

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 16, 1954

The 27th Annual Meeting of the Western Bird-Banding Association was held Sunday, May 16, 1954 in the Life Sciences Building at Mills College, Oakland, California. There were 16 members and 4 guests present. President Emerson Stoner called the meeting to order at 11:15 am. After introducing the members and guests, he gave a short history of the organization which was started in 1925. For the first 25 years the annual meetings were held in the south at the home of the Mitcheners. With the formation of a northern chapter in 1951, the ~~southern~~ <sup>southern</sup> division requested this chapter to take over the guidance of the organization and Mr. Paul Steele became president. Mr. Stoner succeeded him in 1953.

The president appointed Mrs. Henningson to act as secretary pro tem in the absence of Mrs. Eric Austin who is in Switzerland attending the International Congress where she is our delegate.

The minutes of the 1953 meeting were read and approved. The financial statement prepared by Francis H. Boynton, Business Manager, was read and placed on file. Gross income for 1953 was \$367.25, expenses \$341.89 leaving a net gain of \$25.36.

The report of Regional Representative for Colorado and New Mexico, Mr. Johnson A. Neff <sup>Los Angeles</sup> was read by President Stoner. Mrs. Mitchener's report of the ~~Southern California Division~~ <sup>Chapter</sup> was also read. Mr. ~~Russell H. Fray~~, <sup>President of the Northern Division</sup> told of his trip to Arizona and the meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society at Tucson. He met many of the ~~banders of the BBA~~ while there. Reports were also read from Mrs. Esther C. Ayer, Pomona, Mr. Frank Crawford, Altadena; Mr. Gus H. Foltes, Modesto and Mr. Fred Gallup, Escondido who have all been prominent banders ~~in California~~.

A letter was read from Johnson A. Neff concerning correspondence he has received from Mr. J. deS. Disney, Zoologist, Dept. of Agriculture, Arusha, Africa regarding the Red-billed weaver Finch, a relative of the English Sparrow. Biological studies are being made on this species and Mr. Disney is interested in the banding, etc, as a means of further study. ~~(Editor may wish to publish his letter.)~~

William Kirsher gave the report of the Nominating Committee as follows:

President: Emerson E. Stoner, Berkeley, California  
 Vice-Presidents: Howard Cogswell, Oakland, California  
 Russell H. Fray, Berkeley, California  
 Lillian K. Henningsen, Piedmont, California  
 Secretary: Eric K. Austin, Oakland, California  
 Business Manager: Francis H. Boynton, Pasadena, California

There being no further nominations from the floor, it was moved, seconded and carried that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the entire ~~slate~~. The present officers will thus continue in their respective offices for another year.

A letter was read from Mrs. Evelyn Baltzer, Secretary of the <sup>Los Angeles Chapter</sup> concerning the destruction of the Dinosaur Nat'l Monument, and the ruining of the wildlife area of San Jacinto. No official action was taken by the group, but individuals were urged to write to their congressman.

The business meeting adjourned at 12:15 for lunch at Orchard Meadow Hall and at 2:30 pm we reconvened to hear a talk by Dr. L. Richard Hualdt, San Jose State College, on his study of the Clark Nutcracker, particularly in its relationship to the productivity of the pine nut crops during 1917, 1918 and 1919. The talk was illustrated with slides and motion pictures and was of great interest to all. Dr. Hualdt has recently become a member of the Northern <sup>California Chapter</sup> ~~Division~~ and we greatly appreciate his coming to speak to us.

President Stoner expressed our thanks to Howard Cogswell for arranging the meeting and acting as host to the Annual Meeting.

Adjourned at 4PM.

Millian K. Henningson  
Secretary Pro-tem.