

1961 Annual Meeting

The thirty sixth Annual Meeting of the Western Bird-Banding Association was held on the Conference Grounds in Mt. Hermon, California, May 19 & 20. The Santa Cruz Section of the Northern California Chapter were Hosts. Twenty three members and guests were present.

Saturday afternoon was taken up with various field trips. Both redwood and pine habitats proved most rewarding. Dr. Mewaldt and Mrs Washburn showed excellent slides at the evening social hour.

The Business meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Mewaldt announcing the agenda for the day.

The minutes of the 1960 Annual Meeting were read and approved.

President Mewaldt reported to the membership the following actions of the Council taken during the year.

The rewriting of the Constitution, due to changes in the status of the Asso., is in the hands of the members of the Council. The President suggests that the Constitution be accepted after final draft is presented.

The President announced that the separation of the W.B.B.A. from the Cooper Society became necessary due to the added work to both Treasurers and the growth of both Societies.

The above separation was formally conducted at the Annual Cooper Society Annual Meeting in April with the Board of Governors who agreed to and accepted the separation.

The dues of both Associations will now be billed separately.

The Quarterly name was changed from "News From The Bird-Banders" to "Western Bird Bander. This was done because of the significance of the papers presented and the fact that the publication is no longer wholly a letter exchange.

Dr. Mewaldt reported that Dr. Rydzewski, editor of the "The Ring" had moved from England to Poland to resume his teaching there. A W.B.B.A. editor for "The Ring" will no longer be necessary. Mr Rydzewski will use the "Western Bird Bander" for editorial comment.

The business proceeded with a call for the Business Manager's Report which is herein Attached. Mr Balch suggested that funds be transferred between July 1 and 10 when officers change so that interest is not disturbed. Mr Balch had received no further request for funds from Mrs Dater (Int. B.B.)

It was moved and seconded and passed that the Treasurer's report be accepted with many thanks to Mr. Balch.

The Editor commented that publication costs are ever greater and unpredictable but that he was pleased that the treasurer had been able to keep accounts in balance. The editor had had several inquiries from other groups concerning our journal. All members present voted great appreciation of the editor's work.

The membership chairman reported the 1961 total, so far at 230, a slight increase for the year.

The president thanked Mr. Stoner for his continuing good work as Permit Chairman. Mr Stoner commented that he had been able to finance the expenses of the office with the sale of back numbers of the "News"

The Nominating Committee's Chairman, Mr. Stoner, presented the following slate of officers for 1961-62.

For President —

Vice-presidents —

Mrs Otis H. Smith

W.K. Kirsher

Eugene Kridler

Don Bleitz

Gerald Klingenberg

Guy McCaskie

Harry Smith

T.E. Balch

Mrs Lillian Henningsen

Business-Manager

Secretary

Mr Cogswell moved, Mrs Washburn seconded that a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of the slate.

Dr. Mewaldt asked that the Council Members present meet with the new President after adjournment.

Mr. A. Bergstrom's letter on traps and the progress of the manual material was read. Due to the awareness of member Mr E. Pickett the bill #939A.B. before the Senate, authored by the F&G. Commission was corrected to protect bird-banders from violating the code. Thanks was expressed to Mr. Pickett.

Dr. Mewaldt recessed the meeting for lunch at 1:30

The Past President continued in the chair when the members reconvened at 2:30.

Mr. Cogswell moved that a vote of thanks be given for Dr Mewaldt's two years of service.

. Unanimously carried.

Mr Harry Smith and his Committee were thanked the same for their excellent handling of the Annusk Meeting.

\$12:50 was given to defray expense of the meeting room.

Letters of appreciation will be sent to Mrs Borland and Mrs Kaiser for their hospitality on the field trips.

A note to Dr Linsdale for his speedy recovery was asked by Mr. Spith

The meeting concluded with a most interesting talk by Dr Mewaldt on "Further Work and Progress on White -crowned Sparrows " illustrated with slides and ending with a period for questioning from the members,

The new president, Mrs Smith , thanked Dr. Mewaldt and adjourned the Meeting.

Adjourned,

Enid Austin, Secretary pro tem.