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Corrections or omissions should be called to the attention of the Bibliography Committee; Sally Hoyt Spofford, John B. Belknap, Allen H. Benton, and Kenneth C. Parkes.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 26TH ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING FEDERATION OF NEW YORK STATE BIRD CLUBS, INC. FORSTMANN CONFERENCE CENTER, OLIVEREA, N.Y. MAY 18-20, 1973

The 26th Annual Meeting of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc. was held at the Forstmann Conference Center, Frost Valley YMCA, Olivera, N.Y. with the Sullivan County Audubon Society as hosts. The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. on May 18, 1973 by the president, Mr. Kenneth D. Niven. A quorum was declared with delegates from 15 clubs answering the roll call. Delegates from 3 additional clubs arrived later.

The delegates unanimously approved a vote to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1972 Council Meeting and accept them as published in the January 1973 issue of the *Kingbird*.

The treasurer, Mr. Stephen B. Dempsey presented his report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 12/31/72
AND FOR THE THEN ENDED YEAR

Cash on Hand 12/31/71	
Checking Account	\$1,944.86
Savings Account	7,912.68
Net Loss in 1972	(702.52)
Adjustment*	21.17
	\$9,176.19
 Cash on Hand 12/31/72	
Checking Account	\$ 879.23
Savings Account	8,296.96
	\$9,176.19

Income, 1972

Dues, Individual		
Annual — 373	\$1,866.00	
Sustaining — 17	127.50	
Supporting — 38	380.00	
Life — 6	225.00	
Student — 8	24.00	
		3,622.50
 Dues, Club — 39		1,062.05
Subscriptions & Sale of Kingbird		262.75
Miscellaneous		18.50
Annual Meeting		34.00
Interest on Savings Accounts (Accrued)		384.28
		\$4,384.08

Expenses 1972

Kingbird	\$4,454.86	
Membership	231.86	
Annual Meeting	69.95	
Hawk Program	15.00	
Dues	25.00	
Miscellaneous	25.10	
New York Birders	239.78	
Refunds (Over payment of dues, etc.)	24.25	
Bank Charges	.80	
		\$5,086.60
Net Loss		(\$702.52)

* Represents checks drawn in 1972 but not cleared until 1973 totalling \$36.17 less checks cleared in 1972 that had been drawn in 1971 totalling \$15.00.

HAWK NESTING FUND TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1972

Balance on Hand 1/1/72	\$949.14
Interest earned - Year 1972	43.46
Adjustment	(.33)
Balance on Hand 12/31/72	\$992.27

NOTE: The regular account is due \$15.00 for disbursements made in 1971 and \$15.00 for disbursements made in 1972.

The treasurer's reports were accepted as presented.

Mr. William B. Reeves presented the report of the auditing committee that he and Mr. Ralph Gioffi had examined the accounts and found them in good order. This report was also accepted as presented.

Mrs. Dorothy W. McIlroy, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the budget for the coming year as follows:

* Income		Expenses	
Dues, Individual	\$2,390.00	** KINGBIRD	\$3700.00
Dues, Club	1,060.00	Conservation	30.00
Subscriptions	160.00	Membership	210.00
Miscellaneous (incl. back KINGBIRD sales)	50.00	Annual Meeting	110.00
Bank Interest	390.00	Affiliation Dues	25.00
	<u>\$4,050.00</u>	Miscellaneous (incl. bank charges)	30.00
		N.Y. Birders	250.00
			<u>\$4355.00</u>

DEFICIT \$305.00

* Only spendable income listed; life membership payments excluded.

** Decrease due to lower printing cost of Oct. '72 issue, paid for in '73.
Otherwise would be higher.

The report of the Finance Committee was accepted as presented.

Mr. Niven pointed out the need to cut down on expenses.

After various suggestions on how to do this from the floor, Dr. Ed Reilly made a motion that meeting be held between the Treasurer and the Finance Committee to find ways to cut corners on expenses. This was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Frederick C. Dittrich, Circulation Manager of the *Kingbird* presented the following report:

	1970	1971	1972	1973
Individual Members	467	463	461	443
Members Clubs	33	30	36	36
Subscriptions	12	26	28	32
Exchanges	13	15	16	16
Complimentary	7	17	15	17

Dr. Gordon Meade questioned the discrepancy between dues paid in 1972 for 39 clubs in the Treasurer's report and the figure 36 in Dr. Dittrich's report. It was announced that the Onondaga Audubon Society had dropped their membership. Dr. Dittrich and Mr. Dempsey were to meet to find the other differences.

Mr. Joseph Taylor made a motion to send complimentary copies of the *Kingbird*

to the Editors of the Wilson's Bulletin and the Auk. The motion was passed unanimously.

The report of the Circulation Manager was then accepted.

Miss Elizabeth Feldhusen presented a summary report for the years 1970-1973 as Corresponding Secretary:

"The term of office of Corresponding Secretary didn't seem to get underway until late '71 for she apparently remained undiscovered until then. Because of the spottiness of the job it was decided to write a four year composite report rather than one for each year.

The peak year for inquiries from other organizations was 1972 which spilled over into 1973. Inquiries included an offer of a free listing for the 1972 Directory of Consumer Protection and Environmental Agencies, Center for California Affairs and involved completing a detailed questionnaire. The free directory promised was never received unless it went to one of the other officers.

A Garwood R. Wolff & Co., New York City, requested samples of publications for a Guide to Information Sources on the Environment.

Representatives at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Tennessee requested information to help them in their efforts to write environment impact statements concerning present and future power plant facilities and specifically terrestrial and aquatic information on the south shore of Lake Ontario.

Woodward-Envicon, Inc., Environmental Consultants of Clifton, New Jersey, inquired about historical information dealing with aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems in New York State.

An inquiry came from a Floridian who wished to contact bird clubs statewide as she planned to travel throughout New York State. A related inquiry was from a Queens College Student majoring in wildlife biology who wanted to join a local bird club.

Other correspondence concerned thanking Dr. Minnie B. Scotland, Cohoes, N.Y. and Mrs. Louise Van Acker, Lake Worth, Florida, for their back issues of the *Kingbird*.

The remainder of the correspondence was within the Federation family such as distributing notices for a presidents' special meeting, contacting other clubs in regards to the 1974 and 1975 annual meetings and replies and requests for Federation publications and other materials."

This report of the Corresponding Secretary was accepted.

Mr. Joseph Taylor, Editor, then presented his yearly report on the *Kingbird*. Mr. Taylor said his report was more optimistic this year and that the Assistant Editor, Mr. Douglas Kibbe, has been a great help. Regional reports have been more prompt and the *Kingbirds* will be published as promptly as possible, although at times they have to wait for the publishers. A Regional Reports Editor is needed to replace Dr. Fritz Scheider. The co-editors of Region 5 have also resigned.

Mr. Taylor's report was accepted by the delegates.

The report of the Waterfowl Committee was submitted by letter by Dr. David Peakall, and read into the minutes:

"The Waterfowl Count was undertaken for the entire state except the Adirondack Region. The count has been submitted to the *Kingbird* for publication. I would like to thank all persons, especially the Regional Leaders, who took part in the count. Comparison with the states aerial count showed that we came out well ahead except for the off-shore Brant count."

The annual report of the Bibliography Committee was received from Dr. Sally H. Spofford and accepted as read:

"The bibliography committee completed its compilation of references to Ornithology in New York State in 1971, and it will shortly be forwarded to the Editor

of the *Kingbird* for inclusion in the July, 1973 issue. We are beginning to compile the list for 1972 publications.

Again we plead with you to send to one of us reprints of articles in journals, monographs, or annotated checklists, we might overlook, or citations of such articles. We also want to have word of any we have over-looked in any previous publication of the list. Although we never hear anything from readers, (unless there is an omission or an error!) we do know that the list has been useful to students, researchers, and compilers of such material, as for the State Bird Book! Therefore we are willing and happy to continue getting together the material annually.

Hopefully, in the next few years, a list can be put out which will combine all these annual reports, thus up-dating the "Bibliography of New York State Ornithology" by Benton and Eaton, put out in 1952. Without these annual lists the job would be extremely difficult. To be complete, however, we need your help in regard to errors or omissions.

I wish to express again my appreciation to my committee, John Belknap, Allan Benton and Kenneth Parkes, for their fine help, and to all of you who have, in past years, brought to our attention articles and notes we might otherwise have overlooked."

Dr. Robert Wolk, in the absence of Mr. John Bull, reported on the progress of the State Bird Book. The manuscript is in the hands of the publisher and should be ready about a year from now. It will be a one volume, double column book with color plates, paintings, black & white photographs and color maps. It will be a big book and will probably sell for between \$15 and \$20.

It was suggested that there be an advance notice in the *Kingbird* about the State Bird Book. And Dr. Wolk's report was accepted by the council.

The area representatives presented their reports:

Area 2: Dr. Gordon Meade reported he had attended meetings of the clubs in his area and will contact the bird clubs in his area which are not members of the Federation. He pointed out the need for new membership applications and suggested that the area representatives be listed in the *Kingbird*. Mr. Niven announced that the representative for area 6 will be Mary Key.

Old Business — Under discussion of content of the *Kingbird*, a letter was read from Mr. Tom Davis who favors dropping the regional reports in the *Kingbird* because of coverage in *American Birds* and, instead, publish a yearly summary of the regional reports.

The consensus of the Council was that the regional reports should be continued and that they have definite value. It was pointed out that a major role of the Federation has been dissemination of bird reports. In the survey taken last year 90% liked the regional reports. Mr. Bull, in preparation for the State Bird Book, went through all the *Kingbird* regional records and they are an invaluable tool for environmental impact statements. They are also of value for use by beginners in the field.

It was announced that there is an index for the first ten years of the *Kingbird* available from Dr. Ed Reilly, but that there is no recent index.

After an announcement that a Conservation Meeting would be held at 7:30 P.M. the meeting was recessed until Saturday morning.

The meeting convened on Saturday morning with delegates from 2 additional clubs present.

Mr. Robert Arbib presented the report of the Publications Committee which was accepted by the council as follows: The Committee endorses the State Bird Book. They volunteer to index the second 10 years of the *Kingbird*. It is a problem to get articles and reports for the *Kingbird* which will continue as a quarterly. More individual members and subscriptions are needed. They would like to see the *Kingbird* grow and feel we should be able to have an individual membership of 1,000, with 10,000 active birders we should reach them with the *Kingbird*.

Dr. Gerhard Leubner had booklets entitled "Improve Your Environment" which were given to each club.

A greeting card was passed around and signed by all present to be sent to long time member and patron Mrs. Lillian Stoner. Mrs. Stoner now residing in Florida was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Richard Sloss read a note of regrets from Mrs. Albert Fudge. Mr. and Mrs. Fudge, longtime regulars at Federation meetings were unable to attend because of Mr. Fudge's ill health.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Robert Arbib presented the proposed slate of officers for 1974. Dr. Ed Reilly moved the nominations be closed. It was seconded and passed without opposition. The secretary was instructed to cast one vote for the entire slate. Elected into office were:

PRESIDENT: Dr. Gordon M. Meade

VICE-PRESIDENT: Mr. Richard A. Sloss

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Mary Ann Sunderlin

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Alice Jones

TREASURER: Mr. Stephen B. Dempsey

The following auditing committee was unanimously elected into office: Mr. William Reeves and Mr. Ralph Cioffi.

The nominating committee for 1974 was also unanimously elected into office: Mr. Martin Borko, Chairman, Dr. Ed Reilly, Dr. Robert Wolk.

Mrs. Myrna Hemmerick, chairman of the Membership Committee reported that there were 43 new members and 1 new club.

The new club, the Goudy Wildlife of Newburgh, was duly admitted into membership. Official invitations to join the Federation were extended to 2 Long Island clubs, the North Fork Audubon Society and the South Shore Audubon Society.

Dr. Frederick Dittrich reported on the number of dropped members — in 1970-65, 1971 — 33, 1972 — 45, and 1973 — probably 40.

Mr. Ken Niven raised the question about clubs applying for membership during the year but having wait until the next annual meeting to become members. As this is the way our by-laws are set up, it was suggested and agreed to by the Council that the report of the Membership Committee be the first item on the agenda at future council meetings so that new clubs may be voted into membership and have voting delegates at the same meeting.

Mr. Niven was asked if there was an officer's meeting scheduled. He replied that there was no definite date set, that 2 had been held in the past and that it would be of value to continue them.

It was also discussed whether or not reminders should be sent to the clubs to send delegates to the annual meetings. It was suggested that the area representatives see that the clubs send delegates and that a reminder notice could be on the slate of officers sent to the membership prior to the annual meeting.

The president reminded the delegates that 2 copies of the officers of their clubs should be sent each year to the corresponding secretary of the Federation and in the even numbered years a membership list.

It was questioned as to what use was made of the membership lists and why they were required. It was pointed out that this is a requirement of the by-laws-sec. 5, article 2. Dr. Ed Reilly made a motion which was seconded and passed that the officers study this question and consider the pros and cons of changing the by-laws, and this requirement.

The question also arose why the Onondage and Great South Bay Audubon Societies had dropped their membership in the Federation. Some of the delegates felt the amount of dues was a factor. Others felt the real problem is that some clubs have no real involvement with the Federation or have a change of officers

who know very little about the Federation. It was pointed out that this is one of the primary duties of the area representatives.

Mr. Richard Sloss suggested that the Federation set up a program bureau. Federation sponsored field trips were also suggested as ways to increase contact with member clubs.

Mr. Maxwell Wheat pointed out that one of the tools to reach the clubs is the New York Birders. Through this newsletter the Federation could offer field trips, ideas for programs and other activity ideas. Most clubs are provincial and need a sense of state. The Federation is the only organization to represent clubs in N.Y. State to save birds.

Dr. Dittrich reported that the N.Y. Birders will soon print some history of the Federation and remind readers of some of the Federation's accomplishments.

Mr. Maxwell Wheat, Chairman, presented his report of the Publicity Committee. The new Federation officers will soon receive a form to be filled out. From this, publicity releases on the officers and Federation will be sent out to newspapers in their local areas. The Hawk Nesting Program will also receive publicity in the future.

Mr. Ken Niven reported on the John J. Elliot Committee. No award has been made the last several years. (The award, in memory of John J. Elliot of Long Island and President of the Federation at the time of his death, is given to the single most worthy article in the Kingbird each year.) Hopefully it could be revived in the future and would be a stimulus for articles. There is a fund of \$1,000 plus. Perhaps there could be some publicity about the award in the Kingbird.

Mr. Niven thanked Dr. Ed Reilly for having attended and represented the Federation at hearings of the N. Y. State legislature in Albany. Dr. Reilly then announced that the monthly publication of the N. Y. State Dept. of Environmental Conservation entitled "N. Y. State Environment" publishes a list of environmental legislation which includes bill number, sponsor and summary of the bill. He also said that clubs should refer to him any bills they feel the Federation should act on and he will represent the Federation at the legislative hearings in Albany.

The Conservation Committee report was presented by the Chairman, Mr. Maxwell Wheat and approved in its entirety:

"Only a few years ago birders were about the only citizens fully involved in conservation (now known as environment). Organizations like the Federation tried to do what they could on the various fronts like air pollution and water pollution.

The Federation should continue to be concerned with the total movement and allow its name to be used as a strength for needed moves. But there are many organizations, and most aspects are represented by some concerned group.

In this context, the Federation's main responsibility and greatest contribution lies in the protection of birds in N. Y. State. No other group is going to do it zealously except birders. Indeed, it is the birders who should perform in this sector.

This would involve working closely with the Legislature, for which we need someone on the scene in Albany. It would mean watching the state agencies. It would mean following through on the local level through member clubs. It would also involve supporting (actively where possible) protection of habitats necessary for birds such as wetlands, rivers, woods, meadows, etc.

And we would support through use of our name and actively when possible needed legislation in Congress and, indeed, help for birds (particularly endangered species) throughout the world.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS (TO BE SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES) WERE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

Be it resolved that the Federation of New York State Birds Clubs, Inc., an affiliation of 36 clubs statewide, comprising several thousand individual members who are residents of N. Y. State,

1. SUPPORTS the designation of the Connetquot River in Suffolk County on Long Island as a N. Y. State Scenic River under the N. Y. State Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers System to effectively preserve a wilderness area on Long Island that is unique not only for its pristine water but for the breeding of at least 73 species of birds including the Canada Warbler, Wood Duck, Brown Creeper (perhaps the only nesting area on Long Island), and Gadwall (the easternmost site as far as known).

The Federation also stands ready to support similar action for the Carmans and Nissequoque Rivers on Long Island and other rivers throughout N. Y. State where it is demonstrated that these afford valuable habitat for birds.

2. OPPOSES the transfer of a portion of Hempstead Lake State Park in Nassau County on Long Island to the Village of Rockville Centre for use as a swimming and recreational area since this area, one of the few remaining in the vicinity with trees, understory and water, is important for resting and feeding migratory warblers and other birds, being, in fact, a popular place for birders from throughout the metropolitan area and, furthermore, it is an area with potential educational value for the increased numbers of people becoming interested in nature. The Federation also questions the legality of a village or town acquiring land owned by the accessible to the people of N. Y. State.

3. SUPPORTS the efforts of local clubs and other organizations in the Albany area for the preservation of parts of the so-called Albany sand plains or pine plains.

4. SUPPORTS the amending of the environmental conservation law to require an applicant for a hunting license to successfully complete an examination which shall determine his ability to identify protected birds.

5. OPPOSES the construction of any bridge across the western Long Island Sound from Long Island to Westchester (Oyster Bay — Rye) as an environmental disaster and as being of great destructive potential to the quality of life in Westchester and Nassau Counties and to all Long Island.

6. OPPOSES the conversion of Stewart Field into the 4th major jetport as it is economically seriously questionable, transportationwise unnecessary, and ecologically disastrous. The Federation recognizes the need for a constructive alternative.

7. SUPPORTS the master plan for the Adirondacks and further supports similar planning for the entire State as it provides a rational reasonable plan for living in harmony with our environment.

8. OPPOSES off-shore oil drilling off New York shores as a possible disaster to birds pending further study.

9. SUPPORTS a permanent ban on the importation of Monk Parakeets into the United States."

NEW BUSINESS: The following resolutions committee was appointed: James S. Van Scoy, Mildred Comer, Arthur Davidson, Elizabeth A. Feldhusen, Dr. Frederick C. Dittrich. ANNOUNCEMENTS: The 1974 Council Meeting will be held in Jamestown, N. Y., no date has been set.

Dr. Gordon Meade asked for a show of hands as to a preference for a spring or fall meeting. The consensus was for a fall meeting.

Mr. Stanley Quickmire announced that the National Audubon Society will be holding a northeastern states conference somewhere around May 18, 1974 and wishes to avoid a conflict with the Federation.

THE PAPER SESSION

1. Re-establishment of the Wild Turkey in the Catskills Winfred N. Ford
2. Singing Behavior of the Eastern Bluebird Mark A. Waruch
3. Birds of a Freshwater Tidal Marsh Edik Kiviat
4. Hawks and Owls of the Catskills William H. Robinson
5. Banding Shorebirds on Long Island LeRoy Wilcox
6. The Bird Poetry of Richard Eberhardt Maxwell C. Wheat, Jr.

The following resolution was presented at the Annual Banquet:

We, the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc. do express our thanks to the Sullivan County Audubon Society for serving as host club in arranging the 26th meeting of the Federation in the unique setting of the Frost Valley Conference Center.

The Host Club is to be especially commended for its fine coordination of the program and activities in a setting conducive to a fine camaraderie.

Respectfully Submitted,
Myrna Hemmerick

Mrs. Dayton Stoner, a Charter and Life Member of the Federation as well as its first Patron, has moved from Albany and is now living at Sunny Shores Villa, 125 56th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33705. Her many friends who missed her at the Annual Meeting will want to write here there.