

Registered attendance of 295 showed a wide Geographic representation as they were from 24 States, District of Columbia, Africa, Canada and Netherlands.

Sponsors of the Rockland, Maine, meeting were the Farnsworth Museum and Homestead, Portland Society of Natural History and the Maine Audubon Society.

The next annual meeting of The Wilson Ornithological Society will be held at Gatlenburg, Tennessee, May 5-8, 1960.

399 State Street, Albany 10, New York

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF NEW YORK STATE BIRD CLUBS, INC.

Watertown, June 5-6-7

Minutes of the Council Meeting

The twelfth annual meeting of the Council of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc., was held in the Watertown High School on June 6, 1959. Allan S. Klonick, the president, opened the meeting at 1:15 p. m. Delegates from 19 of the affiliated clubs answered the roll call.

The minutes of the 1958 meeting were read, corrected, and accepted.

Gerald Rising, the 1958 treasurer, reported a balance of \$731.02 on hand Dec. 31, 1958.

Treasurer's Report

Balance — January 1, 1958	\$ 642.48
Receipts — Total for 1958	1,225.48

Gross Total	\$1,867.96
Expenditures for 1958	\$1,136.94

Balance on Dec. 31, 1958 \$	731.02
Balance in Permanent Fund on Dec. 31, 1958	\$ 779.75

The treasurer's report was accepted.

Reports of committees were given as follows:

Financial:

Mrs. Dayton Stoner, treasurer for 1959, presented the 1960 budget proposed by the Finance Committee. This budget was accepted by the Council, a complete report being placed on file.

Budget for 1958	\$1,335.00
Expenses for 1958	\$1,136.94
Proposed budget for 1959	\$1,385.00

Mrs. Stoner gave a progress report for 1959 which she had prepared for the information of the Council. (Editor's Note — This report has been printed in The Kingbird for the interest of its readers. Federation members will note the attention and care being given to the financial affairs of their organization.)

Progress Report

Lillian C. Stoner, Treasurer

January 1, 1959 — June 5, 1959

Balance on Hand January 1, 1959 in checking Acct. ----- \$ 731.02

Deposits:

3 Supporting members -----	\$ 30.00
17 Sustaining members -----	85.00
7 Subscriptions -----	17.50

Individual members — annual dues:

1957 (5 members paid) -----	\$ 12.50
1958 (38 members paid) -----	95.00
1959 (209 members paid) -----	522.50
1960 (3 members paid) -----	7.50
2 gifts at 50c -----	1.00

Total individual dues and gifts ----- \$ 638.50

Club dues — annual dues: 10c per member)

1956 (1 club paid) -----	\$ 5.00
1957 (2 clubs paid) -----	7.50
1958 (3 clubs paid) -----	22.10
1959 (19 clubs paid) -----	243.00
1960 (1 club paid) -----	2.50

Total club dues ----- \$ 280.10

Total deposits in checking account ---- \$1,782.12

Disbursements:

Supplies, printing and mailing expense	\$ 109.77
Annual meeting — printing and	
mailing exp. -----	28.16
Postage, phone, etc. expense -----	32.76
Kingbird, Vol. VIII, 4 -----	205.00
Cash transferred to savings account ----	200.00

Total disbursements ----- \$ 575.69

Balance on hand in checking account in
National Commercial Bank and
Trust Co., Albany, N. Y. -----

\$1,206.43

Savings Account in Community Savings
Bank, Rochester, N. Y.

Balance on Hand -----	\$ 779.75
3/3/59 Interest -----	29.56
6/1/59 Interest -----	6.07
6/4/59 Transferred from checking	
acct. -----	200.00

Balance on hand in savings account 6/5/59 ----- \$1,015.38

Conservation:

Mr. H. Everest Clements, the chairman of the Conservation Committee, reported on the need for the protection of the Kingfisher. He made a motion that the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc., go on record as supporting a law for the protection of the Kingfisher. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Clements told that the Northrup Creek had been set aside as a sanctuary area.

Mr. John Elliot proposed that the Federation go on record as opposing mass spraying which is proving deleterious to wild life in general, especially the recent use of insecticides, such as 1080, which are recognizably devastating to bird life. The motion was passed.

Mr. Winston Brockner made a motion that the Federation go on record as being opposed to the acquisition of any State forest lands for purposes that would violate the "forever wild" concept of the State forest preserve. The motion was passed.

State Book:

Mr. Joseph W. Taylor of Rochester has been appointed as chairman of new State Bird Book Committee.

Membership:

Mr. Albert Fudge, the membership chairman, requested that each delegate try to obtain more individual members for the State Federation. He reported that 15 new individual memberships were obtained after the annual meeting in 1958 and 30 new members since Jan. 1, 1959.

Mr. Fudge read a letter of application for club membership from the Dutchess County Bird Club of Poughkeepsie. The Council voted to accept this club as a member of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc.

The Kingbird:

Dr. Minnie B. Scotland, the editor of *The Kingbird*, reported that she has continued the policy of the former editor, Gerald Rising. The publication is in a prosperous condition as more articles are contributed. The last issue had increased to 52 pages. Dr. Scotland reminded the Council that there is need for more articles about conservation.

Mr. William J. English suggested that each affiliated club try to have its delegate or delegates attend each annual Council Meeting.

Nominating:

Mr. Gerald Rising, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers which was elected:

President — Mrs. William G. Irving, West Nyack, N. Y.

Vice President — Mr. John J. Elliott, Seaford, N. Y.

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Southgate Y. Hoyt, Etna, N. Y.

Recording Secretary — Mrs. Donald Radke, East Chatham, N. Y.

Treasurer — Mrs. Dayton Stoner, Albany, N. Y.

Auditing:

Mr. Guy Bartlett and Mr. Samuel Madison reported in writing that they, as the auditors, found the books of the Federation in order.

The nominating committee for the next year will be Mr. Allan Klonick, chairman, Mr. Joseph Blake and Dr. Walter Spofford.

The Buffalo Audubon Society invited the Federation of New York State

Birds Clubs, Inc., to hold the 1960 annual meeting in Buffalo.

Mr. Reginald Hartwell moved that the Federation express its sincere thanks and appreciation to the North Country Bird Club for a pleasant and well organized meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p. m.

Alice B. English, Recording Secretary

Reception — Trips — Banquet — Picnic

On Friday evening at the Woodruff Hotel arriving delegates and members of the Federation found a genuine welcome. Refreshing punch and cookies were provided by the local committee. Groups of visiting birders could be seen in the Drum Room and corridors. Federation committees, however, had to break away to attend their several meetings, some of which ran far into the night.

Five different field trips were listed for various areas on Saturday morning, with each scheduled to start at a different time so that late sleepers as well as early risers could be accommodated. A large group visited the primitive Tug Hill plateau area south of Watertown where there were many wooded trails to explore. A mid-morning thunderstorm "dampened" some of the other field trips, and a hawk-banding trip led by Dr. Burtt had to be postponed until the afternoon.

The annual banquet was held at 7:00 P. M. Saturday at the Hotel Woodruff and was well attended. Allan Klonick, outgoing president, introduced the new officers of the Federation. John Belknap, of the North Country Bird Club, presented a suitable certificate of merit to Fritz Scheider for taking top honors in a twenty-question afternoon examination on birds of New York State. Mrs. Southgate Y. Hoyt gave a talk on the very interesting new identification slides prepared under the auspices of the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University, and the talk was illustrated by a sampling of these slides. She invited inquiries concerning their use. Dr. Fritz Scheider of Syracuse lectured on bird migration at the eastern end of Lake Ontario, and this was followed by an illustrated talk by Dr. B. P. Burtt of Syracuse University on the methods and problems of banding young birds of prey.

On Sunday morning several large groups of observers paid visits in rotation to various areas in and around the Perch River Game Management Area. The early morning fog soon lifted, and the birding was excellent. A flock of Redheads was one of the highlights. Several observers saw the Red-headed Woodpecker, and a few were fortunate enough to add the Hungarian Partridge to their list. John Wilson of the New York State Conservation Department had given a fine talk on this introduced species at the Federation meeting of the previous afternoon.

Shortly after noon the various groups began meeting at the Crescent Yacht Club, at Chaumont on the shore of Lake Ontario, for the traditional Sunday box lunch. Dave Gordon, of the field trip committee, noted that the result of the weekend's efforts was some 125 varieties seen or heard. This lunch ended the formal weekend activities, but there was probably quite a bit of birding done as federation members slowly drove homeward that afternoon.

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