

FEDERATION OF NEW YORK STATE BIRD CLUBS, INC.
54th ANNUAL MEETING
LIVERPOOL, NY SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2001
(ABRIDGED)

At 9:19 a.m. September 15, 2001, President Mary Alice Koenke called to order the meeting of the Council of Delegates. This was the 54th Annual Meeting of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc. and was hosted by the Onondaga Audubon Society.

A roll call of member clubs showed that 42 delegates represented 26 of 49 member clubs. The minutes of the 53rd Annual Meeting were approved as presented (motion by Valerie Freer; Bill Reeves, second).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Mary Alice Koenke
Activities of the Federation this past year were:

- Three provisional member clubs have asked for membership, bringing our total to 52 clubs. Individual memberships have also increased.
- New York State Avian Records Committee (NYSARC) continues to bring the state ornithological records up to date under the fine organization of Angus Wilson, Chair, and the rest of the committee. Annual reports, including some photographs, are now on the Federation Web site. Gerard Philips was appointed to fill a vacancy on the committee, and Jeanne Skelly has replaced Jim Lowe as Secretary.
- The Federation Web site continues to expand public awareness of the Federation and its activities.
- The Federation sponsored a team at the Montezuma Muckrace and provided gift memberships to the youth participants for the third year in a row. The Federation also supported the 5th Annual Lake Ontario Bird Festival in Mexico, NY.
- The Federation was represented at conservation meetings/hearings throughout the year and continues to support the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA) legislation.
- *The Kingbird* and *NY Birders* continue to publish quality articles and information for NY State's birding community. The Kingbird had its cover updated with new color artwork.
- A new project, the publication of a monograph: *Summary of the Hamlin Beach Lakewatch Fall and Winter Bird Data 1993-1999* by Brett Ewald and Dominic F. Sherony, is now complete.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bill Reeves presented the Treasurer's Report, distributing a detailed 2000 Annual Financial Report.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT:

The committee, Manny Levine, Irving Cantor, and Peter Capainolo reported that the financial statements fairly represent the financial condition of the Federation, and the records of the Federation are in good shape.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Valerie Freer reported that as of July 2001 there were 742 Individual Members and 71 Life Members for a total of 813. There were 52 Member Clubs, including the three provisional clubs, representing approximately 33,000 individuals.

ELECTION OF NEW CLUBS:

Three clubs have requested membership in the Federation: Four Harbors Audubon Society (700 Members), Pfeiffer Nature Center (119 Members), and South Shore Audubon Society (2000 Members). With a motion by Tim Baird, seconded by Barb Reuter, they were accepted into membership.

ATLAS 2000 COMMITTEE:

Valerie Freer reported that the project is going well.

PUBLICATIONS:

Manny Levine reported that Federation Checklists are available. *The Kingbird* and *New York Birders* are in good shape.

CONSERVATION:

Chairman Mary Alice Koenke reported that the Federation has taken an active role in statewide conservation issues as well as those impacting local clubs.

**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION (NYSDEC) REPORT:**

Peter Nye reported that Bob Miller has retired. The NYSDEC is working cooperatively with other agencies and organizations to monitor and manage many bird species as part of their wildlife management program.

NYSARC REPORT:

Kevin McGowan reported that the 1998 report is in the March 2001 issue of *The Kingbird*. Submissions to the committee are up.

FEDERATION WEB SITE:

Barbara Butler reported that the Federation Checklist is updated immediately on the Web site. There is a new section on reporting marked birds. The featured site is the Shawangunk Grassland. Hits to the site peaked at 30 per day in May 2001.

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT:

The following awards will be presented:

Gordon M. Meade Award – Dorothy Crumb
President's Award – Bob Miller
John J. Elliott Award – Andrew Guthrie and Angus Wilson
Lillian Stoner Award – Sarah Mae Pascoe

Certificates of Appreciation to:

Angus Wilson –for NYSARC activity
Jeff and Sue Capolito and Mr. & Mrs. Williams -
for permitting birders access to view Wood Storks on their property.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Chairman Valerie Freer reported nominations for officers (one year terms):

President – Timothy Baird
Vice-President – Richard Miga
Corresponding Secretary – Berna Lincoln
Recording Secretary – Brenda Best
Treasurer – William Reeves

She also reported nominations for Director (two year terms):

Bob Miller
William Ostrander
Michael Galas

Nominations were requested from the floor. Kevin McGowan motioned and John Confer seconded that the report of the Nominating Committee be approved unanimously.

FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

Bill Lee reported on field trips conducted during the past year.

COUNTY LISTING REPORT:

Berna Lincoln reported that approximately 90 to 100 members submit reports. These data are published in New York Birders.

ARCHIVES AND BIBLIOGRAPHY REPORT:

Phyllis Jones reported that a Bibliography Committee consisting of Barb Butler, Valerie Freer and Walt Sabin has been formed.

ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Mary Alice Koeneke, Stanley Lincoln and Kevin McGowan were nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee. Phyllis Jones motioned and Chad Covey seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF AUDITING COMMITTEE:

Manny Levine, Irving Cantor and Peter Capainolo were nominated to serve on the Auditing Committee. Kevin McGowan motioned and Barbara Butler seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mary Alice Koenekke, William Reeves and Berna Lincoln (Chairman) were nominated to serve on the Finance Committee. Andy Mason motioned and Bill Watson seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS:

The 2002 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Binghamton, NY on September 20-22, 2002.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard E. Miga
Recording Secretary

