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Annual Spring Meeting
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The Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society was held at Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Kansas, on April 27, 1974. President Max C. Thompson opened the morning session by introducing Dr. John Breukelman. Dr. Breukelman gave the welcoming address and President Thompson responded for the Society.

Dr. Dwight Platt, Chairman of the Paper Session introduced papers by:

Thomas Shane, Harris' and Tree Sparrow Associations.
Marvin D. Schwilling, Expansion of the Cattle Egret in Kansas.
Orville O. Rice, Henslow's Sparrows nesting in Shawnee County.
John L. Zimmerman, Rare and endangered species of birds in Kansas.
Panel Discussion: Rare and endangered bird habitat in Kansas with
with Dr. Theodore M. Sperry, Dr. Charles A. Ely, Max C. Thompson
and Lynn Burris, Jr.
Margaret Schulenberg, Black-headed Grosbeak wintering near Emporia.

The business meeting was called to order by President Max C. Thompson. The minutes of the 1973 Spring Meeting were read by the Secretary, Jean Schulenberg, and approved. Treasurer Eugene R. Lewis reported a balance of \$1060.55 in the checking account and \$1850.99 in the savings account. Richard F. Johnston and John Breukelman were appointed to audit the books. The membership was informed that the treasurer has been bonded.

Dr. Charles A. Ely, Editor of the Bulletin announced that the June issue will feature Mrs. Ivan Boyd's History of the Kansas Ornithological Society and that he has enough material for forthcoming issues. He also announced the appointment of Thomas Shane as News Letter Editor.

Stanley Roth, Chairman of the Conservation Committee stated he has been receiving material from the Army Corps of Engineers on their proposed projects in Kansas and that the committee is closely following these projects.

Max C. Thompson reported for the Check List Committee that the KOS Check List will need to be revised to include recent AOU nomenclature changes.

The Nominating Committee, Eulalia Lewis, John L. Zimmerman and Walter E. Boles offered the following slate of officers for the coming year.

President	Dwight Platt - Newton
Vice President	Jean Schulenberg - Admire
Recording Secretary	Sandra Williamson - Manhattan
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Treasurer	Eugene Lewis - Topeka
Board of Directors	
2 years	Stephen Fretwell - Manhattan
2 years	John Breukelman - Emporia
1 year	Thomas Shane - Junction City (to fill unexpired term of Marjorie Marshall)
1 year (continuing)	Mary Louise Myers - Shawnee

President Thompson asked Marvin Schwilling and Dale Taylor to serve on the Resolutions Committee.

Amelia Betts, Membership Secretary, announced that Dr. Raymond F. Miller of Baldwin City, author of the series Biographies of People for Whom Birds Were Named, was unable to be present. His books were offered for sale by the Baldwin Bird Club. The Society has 327 members to date in 1974 and a total of 15 Life Members. Three new Life Members were Dorothy Ehart, Chandler F. Robbins and Richard Schmidt.

President Max C. Thompson proposed an amendment to the KOS Constitution recommended by the Board of Directors at the winter meeting. It would change Article 7, section 5 regarding the signing of checks and eliminate the present voucher system.

The meeting was adjourned until the afternoon session.

At the afternoon session papers were presented by:

Richard F. Johnston, Dispersal capabilities of House Sparrows.
 Dale Taylor, Competition between Tree Swallows and Mountain Bluebirds in Yellowstone National Park.
John Breukelman, Bird Watching in Mexico.
 Celia White, Egg varience in some Common Tern colonies.
 Stanley Roth, Colonies of Great Blue Herons in Kansas 1973.
 Eugene R. Lewis, Some bird census techniques.
 Alan Stickel, Bird species at Quivera National Wildlife Refuge.
 Calvin L. Cink, Censusing Screech Owls in northeastern Kansas
 Dr. Charles A. Ely, Mexican Birds.

Max C. Thompson presided at the afternoon business meeting.

Dr. John Breukelman reported the auditing committee had found the books to be in order. A tentative invitation to hold the 1975 Spring Meeting in Junction City was extended by Celia White. Richard Garret moved to accept the offer. Dr. Dwight Platt seconded and the motion carried. Dates of the Fall Meeting to be held September 21 and 22 in conjunction with the Oklahoma Ornithological Society at Cheyenne Bottoms were announced.

Eulalia Lewis presented the slate of officers for election. A motion to approve the slate was made by Charles Franklin. It was seconded and the Society voted in favor of the candidates.

President Thompson brought the proposed change in the Constitution before the membership. Article 7, section 5 would be changed to read: The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds belonging to the Society and he shall pay out and expend the same by check which shall be counter-signed by the President or the Secretary. Orville Rice suggested that the amendment include bonding the Treasurer. He made a motion to approve the amendment to read: The Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds belonging to the Society and he shall pay out and expend the same by check which shall be counter-signed by the President or the Secretary. The Treasurer shall be bonded. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting of the Board of Directors with the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission last May was discussed. It was the Society's intention to work with the Commission to include research and protection of non-game species in the state. President Thompson felt that a combination of several agencies into a Natural Resources Board may be in the future.

KOS is a tax exempt organization and a clerical problem regarding the Society's tax status has been resolved.

President Thompson reported on the April 7, 1974, meeting of the Board at the Dingus Natural Area near Mound City, Kansas. 160 acres of mixed oak-hickory forest has been donated by Wilson and Eunice Dingus to the Nature Conservancy. KOS has the option of leasing or acquiring the land from Nature Conservancy. The Board recommends that the Society lease the area for a period of 5 years with Bob Weese and Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Concannon of Mound City to serve as a Management Committee. Orville Rice moved to empower the Board to work out a 5-year lease agreement. The motion was seconded and carried.

At the Winter Board Meeting it was decided to establish a Merit Award for Outstanding Service to the Society. Members may nominate recipients to be voted by the Board. The first awards would be presented at the evening banquet.

The meeting was adjourned.

At the banquet the Resolutions Committee extended the Society's thanks and appreciation to Convention Chairman Walter E. Boles and his committee for the excellent arrangements and facilities at Kansas State Teachers College. The first Merit Awards for Outstanding Service to the Society were given to Amelia Betts and Marvin Schwilling. The evening program, a film entitled The Sounds of Silence by Dave Reed, was a moving tribute in sound and color photography to our wilderness.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean H. Schulenberg
Recording Secretary

The following is a list of birds seen at the annual meeting field trip. They number 130: Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, Little Blue Heron, Canada Goose, Mallard, Gadwall, Blue-winged Teal, Widgeon, Shoveler, Wood Duck, Lesser Scaup, Ruddy Duck, Turkey Vulture, Mississippi Kite, Red-tailed Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Sparrow Hawk, Greater Prairie Chicken, Bobwhite, Ring-necked Pheasant, Sora, Coot, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Golden Plover, Common Snipe, Upland Plover, Spotted Sandpiper, Solitary Sandpiper, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Pectoral Sandpiper, Baird's Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher, Stilt Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Wilson's Phalarope, Ring-billed Gull, Franklin's Gull, Forster's Tern, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Barred Owl, Poor-will, Chimney Swift, Belted Kingfisher, Yellow-shafted Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Red-headed Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, E. Kingbird, W. Kingbird, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Great Crested Flycatcher, E. Phoebe, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Horned Lark, Tree Swallow, Rough-winged Swallow, Barn Swallow, Purple Martin, Blue Jay, Common Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, Carolina Wren, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Short-billed Marsh Wren, Mockingbird, Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Robin, Wood Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, Gray-cheeked Thrush, E. Bluebird, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Loggerhead Shrike, Starling, Warbling Vireo, Black and White Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Parula Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Palm Warbler, N. Waterthrush, Yellowthroat, House Sparrow, E. Meadowlark, W. Meadowlark, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Redwinged Blackbird, Orchard Oriole, Baltimore Oriole, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Painted Bunting, Dickcissel, Pine Siskin, Am. Goldfinch, Rufous-sided Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, LeConte's Sparrow, Henslow's Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Harris Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow.

The Fox Sparrow appeared on the list for the first time. Three species were listed for the second time: Pileated Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Short-billed Marsh Wren. Henslow's Sparrow was listed for the first time in 22 years--the third time ever.

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CONSTITUTION AND BY - LAWS
(Articles of Incorporation)
THE KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND EMBLEM

The name of this organization shall be the Kansas Ornithological Society, Inc., and its emblem shall be the Horned Lark. It shall operate as a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the study of ornithology, to advance the members in ornithological science, to promote conservation, and to publish ornithological papers in the K.O.S. Bulletin. Upon dissolution of the Kansas Ornithological Society, Inc. the assets will be distributed for an exempt purpose specified in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, which the Board of Directors, at the time of dissolution will determine.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all persons interested in ornithology whose names may be proposed by an active member.

Section 2. Applicants may become members upon formal recommendation by a member to a (any) member of the Board of Directors and payment of dues.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section 1. The Society shall hold at least one regular meeting each year at the time and place voted in the previous regular meeting or determined by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The exact date and place of any regular meeting may be changed at the discretion of the President, upon notice given in writing by mail to each member not less than ten days prior to such meeting.

Section 3. Special meetings may in like manner be called at such other times and places as may be directed by the President.

ARTICLE V. THE GOVERNING BODY

Section 1. The governing body shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the immediate Past President, the following officers elected at regular annual meetings from the membership of the society: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Bulletin Editor and Four Directors-at-large and the following appointive officers: Editor of the News Letter, and chairman of standing committees on Conservation, Membership, Publicity, and the Kansas Checklist. Of the four Directors-at-large, two shall be elected each year to serve two years, due consideration being given to obtain representatives from areas not otherwise represented on the Board.

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Section 2. The annual meeting of the Board shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Society. Four Board members shall constitute a quorum. At other times the Board may consider matters pertaining to the Society by mail.

Section 3. The President of the Society shall be Chairman of the Board during his term of office and a member of the Board until replaced by the next retiring President.

Section 4. The Secretary of the Society shall also serve as Secretary of the Board.

Section 5. The Board shall have the power to act on all matters pertaining to the Society, except as otherwise provided by this Constitution. The Board is directed and empowered to consider, adopt, and put into effect practicable ways and means by which the Society may further the objectives for which it is founded.

Section 6. The Board shall not amend the Constitution of the Society or change the annual dues of the members, or incur financial obligations beyond the actual content of the Treasury.

Section 7. The proceedings of the Board, including the financial transactions, shall be reported at each annual meeting of the Society by the Secretary.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, and such other officers as from time to time may be deemed desirable.

Section 2. The officers of the Society shall be elected for a term of one year and shall function until the end of the regular annual meeting in which their respective successors have been installed.

Section 3. The election of officers shall be held at the regular meeting each year. Nomination of the various officers herein provided may be submitted at the appointed time by a committee named for that purpose by the President. Nominations shall also be in order from the floor. Voting shall be by secret ballot if more than one candidate is nominated for a given office. A majority of those present and voting shall be required to elect all officers of the Society.

Section 4. The President and Vice-President may not be elected to their offices for more than two consecutive years. The other officers may succeed themselves indefinitely.

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings and he shall be empowered to call special meetings. The President shall appoint standing committees on Conservation, Membership, Publicity and the Kansas Checklist and such other ad hoc committees as he may deem necessary to serve during his term of office. He shall be ex-officio member of all committees and shall perform such other duties as may properly come within his province. He shall be a member of the Board and during his term of office as President, shall act as Chairman of the Board.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or in the event of his inability to perform such duties. He shall carry out orders as directed by the President. The Vice-President shall act as chairman of the Program Committee during his term of office. He shall be a member of the Board.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep complete and accurate minutes of all meetings and shall be in charge of the records, papers, and property belonging to the Society, except as otherwise specified. He shall countersign checks in the absence of the President. He shall, as directed by the President, carry on the correspondence pertaining to the affairs of the Society. The Secretary shall be a member of the Board and act as Secretary of the Board.

Section 4. The Membership Secretary shall prepare and preserve a record of all members and their attendance at each meeting and make such records available to the Secretary. He shall issue membership receipts, dues reminders, membership applications and invitations, and advise the Editor of membership changes. He shall be a member of the Board.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds belonging to the Society and he shall pay out and expend the same by check which shall be counter-signed by the President or the Secretary. The Treasurer shall be bonded. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Board.

Section 6. The Editor shall be charged with the organizing, editing, and publishing of the K.O.S. Bulletin and such newsletters or other printed matter as shall be approved by the Board of Directors. He may appoint such Associate and Assistant Editors as shall be necessary to aid in the performance of his duties. The Library and all scientific papers belonging to the Society shall be deposited in the Dyche Reading Room, Museum of Natural History, the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. Said publications will be available on loan to the Society members. The Editors of the K.O.S. Bulletin and of the News Letter shall be members of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII. DUES

Section 1. Each member of the Society shall be required to pay annual dues in such amount as the Society may from time to time fix by resolution, or a life membership of \$100.00 payable in a lump sum or \$25.00 for four consecutive years. Annual dues of the Society shall run for the calendar year and shall be due on January 1 of each year. All membership dues shall be paid directly to the Treasurer, who shall notify the Membership Secretary of the date and amount of each receipt.

Section 2. Active members may attain the status of "sustaining" members by the payment of dues at a greater annual rate such as the Society may fix by resolution.

Section 3. No resolution changing the annual dues shall be adopted except by a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting at a regular meeting immediately following not less than ten days' notice of such proposal given in writing by mail to each member.

Section 4. The annual membership dues for regular members shall be \$3.00 (all of which goes for subscription to the K.O.S. Bulletin), for sustaining members - \$6.00 (of which \$3.00 goes for subscription to the Bulletin), and for student members (to include only Grade and High School Students) - \$1.00.

Section 5. The dues of new members paid during the last four months of any calendar year shall be applied to membership for the following year.

ARTICLE IX. LOCAL CHAPTERS

Section 1. A local chapter of the Kansas Ornithological Society may be formed at any institution, city, town, or other place upon application of five or more active members of the Society. Such chapters may elect their own local officers, assess additional dues, and conduct their own meetings. Such chapters may be known by the name of their own selection plus the designation "Chapter of the Kansas Ornithological Society, Incorporated."

Section 2. The function of such local chapters shall be to provide a rallying point for monthly meetings and local field trips.

ARTICLE X. AFFILIATIONS

Section 1. The Kansas Ornithological Society, Incorporated may consider or seek affiliation with other organizations having similar goals, for the purpose of strengthening the Society or furthering ornithological development or publication.

Section 2. Active affiliation with another organization may become binding only after being approved by a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting at a regular meeting.

Section 3. No affiliation can be considered binding to the Kansas Ornithological Society, Incorporated if that affiliation in any way restricts the autonomy of the Society, interferes with the purpose of the Society as stated in Article II, limits the membership of the Society, or in any other way runs counter to provision of the constitution and by-laws of the Society.

ARTICLE XI. BY-LAWS

Section 1. The Society may adopt such By-Laws as may be deemed proper for its guidance by a two-thirds vote of all those present and voting at any regular meeting.

Section 2. Due notice of such proposed By-Laws shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member at least ten days prior to the next regular meeting.

Section 3. By-Laws may be submitted by any member of the Society. They shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors which shall proceed as directed in Section 2 of this Article.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution or to the By-Laws may be adopted at any regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of all those present and voting.

Section 2. Due notice of such proposed amendments shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member at least ten days prior to the next regular meeting.

Section 3. An Amendment to the Constitution or to the By-Laws may be submitted by any member of the Society. It shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors, which shall proceed in accord with Section 2 of this Article.