

There is an equally sensible set of criteria for breeding records. If these rules were widely accepted, sight records would be far more reliable and and valuable than they are at the present moment."

The State Book Editorial Board is now taking over from the original Book Committee, and is endeavoring to find an editor, and means of financing this major enterprise. The new State Book will be a lasting tribute to our Federation and its member clubs.

Beside the concrete points brought out in this article, there are certain intangibles which are hard to express in terms of benefits in dollars and cents, but which are nevertheless important. Even though we might have been unsuccessful in obtaining protective bird legislation in the State, the mere fact that we are banded together to fight for what we know are noble purposes gives each of us stature which otherwise we would lack.

We, in Buffalo, feel that the Federation has filled an urgent need for a statewide organization of bird clubs, and that the small expenditures which we have made for club memberships have repaid us several times over.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF NEW YORK STATE BIRD CLUBS, INC. Buffalo, May 20-22

Minutes of the Council Meeting (Condensed)

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc., was held in the library of the Buffalo Museum of Science on May 21, 1960. The president, Mrs. William G. Irving, called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Twenty-four delegates representing 18 clubs answered the roll call.

The minutes of the 1959 Council meeting were read, amended, and accepted.

Mrs. Dayton Stoner read the Treasurer's report for the year Jan. 1, 1959 to Dec. 31, 1959.

Balance — Jan. 1, 1959	\$ 731.02
Receipts — 1959	1,303.40
Gross total	\$2,034.42
Expenses — 1959	\$1,501.05
Withdrawal for deposit in savings account	200.00
Balance, Dec. 31	\$ 333.37
Balance in savings account on Dec. 31, 1959	\$1,031.94

Reports of appointed committees:

Conservation

Mr. Joseph A. Blake, Jr., chairman, reported the first passage by the State legislature of a concurrent resolution which would permit a private operator to lease Forest Preserve land in Greene County for a ski development. Accepted by the Council were the committee's recommendations to (a) publicize Federation opposition to this amendment, (b) have each member inform his representatives in the legislature of his opposition, and (c) empower the committee to reissue a Conservation Bulletin to cover this and other crucial issues as they may arise.

The committee recommended that Mr. H. Everest Clements investigate the roll of the N.Y.S. Waterfowl Association in the proposal to open certain areas of Montezuma Federal Wildlife Refuge to public shooting.

The Council passed a motion to oppose the encroachment by local officials on public land now principally used for conservation, and to favor the purchase of new lands to be used for conservation purposes,

Mr. Winston Brockner moved that the Federation give all the help it can to the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club in its efforts to preserve the Thompson Pond area. Motion carried.

Mr. Harold Mitchell moved that the Federation support the Wilderness Bill. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Brockner that the Federation go on record as favoring the Chemical Pesticides Coordination Bill, and that local clubs write their representatives urging approval of the bill. Motion passed.

The committee voted not to take action at this time on the proposal to change Dinosaur National Monument to a National Park. Mr. Brockner recommended that a bulletin be sent to the member clubs describing the difference between a National Monument and a National Park.

Finance

Mr. John Elliott presented the proposed 1961 budget, which was accepted by the Council. A complete report is on file.

Budget for 1961	\$1,950.00
Estimated income	1,303.40
Deficit	\$ 646.60

Kingbird Finance

Mr. Brockner is chairman of this new committee, created to bring in more funds for Kingbird publication. Miss Gertrude Webster moved that his committee establish rates for advertising in the Kingbird. Motion carried.

The Kingbird

Dr. Minnie B. Scotland, the editor, reported that a number of suggestions for the improvement of the Kingbird have been carried out this year. It is Dr. Scotland's goal to have an outstanding Tenth Anniversary Issue in December. A suggestion was made that member clubs make an effort to place the Kingbird in their local libraries.

Membership

Mr. Albert Fudge, the chairman, reported that 23 new applications for individual membership were received in 1959 and 57 in 1960. The Greene County Bird Club of Catskill and the Tioga Bird Watchers Club of Owego also applied for membership. The Council voted to accept the individual and the club applicants as members of the Federation.

Mr. Brockner moved that all membership applicants up to September first be given the Kingbird issues from January first of the current year; all applicants after September first would receive the next issue or issues of the Kingbird and all of those of the following year. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Fudge that, for the purpose of securing more members, the membership committee publish a pamphlet giving the history of the Federation, its aims and activities, a description of the Kingbird, the classes of membership and how to apply, and the advantages of membership in the Federation. Motion passed.

Mrs. Stoner, reported that the Federation now has 338 annual members, 29 sustaining members, 7 supporting members, and 6 life members, plus 28 member clubs.

Publication and Research

Mr. Harold Mitchell, chairman, reported that the former Book Committee, with Mr. Joseph Taylor as chairman, is now set up as a Special Book Committee. Mr. Robert Arbib, Jr. is organizing an editorial board for the State Book. An editor is to be chosen and a simplified species questionnaire devised.

Dr. Leo Tanghe's Waterfowl Census report appears elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Mitchell moved that the question of the Federation taking an associate membership in the N.Y.S. Conservation Council be tabled for another year. Motion carried.

Two proposed amendments to the By-laws were presented and accepted by the Council.

1. Article V, Section 3: (Add italicized words) No officer-director shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive years, except the corresponding secretary and the Treasurer who may hold office for not longer than four consecutive years.

2. Article 11, Section 2: (Add) C. Life membership can be paid over a four-year period in equal installments until the full amount is paid. There shall be no further dues payable during this interim period except the above mentioned payment and upon payment in full, member receives designation of "Life Member" with no further payment of dues.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for 1961, which was elected:

President	-----	Mrs. William Irving, West Nyack
Vice-President	-----	Mr. John Elliott, Seaford
Corresponding Secretary	-----	Mrs. Southgate Hoyt, Etna
Recording Secretary	-----	Mrs. Donald Radke, E. Chatham
Treasurer	-----	Mrs. Dayton Stoner, Albany

The Council accepted the invitation of the Linnaean Society to hold the 1961 annual meeting in New York City.

Mr. Guy Bartlett and Mr. Samuel Madison were elected auditors for 1961.

Elected as nominating committee for 1961 were Mr. Albert Fudge, Mr. Eugene Eisenmann, and Dr. Gerhard Leubner.

Miss Elizabeth Manning moved that the Federation express sincere thanks and appreciation to the Buffalo Audubon Society, the Buffalo Ornithological Society, and the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences for a pleasant and well-organized meeting.

Eleanor L. Radke, Recording Sec'y.

Reception — Trips — Papers — Banquet

The 1960 annual meeting of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc., whose hosts were Buffalo Audubon Society, Inc., Buffalo Ornithological Society, Inc., and Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, was, without a doubt, proof that "in unity there is strength". The visiting Club delegates wish to offer their personal and sincere thanks to these host societies for a wonderfully successful effort put forth by everyone to assure the utmost in accommodations and entertainment.

In the main lobby of the Hotel Lenox an informal reception took place on Friday evening. It is at this affair each year that arriving members gather and committee members find it difficult to leave for their scheduled meetings.

Field trips were planned for 6, 7, 8, and 9 o'clock on Saturday morning to nearby areas and those as distant as Beaver Meadow Refuge near Java, Grand Island and Niagara Falls. In spite of "heavy dew" encountered early birders returned with good reports, especially of an influx of warblers. At 10 o'clock conducted tours of the Buffalo Museum were arranged. A hot luncheon awaited all members in the cafeteria of the Museum.

At the afternoon meeting there were papers that revealed research is being carried on by Federation members in a variety of fields: "How to Interest Prospective Birders" (Brettle), "Some Notes on Breeding Habitats of New York State Warblers" (Seeber), "A Summer Tanager Record for Western New York" (Leubner), "The Recent Gull Concentration on the Niagara River" (Andrie), "Single Lens Reflex Photography for the Nature Student" (Coggeshall), and "Nature To-morrow" (A Motion Picture by Hall). The secretary gave a report of the morning Council Meeting to the Federation members attending the afternoon session.

A gay group filled the Central Hall of the Museum for the Annual Banquet on Saturday evening. It was the occasion for the President's address, which was not only humorous but challenging to every Club of the Federation. The guest speaker was Robert Hermes who brought with him his beautiful film "Ranch of the Purple Flowers"

Sunday morning's cloudiness became deeper and deeper until rain came at noon. However, the promised sight of whimbrels on the Canadian shore field trip was fulfilled. It was the "Bird of the Day" among 125 species listed in the summary. A buffet lunch was enjoyed at Rathfon Inn near Port Colborne in Ontario, after which the Federation members departed for their home "ports"

M. C. J.

FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The chairman of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc., takes pleasure in welcoming the following new members during 1960:

Ahrens, Ruth, 18 Barker St., Jamestown
Arthur, Mrs. William, 98 Fenimore St., Lynbrook, L. I.
Baehr, Mrs. Charles V., "Rockcliff", R. D., Rensselaer
Betts, Mrs. Charles E., 1065 Madison Ave., Albany 8
Brandebury, Mrs. Carl V., 130 Home St., Malverne, L. I.
Brown, Mrs. V. A., Randolph
Bryant, Leslie E., 13 Second Ave., Auburn
Burland, Robert, 16 Reynolds Ave., Oneonta
Comar, Mrs. Cyril, 8 Highland Park, Ithaca
Conner, Paul F., R. D. No. 1, Lowville
Crone, Mrs. Lincoln E., 838 Union Road, Buffalo 24
Cypher, Velma I., 16 Mohegan Rd., Ossining
DeNeef, Walter, 25 Lake Rd. Ext., Dryden
Douglas, Damon G., Jr., 1120 Ellis Hollow Rd., R. D. No. 2, Ithaca
Dove, Mrs. William C., 12 Guilford Rd., Port Washington, L. I.
Dunning, Orville M., 22 Longridge Rd., Plandome, L. I.
English, Mrs. Lawrence, Frenchs Mill Rd., Altamont
Fletcher, A. K., 27 Lake Rd. Ext., Dryden