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Welcome to More New KOS Members!

Roy & Pat Beckemeyer, Wichita; Barbara Campbell, Garden City; Wayne Dickerson, Lawrence; Melinda Droege, Bartlesville, OK; Joyce Gottschamer, Pomona; K. D. Hansen, Kansas City; Harry Heckethorn, McPherson; Ms. Marion Hughes, Mission Hills; Betty Huffman, Altamont; Delford & Regina Jamison, Garnett; H. Gordon Jones, Great Bend; Martha King, Eldorado; Shari Krentzel, Oskaloosa; Mary Sue Rose, Lenexa; Paul Schowalter, Larned; F. W. Shelton, Jr., Wichita; Georgia Shultz, Wakarusa; Richard & Kimberly Smith and Betty Strand, Leavenworth.

Spring 1992 Meeting Attendance and Highlights

The joint meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society and the Colorado Field Ornithologists held in St. Francis, Kansas and Bonny Reservoir, Colorado May 8-10 was a success despite unfavorable weather and light attendance. Saturday the wind gusted from the South at approximately 50 mph, blowing in dust and tumbleweeds but few rare birds. The Saturday evening cookout had to be replaced by supper in a restaurant in St. Francis because of the potential for prairie fires. But some hardy campers spend both nights in tents at the reservoir despite wind, broken tent poles and later, rain.

The group found 121 species with highlights such as Northern Parula, Yellow-throated Warbler and Painted Bunting. Some members birding on the way to and from the meeting found a few interesting birds including Hermit Thrush in Thomas Co., Red Crossbill in Cheyenne Co. and Virginia's Warbler in Scott County.

Thanks to all who helped with the meeting even if it was simply by attending. It was a great opportunity for Kansans and Coloradans to get acquainted and both groups expressed interest in more such joint meetings.

Those attending from Colorado included David Pantle, Joe TenBrink, Jean Maquire, all of Denver; Peter Gent, Boulder; Bob & Juv Fleming, Golden; Bill & Margi Elliot, Lakewood; Bill & Inez Prather, Longmont; and Bob Dickson, Pueblo. Representing Kansas were Dave & Linda Bryan, Overland Park; John Schukman, Leavenworth; David Seibel, Ann Erickson, Lawrence; Pam Wilson, Stanley; Lowell & Wanda Johnson, Ted & Tim Cable, Manhattan; Gregg, Joanna & Rebecca Friesen, Newton; Mike Rader, Wilson; Ray & Karen Ganoung, Hoisington; Michael & Janice Speers, Paul Schowalter, Larned; and Scott & Diane Seltman, Nekoma. One out-of-range birder, Bill Evans, joined us from Mecklenburg, NY.

Bird Species Seen at Spring Meeting in Cheyenne County, KS & Yuma County, CO, May 9 & 10, 1992

White Pelican	CO	Great Horned Owl	KS	CO	Yellow Warbler	KS	CO
Double-crested		Burrowing Owl		CO	Yellow-rumped Warbler	KS	CO
Cormorant	CO	Chimney Swift	KS	CO	Yellow-throated		
Great Blue Heron	KS	Belted Kingfisher	KS	CO	Warbler	KS	
Green-backed Heron	KS	Red-headed Woodpecker	KS	CO	American Redstart		CO
Canada Goose		Red-bellied Woodpecker	KS	CO	Northern Waterthrush	KS	CO
Wood Duck	KS	Downy Woodpecker	KS	CO	Common Yellowthroat	KS	CO
Mallard	KS	Hairy Woodpecker	KS		Wilson's Warbler		CO
Blue-winged Teal		Northern Flicker	KS	CO	Yellow-breasted Chat	KS	
Cinnamon Teal		Olive-sided Flycatcher		CO	Northern Cardinal	KS	
Northern Shoveler		Least Flycatcher	KS		Rose-breasted Grosbeak	KS	
Gadwall		<i>Empidonax</i> species	KS		Black-headed Grosbeak	KS	CO
American Wigeon		Eastern Phoebe	KS		Blue Grosbeak	KS	
Redhead		Say's Phoebe	KS		Lazuli Bunting		CO
Lesser Scaup		Great-crested Flycatcher	KS		Indigo Bunting		CO
Ruddy Duck		Western Kingbird	KS	CO	Painted Bunting		CO
Turkey Vulture	KS	Eastern Kingbird	KS	CO	Rufous-sided Towhee	KS	CO
Mississippi Kite	KS	Horned Lark	KS	CO	Cassin's Sparrow		CO
Osprey		N. Rough-winged			Chipping Sparrow	KS	CO
Bald Eagle	CO	Swallow	KS	CO	Clay-colored Sparrow	KS	CO
Northern Harrier	KS	Cliff Swallow	KS	CO	Vesper Sparrow	KS	CO
Sharp-shinned Hawk	KS	Barn Swallow	KS	CO	Lark Sparrow	KS	CO
Cooper's Hawk	KS	Blue Jay	KS	CO	Lark Bunting	KS	CO
Swainson's Hawk	KS	Black-billed Magpie	KS	CO	Savannah Sparrow	KS	
Red-tailed Hawk	KS	American Crow	KS	CO	Grasshopper Sparrow		CO
Ferruginous Hawk		Black-capped Chickadee	KS	CO	Song Sparrow		CO
American Kestrel	KS	Rock Wren	KS		Lincoln's Sparrow	KS	CO
Ring-necked Pheasant	KS	House Wren	KS	CO	White-throated Sparrow		CO
Wild Turkey	KS	Eastern Bluebird		CO	White-crowned Sparrow	KS	CO
Northern Bobwhite	KS	Townsend's Solitaire	KS		Red-winged Blackbird	KS	CO
American Coot		Swainson's Thrush	KS	CO	Western Meadowlark	KS	CO
Killdeer	KS	American Robin	KS	CO	Yellow-headed Blackbird		CO
Lesser Yellowlegs		Gray Catbird	KS		Great-tailed Grackle	KS	CO
Solitary Sandpiper		Northern Mockingbird		CO	Common Grackle	KS	CO
Spotted Sandpiper	KS	Brown Thrasher	KS	CO	Brown-headed Cowbird	KS	CO
Upland Sandpiper		Cedar Waxwing	KS	CO	Orchard Oriole	KS	CO
Franklin's Gull		Loggerhead Shrike	KS	CO	Northern Oriole	KS	CO
Ring-billed Gull		European Starling	KS	CO	House Finch	KS	
Forster's Tern		Solitary Vireo		CO	Pine Siskin	KS	CO
Rock Dove	KS	Warbling Vireo	KS	CO	American Goldfinch	KS	CO
Mourning Dove	KS	Orange-crowned Warbler		CO	House Sparrow	KS	CO
Barn Owl	KS	Northern Parula	KS				

You'll notice a new address is on the masthead this month. Don Vannoy has turned the reins over to Chuck Otte of Junction City. Don has served us well, but has decided to turn more of his time to birding and whatever else it is one does when happily retired. (Is there anything else?). Anyway, **Thank You**, Don and Good Luck, Chuck.

Despite the other changes in "management," I'm still doing the typing (Dawn Sharp, that is). Since I had some time due to this and that, I've made some changes. Drop a note to Chuck (see p. 1) and tell us whether you like it or not.

One more tiny thing...if you have something to add to this newsletter that will make it full of information and ideas that will turn heads, **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE**, have it to the editor by February 20, May 20, August 20 or November 20. This gives time for clarifications, editing, software problems, hardware problems, illness and any other else that could possibly go wrong. (Does anybody get the feeling that I speak from experience?)

And...(as they say)...Now for something completely different...

NEWS FROM THE KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

As you know, the Kansas Bird Records Committee (KBRC) adopted "new" Procedural Rules that were accepted by the KBRC and the KOS Board of Directors at the 1990 Fall KOS meeting. The Committee experienced some difficulties while getting use to doing things in a new and formal way and got off to a fairly slow start. However, those difficulties have, for the most part, been dealt with and the Committee is well on its way to operating much more smoothly and efficiently. The June 1992 issue of the KOS Bulletin contains the 1991 Annual Report of the KBRC.

This issue of the *Horned Lark* is going to hopefully inform you about the logistical workings, operational procedures, and philosophy behind the KBRC. Included in this issue is a reprint of an article that appeared in the Point/Counterpoint column of the December 1991 issue of "Birding" magazine. This excellent article is a good introduction to the rationale and necessity for rare bird documentation. Another article that has just been published in the current issue (June 1992) of "Birding" magazine is an absolute "must read" article, for any serious birder, entitled "How to Document Rare Birds" by Donna L. Dittmann and Greg W. Lasley! This article, I predict, will become the "standard" reference for anyone wishing to learn how to properly document bird sightings. If you have any questions about what it takes to write a good record submission, read this article! In response to that oft asked question: "Which bird sightings should I document and submit

to the KBRC?", refer to the KBRC Review List that is also found printed in this issue.

As a matter of catching up with old bookkeeping chores, also included in this issue are the minutes of three KBRC meetings that were held in April 1991, September 1991, and February 1992. In the future, minutes of KBRC meeting will be published in the next available issue of the *Horned Lark* after the meeting has taken place.

In the March 1991 issue of the *Horned Lark* a complete set of the Procedural Rules of the KBRC was reprinted, which spell out the logistical rules by which the Committee operates. Also, if you read the minutes of the KBRC you will see that as new situations arise new operational "policies" are adopted and old ones evolve or are abandoned. As an aid to understanding how the KBRC functions and to simply keep you informed there is an article included in this issue that updates and interprets the current policies and rules.

Hopefully this issue of the *Horned Lark* will answer many of your questions about the KBRC and make it easier for you to participate in documenting rare bird sightings in Kansas and therefore make an even greater contribution to what's known about bird distribution in Kansas.

Galen L. Pittman, KBRC Secretary



Kansas Bird Records Committee Review List

This review list is intended to be a guide for all potential contributors to the Kansas Bird Records Committee as to which species of birds are in need of documentation in Kansas. The four categories listed below are in descending order of importance. The species are listed in taxonomic order within each category.

1. Any species that is **not** currently on the KOS Checklist of Birds of Kansas and is naturally occurring within the state should be documented with physical evidence (e.g., specimens, photos, videos, etc.) whenever it is sighted within the state!
2. Hypothetical species: These species are either already on the KOS Checklist of Birds of Kansas and will be designated as "hypothetical" on the

next edition or are due to be added to the next edition as "hypothetical." All of these species need to be documented with physical evidence whenever they are sighted in the state.

Clark's Grebe
 Eurasian Wigeon
 Common Black-headed Gull
 Great Black-backed Gull
 White-winged Dove
 Western Screech-Owl
 White-throated Swift
 Williamson's Sapsucker
 Black Phoebe
 Fish Crow
 Western Bluebird
 Lesser Goldfinch

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3. Species with less than 10 records in Kansas. These species should be documented whenever they are sighted in the state.

Red-throated Loon
Red-necked Grebe
Brown Pelican
Magnificent Frigatebird
White Ibis
Roseate Spoonbill
Wood Stork
Greater Flamingo
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
Garganey
Common Eider
King Eider
Barrow's Goldeneye
Am. Swallow-tailed Kite - greater than 10 records, but not recently
Black-shouldered Kite
Harris' Hawk
Gyr Falcon
Spotted Redshank
Eskimo Curlew - greater than 10 records, but not recently
Curlew Sandpiper
Ruff
Pomarine Jaeger
Long-tailed Jaeger
Little Gull
Black Skimmer
Band-tailed Pigeon
Magnificent Hummingbird
Black-chinned Hummingbird
Anna's Hummingbird
Calliope Hummingbird
Broad-tailed Hummingbird
Hammond's Flycatcher
Gray Flycatcher
Cordilleran Flycatcher
Gray-breasted Jay
Black-capped Vireo - greater than 10 records, but not recently
Virginia's Warbler
Hermit Warbler
Swainson's Warbler
Connecticut Warbler
Pyrrhuloxia
Bachman's Sparrow
Black-throated Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow
Scott's Oriole

4. Species with greater than 10 records, but with uncertain or changing status in the state. These species (though well established as occurring in the state) are found sufficiently infrequently that

additional data is needed to determine their current status within the state. These species should be documented whenever sighted or if designated with a "*" whenever found outside the stated range.

Pacific Loon
Anhinga
Tricolored Heron
Fulvous Whistling-Duck
Trumpeter Swan
Brant
Black Scoter
Surf Scoter
White-winged Scoter
Black Vulture
Ruffed Grouse
Sharp-tailed Grouse* - extreme northwest Kansas
Yellow Rail
Black Rail* - Stafford County
Snowy Plover* - Barton and Stafford Counties
Piping Plover
Mountain Plover* - extreme western Kansas
Red Knot* - Barton and Stafford Counties
Red Phalarope
Parasitic Jaeger
Laughing Gull
California Gull
Thayer's Gull
Glaucous Gull
Black-legged Kittiwake
Sabine's Gull
Inca Dove
Common Ground-Dove
Rufous Hummingbird* - southwest and southcentral Kansas
Groove-billed Ani
Lewis' Woodpecker* - southwest Kansas
Red-naped Sapsucker
Ladder-backed Woodpecker* - southwest Kansas
Dusky Flycatcher
Vermilion Flycatcher
Cassin's Kingbird* - Morton County
Violet-green Swallow* - western Kansas
Steller's Jay* - southwest Kansas
Scrub Jay* - southwest Kansas
Pinyon Jay* - southwest Kansas
Clark's Nutcracker
Chihuahuan Raven* - southwest Kansas
Common Raven
Mountain Chickadee* - southwest Kansas
Bushtit* - southwest Kansas
Pygmy Nuthatch
Varied Thrush
Sage Thrasher* - Morton County

Curve-billed Thrasher* - Morton County
 Blue-winged Warbler
 Golden-winged Warbler
 Cape May Warbler
 Black-throated Blue Warbler
 Black-throated Gray Warbler
 Townsend's Warbler
 Yellow-throated Warbler* - Cherokee County
 Pine Warbler
 Prairie Warbler
 Cerulean Warbler* - Linn and Cherokee
 Counties
 Worm-eating Warbler

MacGillivray's Warbler* - southwest Kansas
 Hooded Warbler
 Green-tailed Towhee
 Canyon Towhee* - Morton County
 Rufous-crowned Sparrow* - Morton County
 Brewer's Sparrow* - southwest Kansas
 Sage Sparrow* - Morton County
 Baird's Sparrow
 Sharp-tailed Sparrow
 Pine Grosbeak
 Cassin's Finch* - southwest Kansas
 White-winged Crossbill

Clarification of the Procedural Rules and Policies of the KBRC

Several very important policies concerning the submission of bird records for evaluation by the Committee should be made clear to all potential contributors.

First, all bird record submissions should be "complete" before they can be circulated for evaluation. A complete submission includes not only the pertinent information concerning what species was seen, when, where, and by whom, but also the conditions under which it was observed and, last but not least, a **complete written description** of the bird detailing relevant field marks, behavior and/or diagnostic characteristics that were actually observed. This written description is highly encouraged, even if photographs, sound recordings, and/or sketches are included. Under special circumstances bird records can be accepted for circulation with only photographic evidence to back-up the identification, but those photographs must show all the relevant field marks and be "irrefutable"!

The second policy that contributors should be aware of is that the Committee will **only accept photographic materials or tapes or sketches** that are "non-returnable" to the contributor. All submitted materials become the property of the KBRC. Also we request that all photographic evidence be submitted in the form of "prints."

The third policy, that was recently adopted is one that requires all circulated records to be distributed, on the first circulation, with the names of the submitted and any other observers obliterated! This anonymity should promote greater objectivity when evaluating records, and help achieve one of our main goals, which is to not "judge" birders, but to evaluate the merits of significant bird sightings in Kansas.

The following are several Procedural Rules that are important to keep in mind. The rules allow for the resubmission (section VI.C) of any record regardless of whether a final decision has been reached, if and only if, new and substantial evidence is submitted that could reverse the previous decision. It is at the discretion of the Secretary of the KBRC that resubmissions are actually circulated for re-examination. The rules require a vote to be decisive before it is final and if it is non-decisive (four yes votes and three no votes) the record must be recirculated (see sections VI.E.9. and VI.D.3). If a record still receives a non-decisive vote the second time, then it receives a third and final review. *A record under no circumstances can be accepted by the Committee without at least five or more yes votes!*



Minutes of the KBRC meeting at the home of Max Thompson in Winfield, KS, 6 April 1991

Minutes were recorded by Galen Pittman. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chairperson Max Thompson.

Members present were Max Thompson (MCT), Chuck Ely (CAE), Galen Pittman (GLP), Scott

Seltman (SS), Lloyd Moore (LDM), Roger Boyd (RLB), and Mick McHugh (ESM).

LDM moved and ESM seconded a motion that acting Secretary Galen Pittman be elected to the position of Secretary of the KBRC. The motion passed.

RLB moved and LDM seconded a motion that acting Chairperson Max Thompson be elected to the

position of Chairperson of the KBRC. The motion passed.

After a discussion and a consensus agreement was reached, the current members and alternates to the Committee were assigned the following "official" positions on the KBRC:

- Position #1: Chuck Ely
- Position #2: Scott Seltman
- Position #3: Marvin Schwilling
- Position #4: Max Thompson
- Position #5: Lloyd Moore
- Position #6: Galen Pittman
- Position #7: Roger Boyd
- Alternate #1: Mick McHugh
- Alternate #2: Ted Cable

The KOS Checklist of the Birds of Kansas was reviewed and the several changes and updates (some of which were necessitated by the adoption of the "hypothetical" category in the Procedural Rules accepted in October 1990) were designated for the next edition. These changes and updates also reflect the new policy, adopted by the Committee, that asterisks (*) species retain that status on the checklist for the first ten records instead of five. Extinct and extirpated species will be reinserted, in taxonomic order, on the checklist. The species affected are the following:

- Red-throated Loon - add "*"
- Red-necked Grebe - add "*"
- Clark's Grebe - add "*" & "hypothetical"
- Brown Pelican - add "*"
- Magnificent Frigatebird - add "*"
- White Ibis - add "*"
- Roseate Spoonbill - add "*"
- Eurasian Widgeon - add "*" & "hypothetical",
change spelling of "Widgeon" to "Wigeon"
- American Widgeon - change spelling of "Widgeon" to "Wigeon"
- Harris' Hawk - add "*"
- Little Gull - add "*"
- Common Black-headed Gull - add "hypothetical"
- Great Black-backed Gull - add "hypothetical"
- White-winged Dove - add "hypothetical"
- Western Screech-Owl - add "hypothetical"
- White-throated Swift - add "hypothetical"
- Anna's Hummingbird - add to the list with "*" & "hypothetical"
- Broad-tailed Hummingbird - add "*" & "hypothetical"
- Williamson's Sapsucker - add "*" & "hypothetical"
- Hammond's Flycatcher - add "*" & "hypothetical"
- Black Phoebe - add "hypothetical"
- Fish Crow - add to the list with "*" & "hypothetical"
- Western Bluebird - add to the list with "*" & "hypothetical"
- Virginia's Warbler - add "*" & "hypothetical"

Golden-crowned Sparrow - add "*" & "hypothetical"
Lesser Goldfinch - add "hypothetical"

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Minutes of the KBRC meeting at the home of John Schukman in Leavenworth, KS, 20 September 1991, at the KOS fall meeting

Minutes were recorded by Galen Pittman. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 PM by Chairperson Max Thompson.

—Members present were Max Thompson (MCT), Marvin Schwilling (MDS), Galen Pittman (GLP), Scott Seltman (SS), and Ted Cable (TTC).

MCT announced that Chuck Ely has tendered his resignation to the Committee and that it had been accepted. It was the consensus of the Committee that the first alternate (Mick McHugh) be suggested to the current KOS President, David Seibel, to be appointed to serve out the remainder of the term for Position #1 (previously held by Chuck Ely). It was further suggested that the second alternate (Ted Cable) move up to the first alternate's position (vacated by McHugh) and that a brand new person (totally of the President's choosing) should be appointed to the second alternate's position by the President. [Later, after being informed of the suggestions of the Committee during the KOS fall meeting, David Seibe appointed Mick McHugh to KBRC Position #1, Ted Cable to KBRC Alternate # 1, and himself to KBRC Alternate # 2.]

GLP presented a list of topics for discussion which were discussed and accepted by consensus vote. The following is a list of the policies adopted by the Committee:

1. The KBRC Procedural Rules require members to cast their votes and return the completed validation forms to the Secretary within 30 days of receipt. If a member is delinquent in returning his validation form, the following policy will take affect. As soon as the 30 days are up, the Secretary will send the delinquent member a notification that the allotted time period has past and that he has 10 more days to respond. If at the end of that period the Secretary has still not received the member's vote(s) the appropriate alternate will be pressed into service to vote in his place including any needed recirculation votes on that particular record(s).
2. All KBRC record submissions should have written descriptions included, regardless of whether there is photograph evidence submitted or not. If a submission is received that would ordinarily be circulated and is incomplete, it should be returned to the contributor (without being circulated) and a

request made, of the contributor, to resubmit a "complete" record form. In addition, it should be explained that the KBRC can only circulate and vote on "complete" records. It will be at the discretion of the KBRC Secretary to determine whether or not a record submission is complete.

3. All photographic evidence submitted to the KBRC shall be required to be non-returnable, whether "prints" or video tapes; and that any slides or negatives that are submitted be sent back and a request made for copies that the KBRC can keep for its archives.
4. The KBRC shall send all contributors an acknowledgement of the receipt of the record submission, inform the submitter whether or not his record is being circulated, and report to him, individually, the results of any votes taken and the final disposition of that record.
5. When a record needs to be re-circulated, the contributor can submit additional information before re-circulation. A contributor can resubmit a rejected record if there is presented new and substantial evidence that might reverse that decision. The KBRC Secretary has the discretion to circulate it again if he thinks the new evidence presented warrants a re-examination.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Minutes of the KBRC meeting at the home of Marvin Schwilling in Emporia, KS, 22 February 1992

Minutes were recorded by Mick McHugh. The meeting was called to order at 11:15 AM by Chairperson Max Thompson.

Members present were Max Thompson (MCT), Marvin Schwilling (MDS), Galen Pittman (GLP), Mick McHugh (ESM), Roger Boyd (RLB), and Lloyd Moore (LDM).

GLP distributed a list of all previously submitted records with an account of the disposition of those records, including all votes. GLP discussed criteria for documentation.

LDM moved and RLB seconded a motion to form a subcommittee to draft a "review" list of bird species that the KBRC needs to receive documentations for. This draft would be presented to the full committee for editing and final approval and would be made available to the public by being published in the Horned Lark. The motion passed. MCT appointed GLP and LDM to produce the list. This review list will include any species that are designated as hypothetical or for which there are 10 or less records for Kansas. In addition, this list will

include species that there are more than 10 records for in the state but their distributional status is in question.

GLP initiated a discussion of record evaluation, i.e., the need to make the voting responses of the committee members as scientific as possible and to strive to recognize the inherent biases in this process so as to reduce errors. MCT asked all members present about the criteria that they use to evaluate bird records. ESM moved and MDS seconded a motion to require that a KBRC bird record submission, in addition to the standard details of the circumstances of the sighting, include a complete written description and/or irrefutable photographic (including video) evidence and/or verified specimen evidence to document the identification of the bird. In addition, the KBRC Secretary will have the discretion to determine whether or not the photographic evidence presented is "irrefutable" and thus determine if the record could be circulated without a written description. The motion passed.

GLP read notes from the two previous meetings of the KBRC on 6 April 1991 at Winfield and on 20 September 1991 at Leavenworth. LDM made a motion that the KBRC reimburse submitters for the cost of photos or tapes that are submitted to the Committee with record submissions. The motion died for lack of a second.

ESM moved and RLB seconded a motion to establish that all bird records for Kansas published in the KOS Bulletin include a caveat that indicates that this record has either been accepted, rejected, is under review, or has not been submitted to the KBRC. The motion was withdrawn after discussion.

MCT (current KOS Bulletin editor) indicated that he would request write-ups for rare bird records submitted to the Bulletin if photographs are received without written documentation. It was agreed that the Bulletin editor has the discretion to control what is published in the Bulletin in regards to bird records.

MCT also agreed to publish the "Annual Report of the KBRC" in the June issue of the Bulletin. Each annual report of the committee will cover a calendar year and be published in the June Bulletin following that year. The current report will include the activities of the Committee from Oct 1990 through Dec 1991.

GLP moved and MCT seconded a motion to remove section II.G from the Procedural Rules of the KBRC. This section reads: Choose the "ten best Kansas birds of the year" from among those submitted to and accepted by the Committee annually (the year being defined as from 1 June to 31 May), to be announced at the annual fall meeting of the KOS and subsequently published in The Horned Lark. The motion passed. The intention of this change is not to do away with the "top ten birds of the year", but to

