

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER, 1949 W.B.B.A.
COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Council of W.B.B.A. was held November 13, 1949, at the home of Walter I. Allen, Altadena, California. President H. Elliott McClure called the meeting to order at 3:40, following a meeting of Los Angeles Chapter. There were many things to consider, on account of the death of Mr. Harold Michener (October 14, 1949).

First item of business to consider was the cost of mimeographing the News. The company now employed had raised the cost to \$3.00 per page. Mr. Paul Steele, Editor of the News found a company in Sacramento, the Superior List and Letter Co., 1115 P St. which would give us a price of \$2.00 per page. They offered 15 reams of paper, cut and punched as heretofore (years supply, bought at one time) about \$32.50. Mr. Steele offered to do the sorting, addressing and mailing from there, and asked for action from the Council. It was voted to accept Mr. Steele's plan with thanks!

It was suggested that an Editorial Board be provided to assist the Editor, It was so voted, and that this Board include, besides Mr. Steele, the Directors and the President, and others named by the President. The Board at present to include Mr. Paul Steele, Johnson Neff, Paul Hurd, Mrs. N. E. Ayer, and Mr. L. R. Mewaldt.

A New Director was suggested for Washington and Oregon, Mr. L. R. Mewaldt. Mr. Mewaldt is Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Zoology, the State College of Washington, at Pullman, Wash., and has been a very active bander. From 1933-38 in cooperation with the late F. W. George, he was banding in South Dakota, 2 to 5 thousand birds a year. Has 300 so far this year. This appointment was approved, and so voted. Mr. Donald Payne had been suggested at a previous Council meeting, but was not available.

A committee appointed to discuss the Emergency Band supply and distribution included Mr. Irl Rogers, Mrs. Michener, and Dr. McClure.

The Board discussed a suggestion that a memorial for Harold Michener be created, a committee to select a memorial was appointed including Mr. W. I. Allen, Mr. C. V. Duff, Mrs. N. E. Ayer, and Dr. F. M. Erickson. (A report from this committee states that they are considering the publication and dedication of a Grayson Print in the Condor).

A Nominating Committee was appointed: Miss H. S. Pratt, Mrs. Will Williams, Mr. Boynton. It was reported that Mrs. Michener offered to keep Mr. Michener's and her files available for research, and will continue to issue State permits, etc.

Band sizes for Western birds are to be examined by a committee, Mr. Irl Rogers, Mr. D. D. McLean, Eric C. Kinsey, Mrs. N. E. Ayer.

Mrs. Ayer read from Dr. Erickson a proposed new form letter which seemed much more stimulating to banding than the more impersonal one previously used. This was accepted by the Council.

Clarification of the combined dues with the Cooper Club was discussed. W.B.B.A. dues are one dollar a year. Cooper Club Dues are \$3.00. Joint dues for both organizations are \$3.50. The confusion had resulted from some people sending three dollars to the Cooper Club and fifty cents to the W.B.B.A. This has resulted in a loss of fifty cents to the W.B.B.A. since the Cooper Club has always sent a dollar of the \$3.50 to W.B.B.A., but does not send \$.50 of the \$3.00 to the W.B.B.A. unless the subscriber indicates that he is a joint member. The Council voted to recommend to Dr. Erickson that he attempt a solution by contacting the business manager of the Cooper Club.

Helen Steel Pratt, Secretary

Council Meeting WGBA December 11, 1949

Held in the Encephalitis Laboratory, Sakersfield, Calif. Following a delicious luncheon at the McClure's, provided by Dr. & Mrs. McClure.

President McClure called the meeting to order at 2:15 P.M., and asked for reports of committees, 1st, regarding Memorial to Harold Michener. Mr. Allen, Chairman, reported that the committee recommends publishing one of the Grayson plates in the Condor. The Mexican Jacana is proposed. Dr. Alden Miller will write an appreciation of Mr. Michener. Checks to be made to the WGBA, and sent to Mr. Allen.

District Chairmen. Dr. McClure reported that L.R. Hewitt in Washington is starting a group of banders; Mr. Neff in Utah, and Ronnie Reuther in the Bay area.

Council members present, Dr. McClure, Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ayer, Miss Pratt.

Helen Steele Pratt, Secretary.

Council Meeting WGBA March 12, 1950

Held in the home of Mrs. Harold Michener, Pasadena, the President, Dr. Elliott McClure presiding. Dr. McClure called on Mrs. Michener to present a matter of business, Emergency Bands. Mrs. Michener said she had a request for bands which did not fulfill the conditions of emergency as defined by Mr. Low. On reviewing these conditions, they seem to prohibit our use of emergency bands. Mrs. Michener read the correspondence between Mr. Michener and Mr. Low, showing Mr. Michener's efforts to clarify the situation regarding Emergency Band Supply and handling.

Dr. McClure said the first consideration is to be able to supply bands as needed to our cooperators, and he will write Mr. Low for clarification. It was agreed that the present was not an emergency.

Annual Meeting. Dr. McClure asked for volunteers to present papers for the Annual meeting. The Boyntons were asked to discuss the problems of a new banding station. Mrs. Michener, Western Managers, and Mr. Allen, Birding in the Past. Dr. McClure said we will have reports from the Districts. He said that he had seen Dr. Erickson the day before and that Dr. Erickson wishes to resign as Business Manager.

Mrs. Michener said the Smithsonian has asked for issues of our News to complete their files. Dr. McClure asked that copies of the minutes of the Council meetings be sent Dr. Erickson and Editor Steele.

Present, Dr. McClure, Mrs. Michener, Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ayer, Miss Pratt, Council members. Meeting adjourned, followed by meeting of Los Angeles Chapter.

Helen Steele Pratt, Secretary.