments for supplying subspecific prefixes to the species names. Inconvenience may be experienced in some situations by the lack of an "official" English subspecific designation, though, of course, anyone competent to distinguish a subspecies should know the technical name. Still, the soundness of the policy to emphasize the species (the natural entity) and to de-emphasize the subspecies (often an arbitrary division of populations) can hardly be questioned.

In orthography the Check-list has effected a very considerable standardization. In almost all compound nouns, particularly group names, the hyphen has been discarded with the word written as one. We have Oystercatcher, Waterthrush, Ovenbird, Goldeneye, Oldsquaw. Such confusing inconsistencies of the older lists, as Redhead and Canvas-back, have disappeared; both are now a single word. Probably through oversight, a very few inconsistencies survive or have crept in, which could be easily corrected.

The book sells for \$8.00, which is far below its cost. It is reasonable at today's prices for a big volume that any true bird student, amateur or professional, will be regularly consulting over a period of many years. It should be ordered from The A. O. U. Treasurer, Dr. Charles Sibley, Fernow Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FEDERATION COUNCIL MEETING Rochester, May 4, 1958

The eleventh annual meeting of the council of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc., was called to order by President Allan S. Klonick. Delegates from 17 affiliated clubs were present.

Financial

The following report was given by the treasurer:

Balance on hand (January 1, 1957) -----	\$ 706.21
Receipts -----	1099.00
Expenditures -----	\$1162.73

Balance on hand (December 31, 1957) -----	\$ 642.48
Balance in permanent fund (December 31, 1957) -----	\$ 779.75

The treasurer's report was accepted by the council. .

Gerald Rising gave the report of the finance committee as follows:

Total proposed budget for 1957 -----	\$1270.00
Expenses for 1957 -----	\$1162.73
Proposed budget for 1958 -----	\$1335.00

Proposed budget was accepted by the council.

Committees

Conservation: Mr. John J. Conway reported for this committee. He stated the passage of two model hawk and owl bills in the 1958 legislature.

Because of the lack of conservation suggestions and proposals from the affiliated clubs, he urged that the delegates come with proposals in the future.

The following three resolutions prepared by this committee were passed by the council:

1. That the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, arrange for the acquisition of Horse Island, at the mouth of Black River Bay, Town of Sackets Harbor, Jefferson County, New York State from the Coast Guard Service, Department of the Treasury, for a sanctuary for migrating waterfowl.

2. That in keeping with the practices in federal areas and in other states, we respectfully request the Conservation Commission of New York State to restrict hunting on the lands of Lake Ontario State Parkway from Rose's Marsh on the west to Round Pond on the east to not more than seventy-five per cent (75%) of the total area.

3. That the Federation favors the passage of legislation designed to exclude from the definition of unprotected wild birds the kingfisher and to permit the owner or occupant of lands, the members of his immediate household and his employees to shoot kingfishers attempting to take or destroy fingerlings or fish on such land.

Mr. Conway discussed briefly good procedure in handling conservation legislation.

Report made that the damage to wildlife from insect spraying is still an important problem. President Klonick left this matter with the delegates of the Alan Devoe Club and New York City area delegates as one of their conservation projects.

Membership: Audrey Wrede reported that applications for 24 individual membership had been received. The council accepted these applications for membership in the Federation.

The Jamestown Audubon Society was accepted as a member of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc.

Mr. H. Clements resolved that the Federation give Audrey Wrede a vote of thanks for her faithful and effective work as chairman of the membership committee. The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. Douglas C. Orbison, president of the Bedford Audubon Society, stated by letter to President Klonick, that the directors of his organization objected to the membership fee of ten cents (\$.10) per member as set down in the By-Laws. The membership of the Bedford Audubon Society is about 500 and the directors felt that with all the other projects they carry out each year their club could not afford fifty dollars (\$50.00) per annum for membership in the Federation.

Mr. Ralph O'Dell represented the Bedford Audubon Society at the council meeting and presented their views very ably. After enumerating the various activities and the amount spent on each, Mr. O'Dell stated that the Bedford Audubon Society was willing to continue their membership at a flat rate of twenty dollars (\$20.00). Many delegates of various clubs, both large and small, presented their views about the straight ten cents (\$.10) fee and several offered suggestions for raising the yearly fee aside from regular club dues. Mr. Mitchell representing the Buffalo Audubon Society, one of the largest individual clubs in the Federation, stated that his club does not see how they can afford not to be a member of the Federation, especially for the help they receive in conservation legislation. It was the opinion of the delegates present that the ten cents (\$.10) fee per member should remain.

Mr. Winston Brockner, who helped to formulate the By-Laws of the Federation, reminded the council that changing of the membership fee would require a constitutional change. Mr. Rising opposed such a change

and stated that the Federation should do everything possible to keep the Bedford Audubon Society an affiliated member of the Federation.

Editorial, Publications and Research: The committee discussed ways and means of maintaining the excellent quality of THE KINGBIRD. They recommend that more illustrations be used. They find need for a cumulative index to include items through the current volume. They find the magazine in good financial state. Deep thanks to Gerald Rising, the out-going editor, were extended by the committee.

Dr. Ralph Palmer reported that after long discussion the Publications Committee will have a final meeting on July 20, 1958 at Syracuse. By that time sample pages will be ready and perhaps a small group of especially qualified workers can be selected to carry on the State Book work.

Mr. Mitchell recommended that a new bibliography committee be appointed after the July meeting.

Gerald Rising in his report on the Winter Wildlife Census stated that the number of individuals reported was far below the number for previous years. The number was good considering the period of very poor weather during the time of the census.

At this time Mr. Klonick read a letter from Mr. Louie A. Wehle, which stated that the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc., had been awarded honorable mention in the New York State Conservation Contest for Mr. Rising's report of the Winter Wildlife Census.

Mr. Rising urged the delegates to report to their clubs the need for contributions for THE KINGBIRD. The only limitation of THE KINGBIRD is that articles must be concerned with birding in New York State. He also suggested a notes section of formal information and a section for letters to the editor which would be less formal. He also hoped that special funds can be arranged in order that more illustrations can be used in THE KINGBIRD.

Auditing: Miss Dorothy Niles reported that the auditors found the books of the Federation in order.

Nominating: Mr. Gerhard Leubner presented the slate of new officers for 1959 as follows:

President, Allan S. Klonick, Rochester

Vice-president, Mrs. William G. Irving, West Nyack

Recording Secretary, Mrs. William J. English, Amsterdam

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Southgate Y. Hoyt, Etna

Treasurer, Mrs. Dayton Stoner

The slate as proposed was elected by the council. Elected to the 1959 nominating committee were: Gerald Rising, Rochester, Mr. Eddy, Syracuse, Winston Brockner, Buffalo. Elected to the auditing committee were Guy Bartlett, Schenectady, and Samuel Madison, Delmar, for 1959.

Mr. Joseph Blake asked for a discussion of a date for 1959 meeting in Watertown. He suggested a June meeting, June 5, 6, 7, being a good time. The exact date was left for further discussion.

Mr. Albert Fudge moved that the Federation express its sincere thanks to the Burroughs Audubon Nature Club and the Genesee Ornithological Society for a very pleasant and well organized meeting. Mrs. Irving seconded the motion and the council carried it unanimously. Adjournment followed.
—Alice E. Ulrich, Buffalo