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KOS Annual Spring Meeting 1978

The 30th annual spring meeting was held at Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina on 29-30 April 1978. The Saturday Session was opened with a welcome from State Senator John Simpson. Steve Fretwell chaired the excellent paper session which had a record number of papers.

Ruth Broderson, Membership Secretary, reported that 411 members were paid for 1978 and that 50 members from last year were delinquent. Margaret Boyd, Chairman of the Membership Committee, reported that the committee will work on delinquent and new members beginning May 1. Ruth Fauhl, Librarian, reported that after 1980 KOS may need to make other arrangements for back files due to library reorganization. The Board will consider revisions of prices of back issues of publications at a future meeting. Marvin Schwilling, Chairman of the Checklist Committee, announced that the supply of checklists is low and that the committee will meet soon to make revisions. He also has available species cards to report unusual observations, and worksheets to use in making up checklists for prime birding areas in the state. Larry Nossaman discussed fish and game funding. He wondered how many people would oppose a user tax on fish and game areas in the state. No one was opposed.

Marvin Schwilling, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, nominated the following slate of officers for next year:

President -- Steve Fretwell
Vice-president -- Charles Ely
Corresponding Secretary -- Dwight Platt
Membership Secretary - Ruth Broderson
Treasurer -- Eugene Lewis
Bulletin Editor -- John Zimmerman
Librarian - Ruth Fauhl
Directors -- Steve Burr and J. C. Johnson, Jr.

There were no additional nominations. Amelia Betts moved to cast an unanimous ballot for the proposed slate. The motion was passed.

President Jean Schulenberg presided at the evening banquet. Marvin Schwilling announced the following "10 best birds of the year":

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| 1. Rivoli's Hummingbird | Linn Co. |
| 2. Iceland Gull | Rush Co. |
| 3. Black Skimmer | Wilson Reservoir & Cheyenne Bottoms |
| 4. Little Gull | Cheyenne Bottoms |
| 5. Lesser Goldfinch | Topeka |
| 6. Western Tanager | Douglas Co. |
| 7. Pine Grosbeak | Salina |
| 8. Yellow-throated Warbler | Hays |
| 9. American Brant | Quivira NWR & Flint Hills NWR |
| 10. Groove-billed Ani | Salina, Wichita, Oxford, Hays |

Jean Schulenberg encouraged members to submit more nominations for "best birds" next year.

Max Thompson presented, and the group passed, the following resolutions:
Be it resolved --

1. Steve Burr, the local committee and the Smoky Hills Audubon Society be thanked for their fine arrangements.
2. Kansas Wesleyan University be thanked for the use of their fine facilities.
3. Jean Schulenberg, Charles Ely, Jeff Cox, John Breukelman and Ed Martinez be thanked for their service to the organization.
4. Steve Fretwell and the speakers be commended for the fine paper sessions.
5. That Mother Nature be asked to reduce the possibility of rain tomorrow from 40% to 0.
6. That Dr. Alexander Wetmore, a charter member and Dean of American Ornithology, be made an honorary life member.

Jean Schulenberg presented the award for meritorious service to Charles Ely for his years of service as Editor of the KOS Bulletin. She also expressed thanks to the other officers and members for their fine cooperation during her term as president.

The fall field trip will be September 23-24 at Cheyenne Bottoms. The 1979 Spring Meeting will be April 28-29 at the University of Kansas.

Steve Burr introduced Dr. Wes Jackson who gave an interesting and stimulating talk on "The Environmental Movement and Environmental Ethics."

(The above are extracts from the minutes submitted by Secretary Dwight Platt, as written from notes by Jeff Cox. -- ED).

Extracts from KOS Spring Board Meeting

The budget for the Bulletin and the Newsletter was discussed. Gene Lewis and John Zimmerman will work it out.

Ruth Broderson presented suggestions for revised membership forms (except for a brochure). Gene Lewis reported that costs for the new forms and brochure are about \$400. The Literature Revision Committee was authorized to make final decisions and to have them printed as soon as possible at a reasonable cost.

The Membership Secretary was authorized to mail dues notices in September -- independently of a Newsletter mailing if necessary.

The 1980 meeting (Spring) was scheduled for Hays with Charles Ely in charge of local arrangements. The 1981 spring meeting was scheduled for Baldwin City with Roger Boyd in charge.

A 400-acre farm near McPherson has been offered to the Fish and Game Commission but the Commission has not yet decided whether they will accept it. Jean Schulenberg has talked with Jerry Conley and told him that KOS would like to be notified first if the Commission does not want the area. Marvin Schwilling reported that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has funds for habitat preservation. About 60 acres have been suggested for preservation in Kansas.

The Board approved a motion to have all our minutes copied and placed in the state archives.

NOTES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Dr. Alexander Wetmore, noted ornithologist, formerly of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C., was elected an honorary life member at the spring meeting of KOS. Doctor Wetmore had been a member of KOS for many years, but resigned in March because of age.

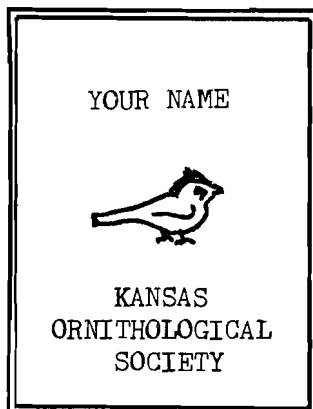
A new dues schedule goes into effect January 1, 1979, the date on which 1979 dues should go to the treasurer. The categories are as follows:

LIFE MEMBERSHIP, full payment.....	\$100.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIP, payable in four consecutive annual installments.....	25.00
SUSTAINING INDIVIDUAL.....	6.00
SUSTAINING FAMILY, first member pays . each other adult in family pays.....	6.00 4.00
REGULAR INDIVIDUAL	3.00
REGULAR FAMILY, first member pays..... each other adult in family pays.....	3.00 2.00
STUDENT (grade or high school).....	1.00

Family memberships receive only one copy of publications to same address. Regular members' dues pay only for the cost of publications. Other expenses must be paid from sustaining and life dues and gifts. Why not upgrade your membership category in 1979?

NEW members paid after September 1, 1978, will be credited to 1979.

KOS NAME BADGE AVAILABLE THROUGH MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY



Badge is 2 1/16" x 2 3/4", engraved in three-ply plastic, with pin on back. Background is blue; horned lark, white; names filled in with yellow.

By approval of the board this KOS identification badge can now be purchased by any member in good standing through the membership secretary for \$3.00 postpaid, tax included. To order, PRINT OR TYPE your name as you want it to read and the address to which you want it sent. Send this information and a check for \$3.00 to Ruth Broderson, membership secretary, 2262 North Richmond, Wichita, Kansas 67204. Make check to Wilco Name Plates. Allow two weeks for order to be made. The pin will be mailed to you direct from the manufacturer in Wichita.

Treasurer's Report - April 29, 1978

Checking Balance (April 29, 1977)	\$1187.05
Savings Passbook (tied to checking)	524.69
Savings Passbook (Savings and Loan)	1502.02
Savings Certificate (Savings and Loan)	<u>1195.71</u>
Total	\$4409.47

Receipts (other than interest)	\$1700.50
Disbursements	1370.48

Checking Balance (April 28, 1978)	\$1517.07
Savings Passbook (tied to checking)	551.51
Savings Passbook (Savings and Loan)	1034.43
Savings Certificate (Savings and Loan)	<u>2276.01</u>
Total (April 28, 1978)	\$5379.02

Eugene Lewis, Treasurer.

Pomona Reservoir Bird-list Available

A bird checklist for the Pomona Reservoir Area of Osage County is now available for anyone interested. Because the checklist includes many species not actually recorded in the area, it is hoped that observations will be reported to the project officer so that future revisions can possibly be made (especially observations of unusual or uncommon species.) The checklist can be obtained at the project office or by writing: Project Manager, Pomona Reservoir Office, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Route 1, Vassar, Kansas 66543.

Carolina Chickadee nest in Cherokee County

At one o'clock on May 7th my nephew, Dr. L. L. Stumfoll, and I observed a pair of Carolina Chickadees near a nest box on a fence post at the edge of a cow pasture. The box was about five feet from the ground and held five fairly well-feathered young. There are a number of shrubs and small trees in the area. The location is 2 miles south and 2½ miles west of Pittsburg on Dr. Stumfoll's farm. Mrs. Andrew Boso, R. R. # 2, Box 120, Pittsburg 66762.

Some Great-tailed Grackle sightings

This spring I noted Great-tailed Grackles at the following localities:

Saline Co: April 23, 1 male & 2 females near Bridgeport.

Kiowa Co: May 3, about 10 pairs at the Greensburg Pump Station.

Ford Co: May 4, 1 male at Spearville.

Rice Co: May 19, 2 females and nest 3/4 mile S. Lyons.

Edmund F. Martinez, Great Bend 67530.