

Minutes of the 16th Annual Meeting of the Council of
The Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc.

The 16th Annual meeting of the council of The Federation was held in the Hotel Jamestown, Jamestown, New York, on Saturday, April 27, 1963. Mr. John J. Elliott, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A. M. 34 delegates representing 24 clubs answered the roll call.

The minutes of the 1962 council meeting were approved as read by the Secretary.

The report of Mrs. Lillian C. Stoner as Treasurer for the year 1962 was read by the present Treasurer, Kenneth D. Niven, is briefly summarized as follows:

Balance in General Funds Jan. 1, 1962	\$ 183.50
Receipts	2,457.75
Expenses	\$2,641.25
Balance in General Funds Dec. 31, 1962	\$ 347.54
Balance in Savings Account Jan. 1, 1962	\$1,975.00
Receipts	444.87
Expenses	\$2,419.87
Balance in Savings Account Dec. 31, 1962	\$2,340.00

Mr. Niven's, interim Treasurer's report showed a Balance in the General Funds of \$1,827.04 and a present balance in the Savings Account of \$2,488.17.

The Treasurer's reports were accepted as read.

Mrs. Stoner was thanked for her work in securing several additional life memberships.

Dr. Sally F. Hoyt, bibliography chairman reported — A summary list of all ornithological literature of New York State has been prepared through 1961 and that the 1962 list will be completed before the end of the year. All articles about birds even from neighboring states should be reported to Dr. Hoyt or her committee.

Mrs. Ulrich reported for Mr. John Mitchell on the mid-winter Waterfowl Count—1963. The report included 36 species with approx. 195,832 individual birds.

The following deaths during the year were reported and suitable resolutions were adopted to be sent to the families of each:

Mrs. Rosalie Edge
Mr. Charles Spiker
Mr. Edward J. Whelaen

A vote of thanks was extended to Dr. Sally F. Hoyt and to Dr. Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr. for the full page of information regarding the

Federation which was included in their new book on "Enjoying Birds in Upstate New York."

The elected Nominating Committee for 1964 consists of: Mr. Walton B. Sabin, Slingerlands, Ch.; Mr. Harold D. Mitchell, Buffalo; and Miss Elizabeth Feldhusen, Jamestown.

Mr. Maxwell C. Wheat, Jr., Conservation Ch. reported on the fine activities of his committee during the year in conservation matters, touching briefly on the Great Horned Owl and Bounty Bills which died in committee, the efforts to be made later to protect the Kingfisher, the total effort that was done by letter writing and contributions from clubs to obtain final passage of the Golden Eagle protection bill, of the efforts to get the Wilderness Bill reported out of the House Committee, which effort must still be carried on, and of his concerns for the continued survival of the forever wild clause in New York State so that further encroachments and improper uses are not made in the State Forest Preserve. He spoke particularly and at length of the efforts being expended on Long Island to save 10,000 acres of wetlands in the Town of Hempstead on the south shore of Long Island, and of the efforts being made to set aside a Fire Island National Seashore. Resolutions were presented and unanimously approved concerning the following:

1. For the preservation of the 10,000 acres of wetlands on Long Island.
2. For the passage of the Wilderness Bill.
3. To approve the establishment of a Fire Island National Seashore.
4. To send a letter to Senator Keating thanking him for his efforts in behalf of the Golden Eagle Bill.

Mrs. Alice E. Ulrich reporting as Editor of *The Kingbird* requested that the delegates ask their club members for articles and field notes about birds of their areas. Send those observations which are of special interest to all for field notes and those of a scientific nature for the longer articles. **Mrs. Ulrich feels that *The Kingbird* is not being used to the fullest extent in the local clubs and welcomes any suggestion as to how it may be made better known to the club memberships.**

Mrs. Ulrich was thanked for her efficient work in maintaining *The Kingbird* at such a high standard.

Mrs. Eleanor Radke, Membership chairman, proposed, for membership in the Federation, 54 new members from around the state and 12 additional individuals from Jamestown. The 66 persons proposed were on vote accepted into membership.

Also proposed by Mrs. Radke and accepted were two new clubs: the Lake Erie Bird Club and the Huntington Audubon Society.

There are now approx. 450 individual members and 35 clubs as members of the Federation. Mrs. Radke stated that the Eaton Bird Club had been reinstated as a member club.

Membership folders have been prepared by Mr. Albert Fudge with the help of Dr. Sally Hoyt and Mr. John Belknap. These were given to the delegates with the suggestion that they be distributed to all club members **with the local club bulletins.**

A vote of thanks was given Mr. Fudge for his excellent work in preparing this valuable folder.

The expense budget for the year 1964 was presented by Mr. Niven in the total amount of \$2,790.00. It was approved as presented.

Dr Steven Eaton, Publications and Research chairman suggested that as an aid to *The Kingbird*, the State Bird Book and for the information that it will give about the present populations of threatened species, that each club undertake at least one breeding bird census during this breeding season.

Mr. Robert E. Arbib, Editor of the State Bird Book reported; little progress during the past year; we still plan to publish a sample of a species write-up in *The Kingbird*; and are working on efforts to obtain a full time editor to do the necessary work. There should be no problem in publishing as soon as the manuscript is completed. Mr. Arbib is also making contacts to obtain the necessary funds for expenses required before publication. *Much information is still needed from birders throughout the entire state.*

A resolution that The Federation join the New York State Conservation Council was, after discussion, withdrawn, and it was voted that the clubs be polled as instructed at the 1962 meeting before any action to join the Council is taken.

Mr. Maxwell C. Wheat, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers for the year 1964 and they were elected by vote:

President, Mr. Robert S. Arbib, Jr., Mamaroneck; Vice-President, Dr. Allen H. Benton, Fredonia; Corr. Secretary, Mrs. Lillian C. Stoner, Albany; Rec. Secretary, Miss Margaret S. Rusk, Syracuse; and Treasurer, Mr. Kenneth D. Niven, Monticello.

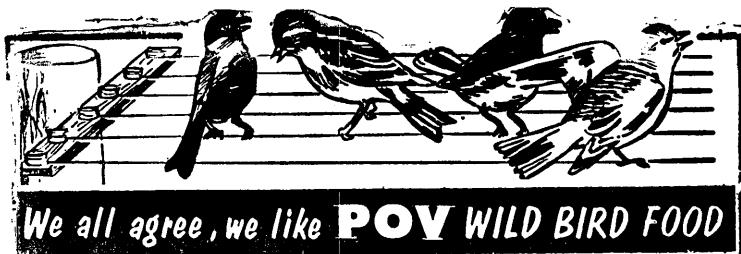
Invitations were presented and accepted from the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club to hold the 1964 meeting in Poughkeepsie on a date in May to be determined, and from the Onondaga Audubon Society to hold the 1965 meeting in Syracuse.

A vote of commendation was extended to the present officers for the wonderful job done during this past year.

A special commendation of thanks was voted to the members of the local committee and the Jamestown Audubon Society for their excellent arrangements and planning for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 P. M.

Watson B. Hastings, Recording Secretary,
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