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WINTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The winter meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Ornithological Society was held December 9, 1973, at the home of Celia White in Junction City with President Max C. Thompson presiding. Members present were Max C. Thompson, Dr. Dwight Platt, Amelia Betts, Eugene Lewis, Jean Schulenberg, Dr. Charles A. Ely, Dr. Stephen Fretwell, Mary Louise Myers, Ruth Fahl, Bob LaShelle and Mrs. White. Special guests were Walter E. Boles and Barbara Johnson of Kansas State Teachers' College, Emporia. Wally is chairman of the 1974 Spring Meeting which is to be held at KSTC.

The minutes of the 1973 spring meeting, spring board meeting and fall board meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$469.12 on December 6, 1973, in the checking account and \$1,591.16 in the savings account.

The report from the Membership Secretary indicated an increase of five members with a total membership of 358.

The Editor of the Bulletin has manuscripts for March and June issue which will feature a 25 Year History of KOS. The recent change to photo offset printing of the Bulletin and the resulting 50% reduction in cost were discussed. Dr. Ely recommended that while the quality could be improved, the cost was certainly desirable. Max Thompson moved to allow the printer one more issue to make adjustments, Dr. Fretwell seconded and the motion carried.

The News Letter Editor reported the mailing of the Newsletter and the Bulletin will be affected when Southwestern College changes over to an IBM system. Miss Betts suggested that Ruth Fahl's, the KOS Librarian, name and address be placed on the Bulletin. Also, it will be necessary to arrange for another Editor of the Newsletter for the next year.

The Conservation Chairman has been conferring with the President on several matters.

The Librarian reported sales of Bulletins to individuals and institutions and the need for determining a schedule of prices. 1950-60 \$1.00 per volume, 1961-current \$3.00 per volume was suggested and \$53.00 for a complete set.

Publicity Chairman discussed publicizing dates for Christmas Bird Counts.

The method of payment by check using a voucher system was next discussed. It was felt that the process could be speeded up by a change in the Constitution eliminating this procedure. To protect the Treasurer and future Treasurers, Mrs. White moved to change Article 7 Section 3 and Section 5 to read: Treasurer shall sign all checks and they shall be countersigned by the President or the Recording Secretary and no voucher will be needed. Dr. Fretwell seconded and the motion passed. An announcement will be printed in the Newsletter. Treasurer Lewis was directed to check with Capitol Federal Savings about the savings account. New checks will be required.

Walter E. Boles, chairman of the Spring Meeting, reported on progress at KSTC. He has secured a place for a get-together Friday night. He plans to ask Dr. David F. Parmelee to be our banquet speaker. Max C. Thompson was suggested as an alternative. He asked for recommendations on the type of banquet to be served and a buffet was preferred. He has secured a room for the paper sessions. He has invited Richard Schmidt to demonstrate the preparation of study skins and the museum will be available. Dr. Platt, in charge of the paper session this year, announced plans for a panel discussion. The effect of gas rationing on future meetings was mentioned.

President Thompson asked Mrs. Fauhl the status of CEAK and as this organization is no longer functioning, KOS will not renew its dues.

Honorable Life memberships were discussed. Eugene Lewis moved to establish a Citation for Outstanding Service to KOS with the membership making recommendations and the Board of Directors choosing the recipient. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fauhl and carried.

The fact that KOS has nothing in the Constitution to provide for gifts and bequests to the society was brought up by Gene Lewis. It was decided to consider this matter as KOS is a tax exempt organization and may receive funds for scholarships or gifts of property.

The price of copies of the Bulletin discussed earlier was clarified and Mrs. Fauhl promised to have figures on reproduction of scarce issues for the spring meeting.

According to Max C. Thompson and Dr. Ely, they are making progress on their book, Birds of Kansas.

With no further business, Eugene Lewis moved for adjournment, Dr. Platt seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean H. Schulenberg
Recording Secretary

Bird Notes

Northern Kansas--

Of the many birds I saw on 17 June 1961 on a trip through northern Kansas, the two following sightings may be of interest:

American Magpie approximately 3 miles south of Portis, Osbourne County, Kansas.

Baltimore Oriole between Claudell, Phillips County, Kansas, and the turn-off to Kirwin Dam (on State Highway 9).

Emma H. Messerly

Pittsburg--

1973 was an unusual year for birds at our home five and one-half miles southwest of Pittsburg. Unusual because of the scarcity of nesting species. For the first time in 50 years the House Wren, Catbird, Brown Thrasher and Orchard Oriole did not nest here. Four male House Wrens arrived in March and took up their stations at nest boxes. After calling for three weeks or so, three of the males left. The fourth male stayed all summer calling from different boxes, but no females appeared. The Baltimore Oriole passed us by for the first time in many years. For at least 15 years I have had large numbers of Tree Sparrows at my feeding stations during the winter months. None appeared during the year of 1973.

Our Christmas County was very low. Usually Common Grackles, Cowbirds and Red-winged Blackbirds add thousands of individuals to our count. This count no Grackles or Cowbirds were seen, and comparatively few Redwings.

Bessie Boso

DON'T FORGET THE SPRING MEETING

APRIL 27-28

CALL FOR PAPERS
KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
SPRING MEETING, 27-28 APRIL, 1974
EMPORIA STATE COLLEGE, EMPORIA

The paper session for this year's spring meeting will be held on Saturday, morning and afternoon. The program for the meeting is now being composed and any member who feels that he/she has something he/she would like to present is urged to do so. Please use the following form to submit the title of the paper, time required, and any special equipment that is needed. Return to Dwight Platt, Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, 67117.

KOS SPRING MEETING, PAPER SESSION, 27 APRIL 1974, EMPORIA STATE COLLEGE

Name: _____ Address: _____

Title of Paper: _____

Time Required: _____ minutes. Special Equipment Needed: _____

(Send to Dwight Platt, Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas 67117 by April 1, 1974)

Best Bird of the year nominations. Send your nominations to Dr. Charles A. Ely, Fort Hays State College, Hays, Kansas 67601.

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Closing date is April 15, 1974. All birds after that date will be included in the 1975 birds.