

by Representatives John Dingell of Michigan, Silvio O. Conte of Massachusetts and Peter H. Dominick of Colorado. New Yorkers could help effectively now by writing their Congressmen in the House of Representatives.

National Wilderness Bill: You could also add a plug for the Bill to Establish a National Wilderness Preservation System. By some miracle this bill passed the Senate and now awaits action in the House. Do not confuse the intent of the Federal "Wilderness Bill" with that of the state's. The Federal bill would provide 'forever wild' protection to government owned wilderness areas whereas the state bill would essentially reduce the acreage so protected.

Great Horned Owl: Removal of the Great Horned Owl from the list of birds protected in New York State was urged in a resolution approved at the 20th annual. The council also recommended an open season on Mourning Doves.

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

SEPT. 29 — OCT. 1

Minutes of the Council Meeting (Condensed)

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc., was called to order by the President, Mrs. William G. Irving, at 9:50 a. m. The meeting was held in the Roosevelt Memorial Lecture Room of the American Museum of Natural History. Twenty-eight delegates representing 19 clubs answered the roll call.

The minutes of the 1960 Council meeting were read and accepted.

Mrs. Dayton Stoner, Treasurer, read her report for the year Jan 1, 1960 to Dec 31, 1960.

Balance — Jan 1, 1960	\$ 333.37
Receipts — 1960	1,916.98
Gross total	\$2,250.35
Expenses — 1960	\$1,643.66
Balance, checking account, Dec. 31 ----	\$ 606.69
Balance, savings account, Dec. 31	900.00

The proposed budget for 1962, totaling \$1,905, was also presented by Mrs. Stoner. It was accepted by the Council.

Reports of appointed committees:

Kingbird Finance

Following the resignation of Mr. Winston Brockner as chairman of the committee, Mr. Alfred Starling has assumed the chairmanship. The committee expects to contact each member club of the Federation in the near future to create local interest in finding advertisers for the *Kingbird*.

Conservation

Mr. Joseph A. Blake, Jr., chairman, related the two areas of Federal legislation that are of interest to members: (a) The Wilderness Bill, which has now passed the Senate and awaits action by the House of Representatives. It was suggested that letters of support from individual members to their representatives would be of value. (b) The protection of the Golden Eagle — proposed legislation which is framed as an amendment to the law

protecting the Bald Eagle. If such legislation is not forthcoming, the Golden Eagle may soon be exterminated in continental United States. Members of the Federation were urged to write their Congressmen supporting this protection.

State issues of importance at present are: (a) The Hunter Mountain proposal. Although this legislation, which would lease Forest Preserve land to a private ski development, was defeated in the State legislature, it is important to be alert to future efforts of private enterprise to lease portions of the Forest Preserve. (b) Two resolutions before the current meeting of the N. Y. State Conservation Council — the removal of the Great Horned Owl from the protected list, and opening a season on Mourning Doves in New York State. Mr. Blake has written to the chairman of the resolutions committee expressing the Federation's reasons why such proposals are ill-advised. (c) The proposed amendment to the State Constitution which permit widening of Route 10 within the Forest Preserve. Mr. Blake recommended that Federation members make every effort to defeat Amendment No. 7 this November. (d) The Hempstead, Long Island, wetlands. These areas, under town ownership, are threatened with development for recreational purposes. Mr. John J. Elliott moved that the Federation go on record in support of the Hempstead Town Council on Wetlands Resources in their effort to save the wetlands and bay islands of the town of Hempstead for biological purposes. Motion carried. (e) The Wilderness Area Bill, sponsored by Mr. Pomeroy. Its advantages, its dangers for present and future, were discussed. The Federation's Conservation Committee, with one dissenting member, believes the Wilderness Area Bill to be undesirable. Both viewpoints were set forth in a recent Conservation Bulletin. It was urged that Federation members attend the state-wide hearings on the Bill, to be held in the next few months. Mr. Eugene Eisenmann moved that the Federation go on record in opposition to the Pomeroy Bill on the grounds that the Federation holds that the entire Forest Preserve should be kept forever wild. Motion carried with one dissenting vote.

Membership

Mr. Albert W. Fudge, chairman, reported that 101 new applications for individual membership were received from the annual meeting in May, 1960, to September 30, 1961. Applications for club membership were received from the Edgar A. Mearns Bird Club of Orange County and the Adirondack Bird Club. All membership applicants were accepted by the Council.

The brochure, which will set forth the advantages of membership in the Federation, its history, aims and activities, is in the process of publication. Distribution will be carried out through the local organizations.

Publications and Research

The chairman, Mr. Harold D. Mitchell, stated that a Bibliography of New York State Ornithology from 1910 to 1952, prepared by Dr. Allen Benton and Dr. Stephen Eaton, is now available. Copies may be obtained, at a dollar each, by writing Dr. Stephen W. Eaton, Department of Biology, St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, New York.

Mr. John L. Mitchell will be coordinator for the Waterfowl Census for the coming year.

Mr. Robert Arbib, Jr., chairman of the State Book sub-committee, reported reorganizational and reappraisal activities for the past year. He expects rapid progress for the future.

Any club or individual interested in cooperating on a Spring or a Fall Hawk Watch, or a Spring or Fall Census, should contact Mr. Harold Mitchell.

Dr. Minnie B. Scotland was commended for the splendid Tenth Anniversary Issue of the *Kingbird*. The new editor of the *Kingbird* was introduced and commended for the first issue which she has published.

The auditing committee report, finding the Federation books in order, was read by the Recording Secretary. Report accepted.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for 1962:

President	-----	John J. Elliott, Seaford
Vice-President	-----	Robert S. Arbib, Jr., Mamaroneck
Corresponding Secretary	-----	Mrs. Southgate Hoyt, Etna
Recording Secretary	-----	Watson B. Hastings, Dobbs Ferry
Treasurer	-----	Mrs. Dayton Stoner, Albany

The slate was elected.

The question of the Federation becoming an associate member of the New York State Conservation Council was tabled for another year.

The proposed amendment to the By-Laws relating to the increase in annual dues from \$2.50 to \$3.00 was approved unanimously by the delegates. If ratified by two-thirds of the member clubs, the new rate will take effect January 1, 1962.

Mr. Guy Bartlett and Mr. Samuel Madison were elected auditors for 1962.

Elected to serve as a naminating committee for 1962 were Mr. Otis Waterman, Mr. Edward Ulrich, and Mr. Richard Sloss.

The Council accepted the invitation of the Alan Devoe, Greene County, and Schenectady Bird Clubs to hold the 1962 annual meeting in Albany in May.

Mr. Winston Brockner moved that consideration of membership in the Council of Natural History Societies of Washington, D. C., be tabled for another year. Motion carried.

The delegates unanimously commended the outgoing Federation officers for a tremendous job done during their term of office. They expressed sincere thanks and appreciation to the Linnaean Society, and especially to Mr. Emanuel Levine, Mr. Richard Sloss and Miss Helen Hirshbein, for their splendid arrangements for this meeting. — Eleanor L. Radke, Recording Secretary.