

FEDERATION OF NEW YORK STATE BIRD CLUBS

38th ANNUAL MEETING

The 38th Annual Meeting of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc. was held Friday, 11 October, through Sunday, 13 October 1985 in Buffalo. The Buffalo Ornithological Society was host.

The Council of Delegates meeting, chaired by Charles Smith, President, was convened at 2:30 p.m., 11 October. Sixteen member clubs answered the roll call. The minutes of the 37th Annual Meeting were accepted as distributed and published in *The Kingbird*, Vol. XXXV, No. 3.

The Membership Committee Report was distributed by Myrna Hemmerick, Chairman, accepted and filed.

The Treasurer's Report for the calendar year 1984 was distributed by William Vaughan, Treasurer, accepted and filed. There was no report from the Auditing Committee.

The Publications Committee reported that the Co-Editors of *The Kingbird*, Emanuel Levine and John Farrand, have resigned after many years of service and will be succeeded by Paul DeBenedictis. A Region 8 Editor is still being sought. Mr. Levine and Mr. Farrand were honored with resolutions and certificates of appreciation at the banquet on Saturday.

It was announced that *New York Birders* is now being published six times a year.

A motion to accept the membership application of The Institute for the Study of Nature, Ornithological Society, was passed unanimously.

The Nominating Committee, Morgan Jones, Chairman; Stephen Dempsey and William Lee, proposed the following slate for election: Harriet Marsi, President; Berna Weissman, Vice President; Stanley Lincoln, Treasurer; Constance Wilkins, Corresponding Secretary; Marilyn Schindler, Recording Secretary. The Council voted unanimous approval. Mr. Smith then turned the chair over to Harriet Marsi.

The John J. Elliott Award was presented to John M. C. Peterson for his article, "First Record of Palm Warbler Nesting in New York State," *The Kingbird*, Vol. XXXIV, No. 1.

The Lillian C. Stoner Award was presented to Peter Hunt, nominated by the Cayuga Bird Club.

Paul DeBenedictis presented the report of the New York State Avian Records Committee, to be published in *The Kingbird*. He announced that new members of the committee are Barbara Spencer and Fritz Scheider. A new Chairman will be selected to replace Dr. DeBenedictis when he becomes Editor of *The Kingbird*.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned, to reconvene on Saturday morning.

Gordon Meade, Chairman of the Breeding Bird Atlas Committee, reported that field work for the project has been completed, with 99.6% of the Atlas blocks surveyed. Preparation for publication is proceeding under the Editorship of Robert Andrie.

The Waterfowl Count Report, printed in *The Kingbird*, was summarized by Walton Sabin, Chairman, who announced dates of 12 through 20 January for 1986.

President Marsi proposed that the 1985-1986 Nominating Committee consist of Charles Smith, Chairman, Richard Sloss and Pera Gorson and that the 1985-1986 Auditing Committee be Irving Cantor and Richard Sloss. The Council voted unanimous approval.

Lois Bautz, Endangered Species Unit, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, addressed the Delegates on issues of interest to the organization.

Neil Moon proposed that a Family Life Membership category be established. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Berna Weissman, Recording Secretary