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Much credit for completion of many years of work on this project goes to Mrs. T. Howard Smith, one of our Federation members who was the first president of the Roxbury Burroughs Club and now is their Corresponding Secretary.

Visitors who have registered in recent years numbered over 1000 for each year and have come from many states and some foreign countries.

Perhaps some of our members would be interested in attending the meeting this fall on September 26 at Woodchuck Lodge. Other visiting dates can be arranged with Mrs. Blanche Burroughs, Prattsville, N. Y. They then could see the tables and rocking chair made by the naturalist as well as the woodchuck rug on the floor and the many clippings and pictures on the walls. The following brief directions may help in locating the place. The town Grand Gorge at the junction of routes 23 and 30 is 38 miles west of the town of Catskill and six miles north of a side road which takes you 2½ miles west to Woodchuck Lodge and John Burroughs Memorial Field.

So we see that this eventful meeting of September 28, 1963 and the new 1964 signed bill has resulted in the new historic landmark at the summer home of John Burroughs and for permanent protection for his last resting place.

It seems worthy to note to have a Naturalist's home and burial place receive State and National recognition. I believe this is the first or at least one of the first to be so recognized in our state. We, Federation of New York State Bird Club members, can be proud that one of our outstanding Naturalists in New York State has been so honored, and that Woodchuck Lodge as noted on the plaque, "possesses exceptional value in commemorating and illustrating the history of the United States."

399 State Street, Albany

MINUTES OF THE 17th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION OF NEW YORK STATE BIRD CLUBS, INC.

The 17th annual meeting of the Council of the Federation, held at the Poughkeepsie Inn at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., was called to order at 9 A.M. on May 23, 1964 by the President, Mr. Robert Arbib. 36 delegates representing 27 clubs answered the roll call.

A welcome to Poughkeepsie by Mrs. Homer Germond, President of the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club, was heard.

Minutes of the 1963 Council meeting were approved as read. The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Kenneth D. Niven, was approved. The President read the report of Mr. Jerome Kerner and Mr. Edward R. McBride, Auditors; it was approved. The Treasurer's interim report to date was read.

Mrs. Lillian C. Stoner, Corresponding Secretary, reported that the annual letter announcing the Federation meeting had been sent to members in accordance with the by-laws.

Mrs. Alice E. Ulrich, *Kingbird* Editor, said that she had no report, that she would let the *Kingbird* speak for itself. She asked for more reports from areas in the State where there are no clubs. Also she requested receipt of

correct addresses of individual members and club officers by the 20th of June, for printing in the *Kingbird*. President Arbib commented on the fine regional-report coverage in *Kingbird*. Mrs. Ulrich was given a vote of thanks, as was Mr. Allen S. Klonick, Business Manager of the *Kingbird*.

Dr. Edgar M. Reilly, Jr., Chairman of the Publications and Research Committee, reported the completion by Guy Bartlett of his *Ten-Year Index* to the *Kingbird*. Copies of the index at \$1.00 can be ordered through Dr. Reilly at the State Museum in Albany.

The State Book Committee report was given for Dr. Gordon Meade, Chairman, by Mr. Arbib, Acting Chairman. A sample species writeup (Common Loon) appeared in the July 1963 *Kingbird*. The Committee voted to approve the appointment of John Bull of Long Island as editor of the State Book. Mr. Bull's qualifications include numerous publications, among them *The Birds of the New York Area*, soon to be published by Harper and Row. Lists of possible sources of funds for financing the State Book have been compiled.

Of the *Kingbird* Finance Committee there was no report. It was announced that Mr. Monte Gherler, Chairman, had obtained three new advertisers for the *Kingbird*.

The Bulletin Exchange Committee plans to send the member clubs a questionnaire about their bulletins and possible interest in exchange, Miss Elizabeth Manning, Chairman, reported.

In lieu of a formal report, Dr. Sally Hoyt, Chairman of the Bibliography Committee, described the work of this committee. It attempts to assemble lists of any publications referring to New York State ornithology. Each year, this bibliography, for the preceding year, is published in the *Kingbird*.

Mrs. Ulrich reported for Mr. John Mitchell, Chairman of the Waterfowl Count Committee, on the waterfowl census of 1964. 255,138 individuals were tallied by the ground count, and 202,670 by the aerial count. The aerial count confirmed the ground count as to species, except that the former did not list the Black x Mallard hybrid.

In his President's report, Mr. Arbib thanked the officers and committee chairman for all their work. He noted, because of his sudden and sad taking over of the office, that there should be "standard operating procedures" worked out for each officer's and chairmans' job, and made the specific request that this be done. 27 clubs represented at the meeting is excellent, Mr. Arbib commented. He reported that the goal of more individual members is being worked toward. He announced that the John J. Elliott Memorial Committee had been organized at the President's behest, and would be reported on later. With the State Book coming along, many more breeding bird counts are needed, he observed. Finally, the President announced that he had Federation stationery available for any officer or committee chairman with a legitimate need of it.

A motion was passed that Guy Bartlett be commended on the *Kingbird* index. Mr. Klonick observed at this point that there should be more work on getting the *Kingbird* into county library systems as well as into more college-level libraries.

After a coffee break, new business was taken up.

Mr. Walton Sabin, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers for 1965: President, Mr. Robert S. Arbib, Jr., Mamaroneck; Vice-President, Dr. Allen H. Benton, Fredonia; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frederick Marsi, Binghamton; Recording Secretary, Miss Margaret S. Rusk, Syracuse; and Treasurer, Mr. Kenneth D. Niven, Monticello. This slate was elected.

The Nominating Committee extended its appreciation to Mrs. Stoner, outgoing Corresponding Secretary. The President expressed regrets that Mrs. Stoner would no longer be an officer but felt sure that she would continue to serve the Federation in many ways. Mrs. Stoner was given a vote of thanks.

The Membership Committee report was given by Mr. Dwight Chamberlain for Mr. Alfred Starling. The list of proposed members was read, and they were elected by the Council.

The report of the Finance Committee was made by Mr. Samuel R. Madison, Chairman. He presented the 1965 Budget which totals \$2620.00, noting that it is a cut from the 1964 budget but is nevertheless a deficit budget. The Federation has kept afloat only because many officers do not submit expenses. It is hoped that savings account interest and memberships will increase, but the picture is far from rosy, Mr. Madison stated. The Committee therefore strongly recommended increasing the individual membership dues to \$5 next year, this to be done by means of a change in the by-laws, which then must be submitted to the member clubs. The Council approved the proposed 1965 budget, and then voted that the by-laws committee consider raising the individual-member dues to \$5, however keeping student membership at \$3, raising club-membership dues from 10c per club member, and making appropriate adjustments in the other dues categories.

Mr. Cornelius Ward, Acting Chairman, reported on the work of the John J. Elliott Memorial Committee. A capital fund is being raised, whose interest would be used for an annual award for the best *Kingbird* article. A little over \$600 is collected to date. Club as well as individuals may consider making donations to this fund.

Mr. Maxwell C. Wheat, Jr., Conservation Committee Chairman, proposed the following resolutions, which were approved by the Council: 1, that the New York State Conservation Dept. purchase the Barry Town area along the Hudson River to preserve it as a wildlife area; 2, that the State of Pennsylvania be petitioned not to further develop Presque Isle; 3, that Buckhorn State Park be kept as a wildlife refuge and that a proposed music festival be located elsewhere; 4, that the Federation take cognizance of the work of Nature Conservancy in setting aside for preservation various areas in the state; 5, that the Federation go on record against the use of motorized vehicles in the Forest Preserve except for emergency purposes, and that the Federation commend Chairman Watson Pomeroy of the Joint Legislation Committee on Natural Resources for his work on this matter; 6, that the Federation support efforts to persuade the U. S. government not to use Mikura Jima off Japan as a bomb-test site; 7-10, that the Federation go on record in support of the Wilderness Bill, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Bill, establishment of National Seashores, and preservation of the Hempstead Wetlands as a wildlife refuge; 11, that the Federation go on record as

opposed to the bounty system; and 12, that the Federation stands opposed to the indiscriminate use of pesticides and poison sprays. A resolution in favor of permissive legislation by the state for control, by localities, of pigeons failed to pass.

The following Nominating Committee for 1965 was elected: Mrs. Lillian C. Stoner, Albany, Chairman, with Mr. Allen S. Klonick, Rochester, and Dr. David Peakall, Syracuse.

The Auditing Committee of Mr. Edward R. McBride and Mr. Jerome Kerner was re-elected for 1965.

The following deaths during the year were reported: Mr. John J. Elliott, Dr. Arthur A. Allen, Mrs. Hazel Ellis Loomis. Suitable resolutions were adopted to be sent to the families of each.

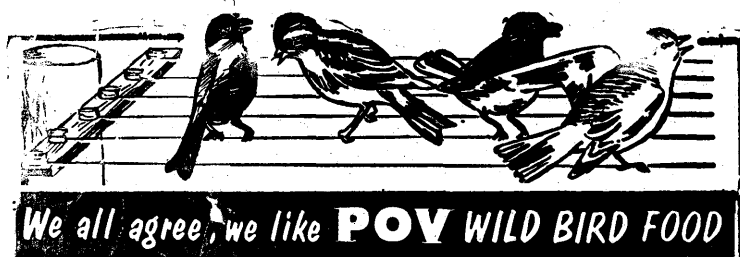
A vote of thanks was extended to the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club, host to the 1964 Federation meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 P. M.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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