

Spring Meeting

Elkhart

Morton County, Kansas

April 30 — May 1

KOS WINTER BOARD MEETING
February 12, 1983
Marvin Schwilling home, Emporia

Members present: Boyd, Cink, Hall, Herbert, Lewis, Platt, Seibel, Seltman, Thompson. Non-voting: Fauhl, Schwilling.

After a delicious lunch prepared by Mrs. Schwilling, the Board Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Cal Cink.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Fall Board Meeting were approved.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dwight Platt reported for Jane Hershberger that membership renewals were well ahead of last year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer reported that the finances were in good order and projected an income for 1983 of approximately \$3000 and expenses of less than \$2200 (See attached report).

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: Cal Cink reported for John Zimmerman that more papers are needed for the Bulletin.

SPRING FIELD TRIP 1983: It is not possible to go to Camp Horizon as the camp was already booked for our usual dates. Max Thompson suggested that we go to Morton County. Roger Boyd moved that the 1983 Spring Field Trip be held in Morton County, Kansas, on April 30 and May 1. David Seibel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

SPRING FIELD TRIP 1984: The 1984 Spring Field Trip has been scheduled for May 5 and 6 at Camp Horizon.

FALCONRY BILL: Cal Cink reported that Scott Johnson, President of the Kansas Falconers' Group, had contacted him about KOS recommendations for a falconry bill. Cal told him that KOS was opposed to any falconry bill.

Eulalia Lewis reported that a falconry bill had been introduced in the House by the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. She emphasized the need for lobbying, if this bill is to be defeated. She will schedule people to talk with legislators. She asked members of the Board to volunteer and to tell her when they could visit legislators.

NEW KANSAS FISH AND GAME COMMISSION REGULATION: A new regulation no. 23-8-11 has been passed by the Kansas Fish and Game Commission with regard to the public use of wildlife areas under their jurisdiction. The regulation prohibits the "disturbing" of birds or animals and concern was raised about the definition of "disturbing." It was decided to wait and see how the regulation was interpreted before we approach the Fish and Game Commission.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Ruth Fauhl had no report. A question was raised as to where extra recent Bulletins are kept. Max Thompson is keeping extra Bulletins for a year and then they are sent to Ruth Fauhl.

PRINTING OF BULLETIN: Max Thompson reported that he had changed printers for the Bulletin, had adopted a new type and had reduced the number printed to 500.

OVERSEAS LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTIONS: Max Thompson reported that KOS is losing money on overseas library subscriptions. Gene Lewis moved that overseas libraries be assessed a \$2 surcharge on their subscriptions to the KOS Bulletin. Charles Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

KOS T-SHIRTS: Max Thompson reported that Wildlife Enterprises in Florida will provide KOS t-shirts of our own design at \$4-5 a piece. Max will arrange to obtain some t-shirts for sale. The design will include a horned lark and the words "Kansas Ornithological Society."

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING: David Seibel moved that we allow and encourage paid advertisements in the KOS Newsletter. Roger Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed.

AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS MEETING: Cal Cink reported that the American Ornithologists Union will meet in Lawrence in August 1984. He had told Marion Mengel that KOS would help sponsor the meeting. KOS may have to help with a field trip to Cheyenne Bottoms.

DINGUS NATURAL AREA COMMITTEE REPORT: Gene Lewis reported that he had been informed by Dorothy Wade that the small acreage on the north side had been sold. The purchasers are aware of the adjoining natural area. Nothing has been done yet about the telephone cable that was buried on the natural area.

WETLANDS PURCHASES: Max Thompson reported that The Nature Conservancy and the Melon Foundation plan to spend 50 million dollars to acquire wetlands. He suggested that inquiry might be made about their interest in acquiring some Kansas wetlands, such as the Muscotah Marsh.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT: David Seibel reported that he had been approached by a person in Lawrence to ask if KOS would supply some materials for a beginning course on birds which he planned to offer. It was suggested that he write a proposal to KOS.

BYLAWS: Dwight Platt reported that there were some discrepancies between the corrected version of the Bylaws prepared by Charles Ely and the official records. Platt was asked to prepare a copy of the amended Bylaws from the official records and send it to Board members along with a list of the discrepancies with the version that Ely had prepared.

FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Seltman reported that there would be a field trip in western Kansas in April.

BIRD ART SHOW: David Seibel reported that Kathy Seibel was having a showing of her bird art at the Lawrence Art Center until February 25 and Board members were invited to visit it.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: Cal Cink asked whether KOS needed an awards committee. It was pointed out that KOS has an Outstanding Service Awards Committee.

A suggestion was made that we might give awards for the best papers presented at annual meetings. Max Thompson moved that the best amateur paper and the best student paper presented at the annual meeting be given awards at the Banquet. Referees for the paper awards are to be appointed by the President. Scott Seltman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ABSTRACTS OF PAPERS: David Seibel moved that authors of papers to be presented at the annual meeting be requested to submit abstracts on the day of the meeting or before, the abstracts to be printed in the Newsletter. Gene Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE DUTIES: Dwight Platt reported that the Bylaws require him to keep a listing of duties of all standing committees. These lists of duties have been adopted by the Board. Such lists of duties are not now among the Secretary's records. Cal Cink will approach committee chairmen to prepare such lists for approval by the Board.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight R. Platt
Corr. Secretary
Kansas Ornithological Society

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Heron Nesting Status, other than the
Great Blue Heron, in Kansas

I am presently conducting a statewide survey of nesting heron species, other than the great blue heron, in Kansas. The heron species I am principally concerned with are: little blue heron, snowy egret, American egret, black-crowned night heron, yellow-crowned night heron, cattle egret, and the white-faced ibis. Any information you can provide concerning the present or past nesting localities of these birds will be greatly appreciated and extremely helpful.

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New County Records

| <u>Observations</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Mallard | Nemaha | 3/12/83 |
| Northern Pintail | Nemaha | 3/12/83 |
| Ring-necked Duck | Jackson | 3/12/83 |
| Sandhill Crane | McPherson | 3/6/83 (about 50) |
| Horned Lark | Jackson | 3/12/83 |
| American Tree Sparrow | Jackson | 1/16/83 |
| Song Sparrow | Jackson | 1/16/83 |
| Harris' Sparrow | Jackson | 1/16/83 |
| Slate-colored Junco | Jackson | 1/16/83 |
| Slate-colored Junco | Brown | 3/12/83 |
| American Goldfinch | Brown | 3/12/83 |
| Purple Finch | Brown | 3/12/83 |

All sightings by Eugene and Eulalia Lewis

Observations in Clark County

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Remarks</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Least Bittern | county record 1 | Aug 82 |
| Mallard | 10 | all winter |
| Northern Pintail | 3 males | 3-8-83 |
| Green-winged Teal | 100+ | all winter |
| Blue-winged Teal | 3 males 1 female | 3-15-83 |
| American Wigeon | 3 | 3-8-83 |
| Common Merganser | 5 males 1 female | 3-8-83 |
| King Rail | 1 | 2-6-83 |
| Common Snipe | county record (1) | Dec 82 |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | county record (2) | summer 82 |
| Downy Woodpecker | 1 | all winter |
| Yellow-shafted Flicker | county record (4) | summer 82 |
| Cassin's Kingbird | county record & nest | summer 82 |
| Western Tanager | county record (1) | Sept 82 |
| Red-winged Blackbird | county record (many) | summer 82 |
| Northern Oriole (Baltimore) | county record (2) | summer 82 |

Sightings by Jerry Arnold

PLAYING THE NUMBERS, or THE FALCONRY HB2435 SLEEPING, BUT NOT DEAD

As usual, a falconry bill was introduced into the state legislature again this year. Through the efforts of Eulalia Lewis and other individuals the bill was defeated in committee by a 5 to 2 vote. ROUND 1 is finished. ROUND 2 begins next January. Eulalia would like to start a phone and letter writing campaign to show opposition to this falconry bill. She is asking KOS members to become informed and involved in this issue. For more information contact:

Eulalia M. Lewis
 1285 MacVicar Avenue
 Topeka, Kansas 66604

EDITOR'S NOTE!!!

Since abstracts will now be required for papers presented at the Fall meeting and those abstracts will appear in the Newsletter, I will establish guidelines for those abstracts. The guidelines will appear in both the June and September Newsletters. Abstracts will be due before or at the meeting. If you have any recommendations for these guidelines, please contact me before May 15, 1983.

Elmer J. Finck

Field Trips for Beginning Birdwatchers

The following field trips are being considered for the Wichita Free University class, Birdwatching for Beginners (See KOS Newsletter, volume 10, issue 1, 1983).

Pawnee Prairie Park (Wichita) - April 19, 20 OR 23

Sedgwick County Zoo and Park - April 20 OR 23

Cheyenne Bottoms - April 30

Oak Park (Wichita) - May 1, 9, 10 OR 15

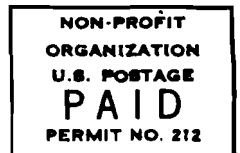
Camp Horizon (near Arkansas City) - May 6-8

Chaplin Nature Center (near Arkansas City) - May 14, June 4 OR 5

Please contact Steve Kingswood if you have any questions or would like to participate. Phone: 316-944-2212 (work) or 942-5234 (home)

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1983 KOS Spring Meeting, April 30, May 1.

The spring meeting will be held at Elkhart, Morton County on April 30 and May 1. The headquarters for the meeting will be in Elkhart at the El Rancho Motel on the highway as you enter town from the east. Arrangements have been made at the motel for those persons who asked for them. Please stop at the El Rancho for your assignment to rooms. Be advised that the El Rancho does own ALL the motels in town (2) and that you may be put in the motel downtown instead of the El Rancho itself. They will try and keep the group at the El Rancho if possible but they rent many rooms for extended periods and may not be able to accommodate everyone at the same spot.

Those of you camping will be advised to use the Boy Scout camping area on the north side of the river. You will need to go north from Elkhart to the Cimarron River, cross the river and take the road leading to the right just after crossing the bridge. It is approximately 3 miles to a right hand turn to the river and the camping area. There is a camping area on the river by the bridge but that is not a desirable place because of late night usage by others.

Tours will depart the river bridge campground where the main highway crosses the Cimarron at 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. You are so far west in the State that the sun will be running 30 minutes behind Kansas City, etc. We will reassemble at the highway campground by 1:00 p.m. May 1 for the list compilation. You will need to bring your own food for Sunday lunch as there is no caterer.

For the early arrivals, Marvin Schwilling and Max Thompson will arrive in Elkhart on Friday to prepare for the rest. Anyone else arriving Friday, please contact Max or Marvin (they will be in the same room) at the El Rancho Motel. We will be birding on Saturday looking for the goodies and tying strings to them to hold them in place.

Morton County has a list of 273 species. Many of these species have never been recorded outside Morton County. The migration in Morton County is unpredictable but we hope for the best. The spring is late but this may or may not have an effect on the migration.

There are at least two restaurants in Elkhart (both owned by the El Rancho). If anyone decides to go after the deadline for turning in motel reservations to Max C. Thompson, please call El Rancho Motel with your own reservations. Please tell them you are with the bird group. Their telephone number is 316-697-2117. Should you cancel going, please advise them directly if Max made reservations for you. You must be in Elkhart by 6:00 p.m. for them to hold your reservations for you.

We look forward to having a great time. See you there.

Max C. Thompson
Business Manager

P.S. THE NEW KOS T-SHIRTS ARE IN AND LOOK GOOD. THEY ARE SELLING FOR \$5 EACH. PROCEEDS GO TO THE TREASURY.