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General Meeting, January 26, 1960

The regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club was called to order January 26, 1960 at 8:00 p.m. in the Bird Room of the Museum by the President, Thompson Marsh. There were approximately 60 members and guests present.

The Vice-President, Lois Webster, introduced Dr. Bailey, the speaker for the evening. He spoke on "The Wildlife of Colorado Prairies," showing his films on such species of birds as the Sharp-tailed and Sage Grouse, Long-eared Owl, Golden Eagle, Mountain Plover, Red-winged and Yellow-headed Blackbirds, and Avocet, and many species of mammals, including the Pronghorn, Prairie Dog, Kit Fox, and Kangaroo Rat.

Following this part of the program, Miss Margaret Pritchett recounted the circumstances of the founding of the Colorado Bird Club, and told of its early activities. Just 25 years ago, on January 27, 1935, Mrs. Helena Wosnick (later changed to Huron) and Miss Margaret Pritchett called the meeting to organize the club, their interest in such a club having grown out of Dr. Robert Niedrach's C. U. extension¹ course in bird study. Dr. Niedrach served as guide and counselor of the club for several years, leading many of the early field trips. Miss Pritchett has on display an interesting collection of the club's early publications and materials.

Announcement was made of H. G. Smith's approaching birthday, his 96th, and his address read for those caring to send cards: 1457 St. Paul, Denver 6.

The Secretary read the minutes of the Directors' Meeting of December 8, 1959, which were corrected and approved. The Treasurer reported a total of \$314.31 cash on hand.

Field Trip Chairmen Jean and Parnell White suggested two out-of-state field trips for the spring season, one to Oklahoma, the other to North Platte, Nebraska. All interested persons were asked to discuss details with the Chairmen.

Chester Harris, naturalist from the Rocky Mountain National Park, was introduced and reported Blue Jay and Raccoon in the Park, neither having been previously reported there. Thompson Marsh spoke on our project to help train youth leaders in a special natural history course, proposed for this June in Rocky Mountain National Park with the cooperation of the Park naturalists and volunteer members of the club.

Don Thatcher announced Al Knorr's C. U. extension class in ornithology for this term with a \$2.00 registration fee, plus \$28.50 course fee for credit or \$22.00 without credit.

¹ Niedrach's class was actually for the University of Denver, according to other sources.

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Phil Alexander asked for criticism of the weekly field trip record sheets and requested all reports be in his hands by 2:00 p.m. Sunday.

The weekend field trips were announced and the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Signed,

Mary Louise Rosegay, Secretary

General Meeting, February 23, 1960

The regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club was called to order Tuesday, February 23 at 8:00 p.m. by the President, Thompson Marsh. Approximately 30 members and friends were present. Mr. John N. Spencer, a member of the Council of the Wilderness Society, spoke on the most recent version of the Wilderness Bill, now being considered in committee, pointing out the changes and concessions that have been made, in an attempt to win over some of its opposition. This opposition is centered in the West and is made up chiefly of lumber, mining, and grazing interests. In spite of all efforts, however, he feels it probably will not pass this year, and that it will take much more publicity of the changes and concessions made in the present bill before it can become law.

After his talk, Mr. Spencer showed a series of colored slides, presenting some of the most beautiful scenes in the wilderness areas we are seeking to protect.

It was announced that the YMCA at Estes Park had requested a speaker from the club for July 31 and August 7.

A primary election will be held at the April meeting, with the run-off in May. Offices to be filled are those of President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, plus two Directors to fill the places of John Flavin and John Chapin whose terms are expiring.

It was suggested by the President that all appointed chairmen resign so that the incoming President may select his own staff.

It was announced that the article in the Denver Post had had some response in the form of reports of birds (Cedar Waxwings) and an offer of used binoculars for sale. Several guests and prospective new members were present due to interest aroused by the article. Mr. Walker Roth, among these visitors, offered his ranch property near Fort Morgan as a birding territory for club members.

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Don Thatcher announced that Peterson's revised edition of the Western Field Guide has been submitted for publication and should be out within the year. His Texas Guide, long in preparation, is to be out within a month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Signed,

Mary Louise Rosegay, Secretary

Directors' Meeting, March 1, 1960

The Directors' meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. March 1, 1960, in the Museum Bird Room by the President, Thompson Marsh. The following six members were present: Thompson Marsh, Lois Webster, Dennis Carter, Don Thatcher, Ferd Kleinschnitz, and M. L. Rosegay.

A resume of the minutes of the previous Directors' Meeting, December 8, 1959, was read by the secretary.

A re-order on the checklist was discussed and it was decided to recommend a new order of 2000 corrected copies by multilith at approximately \$4 to \$6 (per ?).

After much discussion pro and con, it was further voted to recommend that the annual dues be assessed by the calendar year, all dues henceforth payable as of January 1, with any fraction of a year being figured at the rate of \$.20 a month after that date in the coming year—January 1, 1961.

It is also recommended that there be but one fee, of \$2.00 per family or individual, for dues. This would eliminate the present \$.50 Junior Membership and \$1.00 subscription membership.

In regard to the publication Colorado Bird Notes, the Directors recommend 6 regular dates each year for its publication, with strict adherence to same. These dates, listed below, are coordinated with the Audubon Field Notes deadlines and should materially minimize the labor involved in getting all our records and reports published. Until a regular editorial board can be appointed, the Board of Directors will serve in that capacity and attempt to bring the work up to date. The dates of publication for the Colorado Bird Notes are recommended as follows:

1. January 15. This number will contain the Christmas count and, as a regular feature, a list of new members with addresses and telephone numbers.

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2. April 15. This number will cover the Winter Season Dec 1 – March 31, plus a complete membership list.
3. June 1. This number will contain the Spring Count, both tabulation and comment.
4. June 15. Coming 2 weeks later, this number can more adequately cover the Spring migration report.
5. September 1. This number will cover the Summer Season, June 1 – August 15.
6. December 15. This number will cover the Fall Season, August 16 – November 30.

The Board will attempt to get this year's Christmas Count and as much accumulated material as possible into print in March, so that this schedule can then begin to operate in April.

Announcement of these publication dates will be made in the March issue of the Bird Notes and be read at the General Meeting in March. All members are urged to keep this list and observe the deadlines.

The Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, March 8 at 7:30 at the D.U. Law School office of the President in order to finish work on the first number of the Colorado Bird Notes for 1960.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15.

Signed,

M. L. R. Secretary

General Meeting, March 22, 1960

The regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club was called to order March 22, 1960 at 8:00 p.m. by the Vice-President, Lois Webster, in the Bird Room of the Museum. Forty-four members and guests were present.

Dr. Howard Wilson presented the program in which he spoke on the history of bird banding, types of traps, and the techniques used in operating mist nets. Also covered in the talk were details of the "Operation Recovery," a project of the Audubon Society, planned originally to emphasize the recovery of banded birds by mist netting, now stressing more the correlation of bird movements with weather.

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The first western stations cooperating in this project are 1) Dr. Wilson's and Bob Wright's station set up at Barr Lake and the Mile-Hi Duck Club; 2) Mrs. Collister's at Longmont which, in a 3 week period, ranked higher in banding success than any eastern station; 3) Travis's station in Los Alamos, NM. Dr. Wilson closed the program with a demonstration of the mist net, and some entertaining accounts of his adventures in using it.

The business meeting followed, with the Secretary reading the minutes of the previous regular meeting, and of the Directors' Meeting held March 1, 1960. These were approved as read. Dennis Carter, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$310.27.

Jean White and Dennis Carter announced the date of the club field trip to North Platte, Nebraska, as April 23 and 24.

Arrangements have been made with the Conservation officer in Ogallala for a guide to take members on the trip to the Prairie Chicken booming grounds.

Mrs. Herrington, the Regional Parks Association representative, gave a report on the recent meeting of that organization in which it was announced they had received a \$100,000 appropriation from the legislature.

Don Thatcher gave a report to the general meeting on a committee meeting held at 7:00 p.m. this same evening, on the youth leadership project. Earlier plans to conduct a training camp at Rocky Mountain National Park with cooperation of the Park Naturalists and the YMCA have proved unfeasible, and the committee recommended that the club conduct certain of its weekend trips as training sessions for youth leaders, with special instructors in botany, geology, etc., invited to cooperate. This was discussed briefly but no action was taken by the club.

There was a short discussion on the methods of procedures on the Spring Census, to be held May 21.

The Vice-President read the following list of names of those appointed by the President to serve on the Editorial Board of the Colorado Bird Notes: Don Thatcher, Catherine Bonner, Dennis Carter, Phyllis Caswell, Phyllis McRae, Ann Condit, Catherine Hurlbutt, and Margaret Murphy.

Lois Webster announced that the program for the April meeting would feature Dr. Chapin on the "Evolutionary Development of Birds" and Thompson Marsh on "Keeping Bird Records."

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Signed,

Mary Louise Rosegay, Secretary

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Board of Directors' Meeting, April 12, 1960

The Directors' meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. April 12, 1960 in the Bird Room, Denver Museum of Natural History by the President, Thompson Marsh.

The President recommended, after consulting Dr. Bailey, that the club hire Trudi Pierce, a member of the club and of the museum staff, to handle office work for the club. Proper office facilities have been offered by the museum for this purpose. The club telephone bill will be paid yearly (and will be approximately \$13.20) to the museum. The President recommended that Miss Pierce begin work for the club by May 1, if this meets approval of the membership.

A call from the Colorado Mountain Club for a speaker on June 16 was referred to Dr. Bailey, who in turn recommended Don Thatcher for the 1-2 hour lecture before 75-250 people.

Progress on the Bulletin was reported by Don Thatcher.

Discussion of the Spring Count was delayed due to the absence of Dr. Chapin, Chairman of the census committee.

The final business to come before the meeting concerned the club's youth leadership training program. After much debate, it was decided to recommend that the club proceed with the program alone, rather than inviting other clubs to join at this time. Emphasis will be placed on bird study through field trips and museum study. The field trips will be separate from the regular weekend trips of the club and conducted by volunteer members of the club not otherwise committed as field trip leaders for the particular day of the class. The Directors recommend the first class be held on Saturday, May 7, 1960, meeting at the museum for a preliminary study period at 12:30 p.m. and leaving for Genesee Mountain promptly at 1:00 p.m. Thompson Marsh volunteered to contact personally all organizations which might be interested in sending representatives. Registration will be by telephone and it is hoped this can be handled by the new office secretary. A deadline of 1 week before the class was suggested for registration, as the club will be obliged to obtain a sufficient number of leaders and cars to allow for proper instruction and field study.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Signed,

M. L. Rosegay, Secretary

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General Meeting, April 26, 1960

The regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club was called to order April 26, 1960 at 8:00 p.m. by the President, Thompson Marsh, in the Bird Room of the Denver Museum of Natural History.

The meeting opened with the first part of the program, a talk on "The Evolutionary Development of Birds" by Dr. John Chapin.

The business meeting followed, during which the following announcements were made:

(a) Trudi Pierce has been hired by the Board of Directors to serve as Executive Secretary and Assistant Treasurer as of May 1, 1960.

(b) All first arrival records for migrants are to be reported to Philip Alexander to be included in the weekly checklist.

(c) Spring Count will be handled by Dr. Chapin.

(d) A Longmont Field trip is scheduled for the coming Saturday.

(e) The annual meeting of the Nebraska Club is scheduled for May 21, as is our census.

A report was made by Dennis Carter on the successful field trip to Nebraska for Prairie Chickens on the booming grounds. He also announced the South Dakota State Bird Club meeting in Rapid City, which he will attend.

The field trip to initiate a youth leadership course is scheduled for May 7. The President, Thompson Marsh, has contacted all teachers of natural history and science in the Denver Public Schools, the offices of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Campfire Girls. All reservations are to be made through their own offices by April 29, and reported to us. If successful, we hope other clubs will join us in this project.

Dennis Carter announced that the Rocky Mountain Nature Association of Estes Park has asked us to join as a club. No action was taken.

The following slate of officers was nominated from the floor:

For President: Thompson Marsh (declined); John Chapin, Lois Webster, Dennis Carter

For Vice-President: Harold Holt, Mary Louise Rosegay

For Recording Secretary: Jean White, Mary Crow

For Corresponding Secretary: Catherine Hurlbutt, Marjorie Lett, Madge Olson

For Treasurer: Margaret Murphy, Philip Alexander

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For Directors: Ruth Dement, Donald Thatcher, Parnell White

The business meeting was followed by the second part of the program, a talk by Thompson Marsh on "Keeping Bird Records."

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Signed,

M. L. Rosegay, Secretary

General Meeting, May 24, 1960

The regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club was called to order at 8:15 by the President, Thompson Marsh, in the Bird Room of the Museum.

The meeting opened with a program, a selection of colored slides of wildflowers and birds, entitled "Colorado through the Seasons." Mr. and Mrs. John Lett of Platteville shared in the presentation, Mr. Lett showing the slides, Mrs. Lett supplying an interesting running comment.

This was followed by the business meeting with 35 members present. The election was the first order of business, with the following results:

John Chapin, President
M. L. Rosegay, Vice-President
Jean White, Recording Secretary
Marjorie Lett, Corresponding Secretary
Philip Alexander, Treasurer
Donald Thatcher, Parnell White, Directors

It was announced that Phil Alexander was resigning his job as Chairman of the Weekly Checklist and that Mrs. Laurence Bonner would take reports during June, July, and August.

The retiring President, Thompson Marsh, tendered his thanks to all the outgoing officers.

The Treasurer announced that the dues are legally changed to \$2.00 per family, on a yearly basis, or \$.20 per month for any fraction of a year.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

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The outcome of the Leadership Course field trip was announced by Lois Webster. Twelve people out of a potential 2,000 showed up, but it was considered a successful trip. It was suggested that the participating organizations be handled separately, with enrollment limited to 15 for 5 leaders. Planning in the future should allow more time for notices to reach all interested members of the organizations.

John Chapin reported the 109 species from Bonny Lake area as the highest group count in the Spring Count. This includes the Mourning Warbler, a first record for the state. The bird was collected for the museum.

An appeal for new members in the A. O. U. was read by John Chapin, and the publication of Peterson's "Field Guide to the Birds of Texas" by the Texas Game and Fish Commission, at \$3.00, was announced.

Thompson Marsh announced the forthcoming revised checklist of the birds of Colorado would be available from Trudi Pierce at the museum.

A field trip to Platteville was announced for the coming Saturday. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Signed,

M. L. Rosegay, Secretary

General Meeting, September 27, 1960

In the absence of a president, the Vice-President, Mary Louise Rosegay, called the meeting to order, then presented the speaker for the evening: Dr. Ronald A. Ryder, Assistant Professor of Wildlife Management at the Colorado State University, Ft. Collins.

Dr. Ryder spoke on "Coot and Duck Relationship," which he studied for his doctor's thesis at Ogden Bay Refuge in Utah. He illustrated his talk with colored and black and white slides.

In the winter population Mallards rank 1st, Coots about 3rd, and Coots go farther south than game ducks in winter. Most coots from the Ogden Bay Refuge go to California in the winter, where they are a problem. In the 5 study areas—the control area of 75 acres, 1 of 17 acres, 1 less marshy, and 2 areas of about 50 acres each with more water along the shore—he live trapped coots (which is fairly hazardous because of their long claws and fairly sharp beaks) and marked them with neck bands and studied them from blinds of 2 types. Two other studies of Gadwalls and Canada Geese were being conducted in that area at the same time. The coot has about 11 postures it assumes for different reasons, one is called churning which is to scare a nest disturber away and one is called swanning. The coot cocks its tail

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upward exposing the white undertail coverts, which the European coot does also, although its coverts aren't white. The longer the white frontal shield of the male, the more aggressive he is. Coots eat the leavings of the food swans bring up from the bottom and defend an area around the swan for that purpose. They like pond weed, musk grass and duck weed. Coots very seldom fight, although they have been known to fight to the death. They also display against dummies. In 1 section he studied there were 7 territories in 100 yards of vegetation. Some other birds did nest in those territories. Coots nested earlier than most ducks in Utah and were very successful in hatching their young (90%), Divers hatch 50%, Dabblers hatch 10%. In ducks only the female broods, so there is no protection of the nest when she is away, whereas both coots brood and defend the nest, which accounts for the success of the hatch. Both coots feed young for a while, whereas the duck only shows food to the young. Young coots get caught in vegetation, drown, and predators (including Black-crowned Night Herons) take a large toll. Coots like a lot of cattails for nesting where they build platforms which are used by Ruddies and other ducks, gulls, etc. Ducks like the open water found in bulrushes, and mowing cattails has been tried to provide a more suitable habitat for them.

It was announced since John Chapin had resigned as President, a nominating committee composed of Thompson Marsh as chairman with Lois Webster and Bertha Durfee had been appointed. They nominated Dennis Carter for President; there being no further nominations from the floor, it was moved and seconded that Dennis Carter be declared President unanimously.

The President, Dennis Carter, gave a vote of thanks to Thompson Marsh, retiring President, for all he had done the past year to improve the club and expressed the hope the club would continue to improve. All officers present were introduced.

A Board of Directors' meeting was called for Tuesday, October 4, to meet in the Bird Room of the Denver Museum of Natural History to discuss among other things the proposal to change the club year to the calendar year for the purpose of dues only.

A new checklist for the state had been prepared by Donald Thatcher eliminating the Glaucous-winged Gull and adding the Worm-eating Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Hermit Warbler, and Scott's Oriole for a new total of 424 species.

A weekend trip to Bonny Dam on October 1 and 2 was discussed as being the 1st field trip of the club to that area and hoping it would yield eastern species as has the spring trip in the past.

The President asked for reports of birds to be sent to Donald Thatcher for publication in the club bulletin (as well as articles) with emphases on the fringillids which are erratic, some of which have already been seen on the plains, and other species which come down from the mountains to winter on the plains.

Donald Thatcher read a proposal from the publishers of "A Gathering of Shorebirds" of 3 methods for sending out advertising for the book by which the club would receive a copy free, the 1st method would enable purchasers to receive a copy for \$7.50, a savings of several dollars from the regular price.

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Horace "Dad" Smith, the oldest Colorado ornithologist and perhaps the oldest in the United States, died in July. Catherine Hurlbutt read a thank you note from Mr. and Miss Blon with whom "Dad" had lived for some time, expressing appreciation for the floral wreath sent by the club. Although Mr. Smith's hearing and eyesight had failed in the last few years, he was very interested in the activities of the club and attended meetings until his health began to fail.

Mrs. Helen Wilson saw a Rose-throated Becard in their yard last spring, but unfortunately it didn't stay long enough to be photographed or seen by anyone else, so it cannot be added to the state list. Dr. Howard Wilson discussed "Operation Recovery," a bird banding project in which Mrs. Collister of Longmont is participating. She had a Sharp-shinned and Cooper's hawk in her mist nets. Dr. Wilson has been helping tend the nets on Sundays, but was unable to arrange the project for the Denver area because of pressure of other work.

Frederick C. Lincoln, a native of Central City and formerly with the Colorado (now Denver) Museum of Natural History, died a few weeks ago in Washington, DC, where he headed the bird banding studies from which migration data was collected.

The meeting was attended by 45 people. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean White, Recording Secretary

Directors' Meeting, October 4, 1960

The meeting of the Board of Directors was held Tuesday, October 4, 1960 in the office of the Executive Secretary at the museum. A quorum was present.

The By-laws were amended by unanimous vote to authorize the Board of Directors to appoint replacements for officers or directors resigning or moving out of the state during their term of office. The By-laws were further amended to include the Executive Secretary as a voting member of the Board. Miss Lois Webster was nominated and duly voted a Director to replace Miss Anna R. Condit, no longer a resident of this state. This term of office expires in August 1961.

The club year was discussed, and the Board wishes to make clear that changes made at the end of last year affect only the fiscal year, henceforth to begin in January. Election of officers and their term of office remain unchanged.

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It was next voted to add 3 new classes of membership to the Club. In addition to the Regular membership @ \$2.00, there will be Supporting Members @ \$5.00, Contributing Members @ \$10.00, and Life Members @ \$50.00. This latter class is in addition to our three remaining honorary Life Members, Dr. Alfred M. Bailey, Mr. Robert J. Niedrach, and Mr. Howard Rollin. Notices are to be sent to all members whose dues are unpaid for 1959-60. The 1961 dues are payable at any time and will be past due after January, 1961. Bills for 1961 dues will be sent to all unpaid members in December. New membership cards are to be made by December 1, to be issued on payment of dues in lieu of receipts.

Each member of the club is urged to bring in at least one new member during the year.

Thompson Marsh was authorized to distribute copies of the checklist to book dealers to be given out with the purchase of bird books.

It was judged financially impractical to continue the weekly field trip checklist by the electronic process. Dennis Carter and Donald Thatcher volunteered to mimeograph and mail the list for the remainder of the subscription year. At that time the operation will be reconsidered.

The price to charge for checklists was next considered, and it was voted to charge \$.05 a piece by mail with a minimum of 5 copies or \$.25 per order; and \$.02 a piece for members at meetings.

The appointment of Lois Webster as Field Trip Chairman is announced by the President.

The bulletin was discussed and the Board recommended the following suggestions: (1) that a series of descriptions of good birding areas in this and neighboring states be included; (2) that new or very rare bird records be written up; (3) that special projects or analyses of records be published occasionally.

It was moved and seconded that Plan A (address the envelopes and mail them to receive a free copy for the club) be adopted out of the 3 plans offered by the publishers of "A Gathering of Shorebirds," this to be handled by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Marjorie Lett.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Signed,

M. L. Rosegay for Jean White, Secretary

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General Meeting, October 25, 1960

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dennis Carter, and 49 people were present. The President announced that at the Board of Directors meeting on October 4, the dues had been changed to Regular \$2.00, the junior and subscription memberships were abolished, and supporting members \$5.00, and contributing members \$10.00 were added. The Board now has 11 members, the new one being the Executive Secretary (Trudi Pierce). The Board can now make changes since the by-laws were amended. The new Director to replace Ann Condit is Lois Webster.

In the absence of the Vice-President, the President introduced the speaker, Thompson G. Marsh, who spoke on "Summer Birding in Alaska."

Maps of Alaska and the list of birds seen were passed around to members. The boundary between Alaska and the Yukon, Canada has had the trees felled, so that it looks like our power lines and one can see due north. All of the highways are named and have mileposts, and some addresses are addressed by the mileposts. The road that extends farthest north ends at Circle, Alaska. Of value to anyone wishing to go to Alaska by highway is "The Milepost" magazine, which can be obtained at P.O. 457, Cathedral City, California, as it gives you vital information on where to obtain gasoline, food, and lodging. "Birds of Alaska," by Ira. N. Gabrielson and Frederick C. Lincoln, is a must to give you an idea of what to expect in the area that you can travel by highway. The Russians were actually the first birders on the scene in Alaska, but perhaps the most valuable contributions to our knowledge of the birds of Alaska were made by our own Dr. Alfred M. Bailey of the Denver Museum of Natural History. Most of Dr. Bailey's trips were far north of the highways, and he succeeded in collecting many first records for that area. Of the list of birds seen (see attached), perhaps the birds that are missing are the most notable. No herons were seen, which is not surprising since only 3 herons occur there, two (the Snowy Egret and Bittern) are only casual visitors, and the Great Blue Heron is an uncommon but regular summer visitor in the SE, an area not accessible by automobile. No geese were seen, as they were nesting much farther north. Only 1 owl was seen, and several eastern species occurred there, where one would expect western. Icteridae were sadly lacking, only Rusty and Brewer's Blackbirds present. The Brewer's (2 females) were farther north of where they should have been. Of the birds recorded, some of the most interesting were 2 adult Common Loons with 2 young, which seemed to be teaching the young to feed. The Smiths of Coho on the Kenai Peninsula took Mr. Marsh out to see the rare Hudsonian Godwit which was not present, but 2 Parasitic Jaegers were seen heading out to sea on July 29, exactly on schedule as reported by Mary Smith in the Audubon Field Notes. At Adolph Murie's cabin (where he signals his willingness to receive visitors by leaving his shutters up) a family of Harlequin Ducks were guided up and down stream for the battery of cameras to photograph them. Also seen there was the arctic warbler, which looks rather like a vireo with a light eye line. The Arctic Loons call quite differently from the Common Loon,

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moaning and groaning instead of laughing. The Surfbird nests upon the higher ridges, migrating down to the coast in the middle of July. An interesting sight was a Long-tailed Jaeger eating a rodent in the road and being attacked by 2 other Long-tails. The Gray-headed Chickadee described in Pough's Guide is a Eurasian bird. The Pough Guide is a valuable book to have with you, as it describes several birds not found in Peterson's Guide. The Snow Bunting's appearance in immaculate black and white summer plumage was a surprise, as they occur in the United States only in the duller winter plumage. The Wheatear's name is suggested by its call note, a chip, then a grinding sound rather like a churr. Lapland and Smith's Longspurs were also seen. At that time of the year the sun rises and sets in the north, which is rather confusing as the sun is only down for about 30 minutes, eliminating the stars as a guide.

The Treasurer, Philip Alexander, reported only \$21 in the treasury to date.

Lois Webster was introduced as the Field Trip Chairman and asked for suggestions for field trips.

A Red-headed Woodpecker was reported dead in the street by Mrs. Snyder, which is rather late for that species.

Mrs. Herrington, the club's representative to the Regional Parks Association, reported that of the many meetings she had attended, no birds, flowers, or trees were mentioned. The principal subject seemed to be concerned with boating interests, as the roads to permit access for more boats was the most discussed item.

Donald Thatcher reported the bulletin was almost ready to be published. He also reported progress on the arrangements necessary for the printing of membership cards.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean White, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, November 22, 1960

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dennis Carter, and 26 people were present. The President announced that the President's Open House would be held December 11, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Donald Thatcher's home; also that the club would sponsor three Christmas Bird Counts: Jefferson County, Idaho Springs, and Weldona.

Mary Louise Rosegay, the Vice-President, introduced the speaker, Mr. Johnson Neff, of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Mr. Neff spoke on Histoplasmosis and other bird-carried diseases of man. He stated

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that several diseases including viruses are carried by birds. He discussed the prevalence of Histoplasmosis in the Midwest and gave the Kansas City area as an example. Mr. Neff also briefly discussed the part that starlings played in the recent airplane crash at Boston and the problem of bird hazards around air fields.

Three short motion pictures were shown. They were "Hunting with a Camera," a Canadian film; and two Swedish films: "Adventures of a Baby Fox" and "The Forest and the Hunter."

The Treasurer, Philip Alexander, reported \$76 in the treasury to date.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Carter for Jean White, Recording Secretary

Directors' Meeting, November 29, 1960

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dennis Carter. 10 Directors were present.

It was moved and seconded that the weekly Checklist, as a weekly, be discontinued. It was decided to put the more unusual birds seen on the back of the monthly field trip list as a sort of newsletter.

It was also decided to give the field trip leaders a checklist with a stamped envelope or a stamp, so that they could mail their trip checklist to the editor of the bulletin, so that all birds of interest could be included in that publication.

It was moved and seconded that the Life Membership be abolished, except for the honorary Life Memberships.

It was also decided that the Life Membership category was not necessary in such a small club.

It was also decided that the subscriptions to the bulletin be continued, as they would pay their way. A recheck will be made to see if the \$1 subscription does actually pay for the expense of printing the bulletin for each subscriber, and if not, the price will be raised.

It was admitted that the Note in the Christmas Count about a \$.50 fee for each participant was not clear, so that will be explained more fully in the December 15 bulletin.

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It was suggested that an Annual Meeting of the club inviting other bird clubs in Colorado might be of interest. A weekend meeting with field trips and perhaps papers and a dinner could be held. It was decided to check with other clubs before going on with any definite plans.

It was brought up that the club now has some slides as well as a tape recording of bird songs for the use of speakers (within the club) in speaking to other clubs about birds. The material is incomplete but has been used in its present form for several talks. This project was started some time ago, and it was suggested more material be purchased as soon as the financial state of the club warrants it.

A letter was received from Ann Condit about the feasibility of the club's publishing a bibliography on natural history subjects, which she is working on for her master's degree. It was decided the club could not undertake such a project at this time, but would be interested in it in the future. Our help could be given in evaluating the bird books, but not on the other subjects included in the wide range of natural history.

It was noted that after much difficulty, the Corresponding Secretary, Marjorie Lett, had succeeded in mailing the advertising on "A Gathering of Shorebirds" for the Devin-Adair Co. It was generally conceded that the project was more trouble than it was worth, and should not be undertaken again. To date, the club's copy of the book (which was the pay for the mailing of the advertising) has not been received.

The Corresponding Secretary also reported that the club library was in good order. It was decided to check with Catherine Hurlbutt to see if she would be willing to serve as librarian, as she had arranged the books and magazines.

The Membership Cards, which are to be used in the future as receipts, have not been printed. But the cost of the changes necessary in their makeup is being checked.

The Treasurer, Philip Alexander, reported a balance in the bank of \$108, with about a third of the list of members paid.

It was decided to drop from the list of members those who had not paid by the last of January, as notices had been sent to all members some time ago.

The minutes of the regular meetings in September and October and the minutes of the Directors' meeting in October (corrected) were approved without being read.

It was decided the minutes of the regular November meeting and the November Directors' meeting be read at the regular January meeting. That portion of the minutes of the Directors' November meeting that were moved on and seconded was the only part that should be read.

It was noted the bulletin's publication dates had been set back two weeks for all issues except the December 15 issue to allow more time to prepare the issues.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jean White, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, January 24, 1961

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dennis Carter. There were 65 people present. The President presented the Vice-President, Mary Louise Rosegay, who in turn presented the speaker for the evening, Dr. Alfred M. Bailey, Director of the Denver Museum of Natural History.

Before beginning his narration of the color film, Dr. Bailey explained that the different parts of the film had been accumulated all over the state for a period of years and contained the birds he is especially interested in. The film will probably be called, "From Plain to Mountaintop."

Dr. Bailey also noted that after 25 years of preparation, his book, "Birds of Colorado," would soon be published. It will contain 127 color plates (illustrated by famous artists from here and abroad) showing every bird found in Colorado.

The film was especially interesting, showing as it did approximately 27 species of birds, 8 species of mammals, 17 species of flowers, and several butterflies, as well as many of the scenic wonders of our state. Dr. Bailey was assisted in the showing of the film by Robert Wright of the museum staff.

The minutes of the November regular meeting and the November Directors' meeting were read by the Recording Secretary.

The Treasurer, Philip Alexander, reported \$160.29 in the club treasury.

The President reported a total of 74 species seen on the Jefferson County Christmas Count, and about 32 species on the High Count around Idaho Springs.

The Field Trip Chairman, Lois Webster, noted that the field trips for February would follow the same order as those for the past few months, with the exception of a special trip on February 19 to Lake Estes and surrounding area for the purpose of seeing Barrow's Goldeneye and Oldsquaw ducks. There will also be a special trip to Nebraska in March for the Crane migration.

Dr. Bailey reported 2 Pine Grosbeaks in his yard on November 4, 1960 and it was noted there has been an invasion of Kansas by that species. There was speculation on whether these birds (as well as the other fringillids seen) are birds from the Colorado mountains or from farther north.

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Donald Thatcher reported the club had received its annual Christmas gift from Howard Rollin, an excellent painting of the Scott's Oriole, a bird new to the state this year. The Garden Club has requested pictures of birds to display this summer, and it was suggested Howard Rollin's paintings might

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General Meeting, March (?), 1961

FIRST PORTION OF THE MINUTES IS MISSING.

Mr. Webster has been instrumental in attempting to get a bill introduced in the legislature to put all hawks and owls on the protected list.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Phil Alexander, reported about \$195 in the club treasury and noted that many still had not paid their dues for the current year.

Thompson Marsh informed us that the revised western bird guide by Peterson is now available.

The programs for April and May were announced, as were the field trips for April. Several bird records were mentioned.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean White, Recording Secretary

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Board of Directors' Meeting, April 18, 1961

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dennis Carter. Eight Directors were present.

Summer field trips were discussed, and it was decided to list the phone of the leaders for those trips. A special trip is planned for each month and one trip each weekend. The Spring Count will be held on May 20.

It was moved and seconded that the membership cards be changed as follows: the date **will read year**, and cards will be signed by Treasurer instead of Secretary.

The President announced he will appoint a nominating committee, which will present the slate of officers for the May election.

Reminders for dues were sent. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean White, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, April 25, 1961

In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Mary Louise Rosegay. About 40 people were present.

The minutes of the March meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

The Executive Secretary reported \$202 in the Treasury.

Trips to see Sharp-tailed Grouse and Sage Grouse were reported on by Lois Webster and Harold Holt. The Spring Count was announced for May 20, and the chairman, Mr. Holt, suggested the western part of the state should also be covered.

The May meeting program of films on Australia and election of officers was announced.

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Trudi Pierce presented an excellent program on her experiences in attending the Audubon Camp in California in 1954 and 1958. A film on the Audubon Camp in Wisconsin was shown. Miss Pierce told us of the aims and services of the National Audubon Society with special emphasis on their camps.

A garden club wishes someone to present a program on birds in the Museum Bird Room in June.

Bird records were presented by several members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean White, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, May 23, 1961

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dennis Carter. Approximately 52 people were present.

The Vice-President presented Dr. John Tanton who explained the purposes of the Nature Conservancy. It has chapters in 21 states, mostly in the East, and a Colorado chapter is being formed.

Dr. Howard Wilson spoke humorously on his trip to the Texas coast in mid-March. He also showed colored slides taken with a camera attached to his Bushnell scope with a special adapter, and explained the best methods for taking such pictures.

A film, "Feathered Fishers," was shown.

The April minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported \$232 in the bank.

The nominating committee composed of Sadie Morrison, Ferd Kleinschnitz, and Jean White, chairman, presented the following officers for the club year 1961-1962:

President: Mary Louise Rosegay

Vice-President: Joseph L. Borden

Recording Secretary: Alice Rudolph

Corresponding Secretary: Marie Shier

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Treasurer: Philip Alexander

Directors 1961-1963: Lois Webster and Thompson Marsh

There being no further nominations from the floor, they were elected unanimously. It was explained that 2 director's terms do not expire until 1962, namely Donald Thatcher and Parnell White. The other members of the Board of Directors are the Executive Secretary, Trudi Pierce, and Ex-officio Dennis Carter.

Unusual birds seen were reported by several members.

Another film on Australia was shown called "This Land, Australia."

Respectfully submitted,

Jean White, Recording Secretary

Board of Directors' Meeting, August 22, 1961

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mary Louise Rosegay.

Arrangements were made to continue paying Trudi Pierce a salary for services rendered as a secretary to the Club.

Resignation of Joe Borden as Vice-President was announced and the Board, acting in accordance with the 7th Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws, appointed Ferd Kleinschnitz to serve as the Vice-President for the coming year.

Field Trip Chairmanship was discussed. Thompson Marsh was considered to be a good candidate for the 1961-1962 period. The September trips were scheduled with Don Thatcher agreeing to take charge of the printing of the schedule and its distribution to members.

Since no signature has ever been required for the key to Barr Lake, the possibility of getting a key for the Club's use was discussed. In view of the fact that one of the keys had recently been borrowed and not returned to the caretaker, the acquisition of a key by the club was considered to be a good move to protect the courtesy of entry extended to the club.

Several telephone calls have been received from people who have found injured birds. It was decided that the Club should make contact with the Cage Bird Fanciers of Colorado in order that problems pertaining to wild birds and cage birds could be directed to the attention of the proper group.

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Miss Trudi Pierce extended an invitation to any members to visit her Homestead which is 28 miles south of Steamboat Springs.

Mrs. Cass Harrington has resigned from the Regional Parks Association as our representative. A successor was discussed but no action was taken.

Membership cards are to be used as the receipt of membership dues hereafter.

It was suggested that Harold Holt be asked to contribute Colorado information to the Audubon Field Notes and, in addition, be responsible for having copies of the Colorado bird records made for the members.

The status of the hawk and eagle protective regulation was discussed. At present, it is planned that the regulation be under Fish and Wildlife Service. No further action has been taken to legalize the regulation.

A short discussion of the bird library led to the conclusion that the books are not used as fully as they might be. Catherine Hurlbutt was appointed chairman of a committee to include Mary Louise Rosegay and Alice Rudolph, whose duties will include cataloging the library books and putting the Audubon Magazines into binders. A key will be obtained for the library from the Museum to permit ready access to the books.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Rudolph, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, September 26, 1961

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mary Louise Rosegay. About 40 members and guests were introduced.

Comments were made on the large numbers of pinon jays in the area recently. Also there have been several large flocks of gulls. A discussion ensued regarding the possibility that these were Bonaparte's Gulls. It was pointed out that the fall coloration of the Franklin gull is very similar to that of the Bonaparte's Gull. George Shier said that he had seen a Jaeger the morning after the large flock of gulls flew over. The principle food of the Parasitic Jaeger is the same as that of the Bonaparte's Gull (see

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minutes of 10-24-61). It was suggested that a comparison of skins and pictures would be useful in making a final identification of the birds.

The minutes of the August 22 Board of Directors' Meeting were read and approved.

Phil Alexander reported a treasurer's balance of \$181.78.

Donald Thatcher announced that the Colorado Bird News would be mailed out soon.

Mr. Hilliard asked if anyone was interested in again buying hog millet from a firm in Fort Moran for approximately \$3 per hundred pounds. In addition, he asked if the Club members would be interested in participating in an effort of the Conservation Council. They propose to scan the various sources of information pertinent to conservation and to make this information available in the form of an abstract to interested groups.

Mr. McKenzie commented on the effort to save the albatross from being killed on airport runways. Mr. Neff reported that effective clearing and leveling the ground near runways had produced a 94% diminution of flights over the runways and had reduced the actual strikes by planes to 70%.

Ferd Kleinschnitz introduced Mr. Ed Hilliard who presented a very clear picture of the Wilderness Bill as it now stands. It has passed in the U.S. Senate with a few minor additions and now must pass in the House. Mr. Hilliard discussed the arguments used against the Bill and pointed out the fallacies of those arguments. He also explained the purpose of the newly formed Operation Respect which is a program designed to create understanding between sportsmen and conservationists here in Colorado.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Rudolph, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, October 24, 1961

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mary Louise Rosegay, with 38 members and guests present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, modified and approved. Don Thatcher asked that the minutes be altered with regard to the Parasitic Jaeger, which does not feed on the Bonaparte's Gull but rather competes for the same food source.

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Phil Alexander reported a treasurer's balance of \$185.78 and announced that any further dues will be applied to the 1962 period.

Discussion of old business included the announcement that the millet had not as yet been ordered but would be as soon as members would indicate the exact quantity they desired.

Attention was again called to the House of Representative hearings on the Wilderness Bill which are to be held in Montrose on Wednesday, November 1.

The field trip scheduled for Sedalia was cancelled since it coincided with the combined Mountain Club/Bird Club trip to Barr Lake. Trip Leader for this latter trip was Thompson Marsh.

Several announcements were made to the members: Mrs. Thatcher's brother has been made the new commanding officer at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal.

The Audubon lecture to be given Thursday, November 9, is entitled "Cypress Kingdom."

Donald Thatcher reported that he could find nothing specific with regard to an admission fee to the lecture on "Birds, Beasts, and Boys" at the national meeting of the Society for Crippled Children and Adults. There was a general registration fee of \$3 which presumably would have to be paid before one could attend the lecture on November 17.

Catherine Hurlbutt had letters which she had written and addressed to House of Representative members on behalf of the Wilderness Bill. She had made numerous duplicates and asked that those who wished to take copies do so and mail them.

Ferd Kleinschnitz introduced the speaker, Mitchell Sheldon. Mr. Sheldon is with the Fish and Wildlife Service. He showed 35 mm slides of his trip into Canada and discussed the purposes of the trip and some of the information they collected regarding the duck breeding population in that region. Mr. Sheldon himself was interested in collecting some breeding specimens for insecticide accumulation determinations.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 when Ruth Dement displayed a Gila Woodpecker nest taken from a Saguaro cactus.

Respectfully submitted

Alice Rudolph, Recording Secretary

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Directors' Meeting, November 28, 1961

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Rosegay with Kleinschnitz, Alexander, Webster, Thatcher, Mrs. Shier, Holt, and Pierce present.

The plans for the Christmas Count were made.

Harold Holt placed in charge of Publicity to be sought on the killing of the Whistling Swans which has occurred recently in this area.

Millet is available at the Farmers Union elevators at \$2.95/100#. Purchasers are to pay cash and identify themselves as CBC members.

Harold Holt discussed his Status and Migration Data sheets and distributed them to the Board members. These are to be sent on request upon receipt of \$.10 by the Executive Secretary.

The Executive Secretary is to have extra schedules and tin box from Don Thatcher to answer requests which come to the Museum.

Mrs. Rosegay announced that on Sunday, Dec. 10, between 4 and 7 p.m. she will hold open house in Bldg. 231, QTS. #3 Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, Aurora, in place of the December meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudi Pierce, for Alice Rudolph, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, November 28, 1961

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mary Louise Rosegay, at 8:20 p.m. with 42 members and guests present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance of \$207.97.

Trudi Pierce gave a short report on the Montrose hearings of the House of Representatives on the Wilderness Bill which were held on Wednesday, November 1. The National Wildlife Association Bulletin

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indicates optimism concerning the Wilderness Bill although the Montrose hearings were overwhelmingly against the Bill.

Harold Holt discussed the new Status and Migration Report which is not available. The dates are only for the plains zone although the status noted is for all zones.

The rosy finches are down already. The earliest previous date recorded is Dec. 4.

Leaders and areas were announced for the annual Christmas Count.

No regular meeting is scheduled for December. Instead there will be the President's open house on December 10, 4-7 p.m.

Miss Dorothy Sears presented the club with a gift of \$1000 in memory of "Dad" Horace Smith who was for many years a member of the club.

Guests were introduced.

Ferd Kleinschnitz showed a moving picture produced by the University of Minnesota on the migration of the blue-winged teal. The teal were followed northward to their nesting grounds in Canada and south to their wintering area in Mexico. Other birds were very well filmed and could be readily identified.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Rudolph, Recording Secretary

Directors' Meeting, January 16, 1962

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Rosegay at 8:00 p.m.

The official Bald Eagle Count is being made at present covering the period from January 5 to 15, although other sightings are being taken. Anyone with information is asked to call Ferd Kleinschnitz at the State Department. of Game and Fish.

The remaining time was devoted to a discussion of projects which might be appropriate as a memorial to "Dad" Smith.

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Thompson Marsh has suggested that the CBC might install a "Call a Bird" information device. This was to cost approximately \$90 for one year plus installation. This would require that one person would be responsible for recording current information on a tape and installing the tape in the automatic answering device.

Trudi Pierce thought the Club might publish a small booklet in memory of Dad Smith which could then be sold at the Museum, Visitors' Center, etc. The booklet should have a map of Denver and nearby areas where a visitor might stop and a list of birds which might be found there at that time. There is a need for such a booklet for this area.

Phil Alexander suggested a 16 mm movie film of bird trip activities which might be distributed to school biology classes.

The purchase of a piece of land to be used as a sanctuary was introduced for consideration. This however would be too costly for the CBC alone but there is the possibility that the Audubon Society or other conservancy group might be interested in supporting such an effort.

Also the need for a new mimeographing machine was considered.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Rudolph, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, January 23, 1962

The meeting was called to order by Mary Louise Rosegay at 8:20 p.m. with 21 members and guests present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance of \$1226.52 with \$1000 in restricted funds.

Miss Sears' reply to the President's note of appreciation for the \$1000 gift was read to the group.

In connection with the Bald Eagle count, Mrs. Collister read a letter from Mrs. Lucy Ela of Grand Junction. Mrs. Ela reported a total of 56 Bald Eagles and 10 Golden Eagles were seen during the count period. Mrs. Ela passed on the information that 4 Bald Eagle nests were seen along the Colorado River

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near Glenwood Springs. The discussion following the reading of this letter indicates some doubt as to the proper identification of these birds by the observer.

1962 dues are payable now.

During the Christmas Count a total of 78 spp. were reported from Denver including 4 new spp. 37 spp. were reported from the High Altitude Count.

Minutes of the January 16 meeting of the Board of Directors were read. Mrs. Rosegay explained in more detail the suggestions made at the meeting for the expenditure of the \$1000 gift. She asked the members to make any suggestions they might have and to consider the matter further for discussion at future meetings. Harold Holt offered to be responsible for the telephone device if the club should decide to install the "Call a Bird" information service.

The report by William O. Douglas, in his new book, of a pileated woodpecker in the vicinity of Snowmass Lake near Maroon Bells is regarded as erroneous, however it should be investigated further both by correspondence and field trips.

The Fish and Wildlife Series film entitled "Behind the Flyways" was shown, guests were introduced, and the meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Rudolph, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, February 27, 1962

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mary Louise Rosegay with 24 members and guests present.

The minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with and the treasurer reported a balance of \$1242.52.

There was a general discussion of the possibility of sponsoring a state-wide convention of the Bird Club with lectures, field trips and a banquet. May 26-27 weekend was suggested since the number of birds and species is great at that time. A small registration fee would be necessary with advance registration wherever possible with a small deposit.

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Thompson Marsh read a reply from William O. Douglas regarding his query of the presence of the pileated woodpecker near Snowmass Lake in 1960. Dr. Frederick Rodell from Harvard has seen the bird there for several years.

The field trip to the booming grounds of the Lesser Prairie Chicken has been set for May 5-6 with the group meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in Springfield, CO, on May 5.

The spring count will be on May 19, Saturday.

Little new to report on the Bald Eagle count.

Irvin Boker showed his 35 mm slides taken during his study trips for the Wildlife Service to the areas of the Whooping Crane.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Rudolph, Recording Secretary

Directors' Meeting, February 27, 1962

The following recommendations were approved for presentation at the regular meeting:

1. The "Call a Bird" information service should be given a three-month trial at a total cost of \$30.00
2. A convention of the Wyoming and Colorado Ornithological Societies should be held here in Denver with the CBC as host club the 4th weekend in May. The convention should be an annual event with its meeting place as Denver unless some other group wished to host the event.
3. A card-sized field checklist was discussed. No final agreement was reached although a majority of the group present approved the check list as a state rather than a local list.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Directors' Meeting, March 20, 1962

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mary Louise Rosegay with 11 members present: Philip Alexander, Ferd Kleinschnitz, Harold Holt, Parnell White, Thompson Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Shier, Dennis Carter, Lois Webster, Don Thatcher and Alice Rudolph.

The card-sized check list to be printed for the club was discussed at length. It was finally agreed that the list should be an area one with only the "rare" status indicated. 5000 will be printed at a cost of \$67.50 plus tax with the total cost being approximately \$70.00 and will be sold to members at the rate of \$.02 each. The club treasury will pay the original cost of printing.

The remainder of the evening was spent in a discussion of the Audubon Society and the pros and cons of the CBC becoming a branch rather than an affiliate. Of the \$6.50 annual dues, \$2.50 pays the cost of the Audubon Magazine, \$2.00 is returned to the local group and \$2.00 remains in the National treasury. Although it was felt by a majority of the Board that the nature of the CBC would change, the community would benefit, therefore the subject should be presented to the general membership without reservation and with the recommendation of the Board.

The voting was as follows: 7 to present the proposal in a positive manner, 2 abstained from voting, and 3 did not wish to change the nature of the club.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Rudolph, Recording Secretary

Letter regarding May convention

Dear _____

The Colorado Bird Club in Denver is hoping to initiate a regular annual meeting of the various ornithological societies, students and teachers of ornithology, conservation and game management throughout Colorado and Wyoming and of its own scattered members.

We feel there are many benefits to be shared in such a meeting. Those working on particular problems may welcome an opportunity to present a short paper to discuss their problems with others, and to

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enlist aid from the group. We should all welcome the chance to become acquainted with one another, to exchange notes, and to go birding together in choice localities.

We should like to propose the fourth weekend in May, which would be May 26 and 27 this year. Our club would host this year, and any other year, unless another group should care to make the arrangements. This could be handled in the same way the larger ornithological clubs handle their conventions. We have yet to determine a meeting place, but this will depend partly on the number of registrations.

Hotel or motel accommodations could be handled individually, as there is no lack of space at this season. We suggest your arrival in Denver on Friday afternoon or evening, if at all possible, to make these arrangements. There could be a short opening session Friday evening to acquaint guests with each other and with the schedule for the weekend.

Saturday morning could include a choice of several early morning trips, conducted by our regular leaders in each locality. The rest of the day would be devoted to papers, films, discussion groups, museum tours, etc. A banquet for the group would follow on Saturday night, and arrangements are now being made, tentatively, for this.

Sunday there could be other trips in the area for as long as guests cared to remain.

We hope that you and your club, or your students, or you, as an interested individual, will find these plans to your liking, and join us in this effort. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested, how many from your club or school might also attend, and if any would be interested in presenting papers or other types of program material.

Titles and a brief outline (plus estimated time for presentation) for these should be in our hands no later than April 21st.

There will, of necessity, be a small registration fee, to help cover incidental expenses. This will be kept at a minimum, of course, and you will be informed of all these details at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Louise Rosegay
(Mrs. Harold Rosegay)

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General Meeting, March 27, 1962

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 by the President, Mrs. Mary Louise Rosegay, with 46 members and guests present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was dispensed with. It was announced that Phil Alexander, the treasurer, was to be out of the city for 4 to 6 weeks.

The letters concerning the first annual convention have been completed and are ready to mail.

The new field checklist will be an area list rather than a state list. The only status notations to be included are the life-zone, season and "rare." Additional notations were felt to be unnecessary since the information could be obtained by consulting the regular status and migration sheets.

Trudi Pierce has resigned as executive secretary and Mrs. Julia Rose has offered to fill in until someone is found to fill the position permanently.

A nominating committee with Lois Webster as chairman and Thompson Marsh and Ruth Dement as members was appointed.

Mrs. Rosegay outlined the discussion conducted by Mr. Carl Buckheister, President of the National Audubon Society, on March 14th. At that time, the Colorado Bird Club was invited to become a branch of the Audubon Society. The National Audubon Society is seeking to increase its representation in the western part of the United States and is interested in having a major group here in Colorado. They feel that the presence of an Audubon Society branch here will increase the strength of the conservationists and naturalists in this area. The majority of the Board of Directors of the CBC felt that the possibility of becoming a Branch should be given serious and careful consideration since it would be of benefit to the entire community. The drawback which was of greatest concern to the members was the fact that the scope of the club would become so broadened that the small group whose primary interest was in the study of the bird life in this area would be swallowed up in the process. However it was noted that this would be a few years in the process and by that time the CBC could again reform as a separate group from the Audubon Society if it was desired. The great increase in administrative work was also commented upon. Since there is no deadline for the change, it was suggested that the subject should be brought up for discussion periodically between now and January.

Ferd Kleinschnitz announced that the new Audubon film "Island in Time" would be shown at the next meeting. He then introduced Col. and Mrs. Charles Snyder who showed color slides of their birding and hunting experiences in Europe, Korea and the U.S.

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Thompson Marsh reported that he had a call from Ron Ryder saying that he had a "cabin" available for the May 5th trip.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Rudolph, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, April 24, 1962

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 by Ferd Kleinschnitz, Vice-President, in the absence of Mary Louise Rosegay. 35 members and guests were present. The guests introduced themselves.

Harold Holt spoke briefly regarding the spring count to be held on May 19. Last year the whole state was covered but this year it appears that the count will be less wide-spread. He asked that locations and elevations be noted on the sightings.

It was decided that the May convention should be postponed since the President, Mary Louise Rosegay, has gone to Ohio for an indefinite length of time. Response to the first letter has been reasonably good for such a short notice with 3 papers being offered and approximately 25 individuals outside the CBC planning to attend. It was decided that a letter should be written explaining the situation and rescinding the invitation to the meeting and postponing it until Fall.

No comments were forthcoming regarding the subject of becoming a branch of the Audubon Society.

Thompson Marsh reported on the nominations to be presented by the committee consisting of Sadie Morrison, Thompson Marsh and Ruth Dement as Chairman: President, Ferd Kleinschnitz; Vice-President, Lynn Willcockson; Recording Secretary, Nancy Hurley; Corresponding Secretary, Alice Rudolph; Treasurer, Phil Alexander; Board Members, George Shier, Harold Holt.

Larry Davis reported briefly on their trip to Arizona and Mexico.

The film "Island in Time" prepared under the auspices of the Sierra Club on Point Reyes in California was shown.

Thompson Marsh read a letter from William O. Douglas in which he stated that Fred Rodell first saw the Pileated Woodpecker near Snowmass Lake in 1958. Dr. Rodell wrote that he had seen one in 1958 and one in 1960 in the Buckskin Pass area near Snowmass Lake. Both sightings were in September.

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The meeting was adjourned since there was no further business.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Rudolph, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, May 22, 1962

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 by Ferd Kleinschnitz, the vice-president, with 50 members and guests present.

Mr. Kleinschnitz had his copy of "Birds of the World" for anyone to look at who wished to do so. Since new officers were to be elected, the two films were shown before the business meeting was held. The first film was entitled "Know Your Ducks" from the Fish and Wildlife Service. "Sunrise Serenade," filmed under the auspices of the American Museum of Natural History, showed the dances of the prairie chickens, sharp-tailed grouse and sage grouse.

The following reports of unusual birds were made:

1. Orchard oriole and white-faced glossy ibis at Barr Lake
2. White male mourning warbler and eastern phoebe at Bonny Dam: White-necked raven Yellow-bellied sapsucker. Total of 102 spp. seen by Thompson Marsh, John Chapin and Tom Palmer. Shore birds scarce.
3. Harold Holt reported on the trip to the booming grounds of the Lesser Prairie Chicken near Springfield, CO. The blind had been erected right in the center of the booming grounds just prior to our visit. The birds gathered but left without any displaying being seen.
4. Shiers reported the yellow-bellied sapsucker on the western slope.
5. Dr. Bailey reported many booming grounds of the sharp-tailed grouse in Baca County. In April, 17 males and 27 birds with sex unreported were seen near Castlewood. Males have been coming to this area for over 50 years. Over 400 male sage grouse have been seen at Laramie. Bird arrow points are found in this area so it is postulated that this is a fairly old booming ground.

He also reported having seen a bird with a vermilion breast, blue head, reddish eye ring, greenish back (the Painted Bunting) in his yard in Denver.

The following nominations were presented to the club by the nominating committee:

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Vice-President: Lynn Willcockson
Treasurer: Phil Alexander
Recording Secretary: Nancy Hurley
Corresponding Secretary: Alice Rudolph
Board of Directors: George Shier, Ferd Kleinschnitz

No nominations were made from the floor. It was moved and seconded that these officers be elected. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1265.

Guests were introduced and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Rudolph, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, September 25, 1962

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Harold Holt, President. About 30 members and guests were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer, Philip Alexander, reported a balance of \$1241.84 prior to tonight's meeting.

The need to order a new mimeograph machine was brought up. It is to be discussed at the October meeting.

Old Business:

Membership in the National Audubon Society was discussed.

New Business:

1. A letter was read from Ronald Ryder. Live trapping of birds, banding with both regulation aluminum bands and colored bands, and color marking with harmless dyes is being done in the vicinity of Fort Collins. The following species are being marked: ring-billed gull, Franklin's gull, great blue hereon, black-

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crowned night heron, American coot, mallard, pintail, avocet and killdeer. Will we please send any sightings to him, Colorado State University?

2. A letter was read from Governor McNichols. The State Park and Recreational Board, in cooperation with public and private agencies, is holding a convention October 18-19, 1962 at the Denver Hilton. They will send forms to our members interested in attending. There will be discussions in four areas: high density recreation, general recreation, unique natural and primitive areas, and historical areas.

3. The Committee for the Denver Botanical Gardens has asked for a volunteer to give a lecture to their group, November 5, 1962, at 10:00 a.m., on attracting birds in the West to your garden, on the placing of feeders, and on what species to expect. If you are interested, please contact Harold Holt in October.

At 8:45 p.m. the meeting was turned over to Lynn Willcockson, Vice-president and program chairman. He would like to broaden our programs from just birds to include conservation. Members shared their summer experiences with the group and reported on Colorado records.

Next month's program will be a talk by Mr. Ryerden of the Fish and Game Department on the "Aspects of Pollution Related to Conservation."

Harold Holt asked for volunteers for field trip chairman and said that Lois Webster is willing to help the new chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

Directors' Meeting, October 16, 1962

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. by Harold Holt, President, with eight members present.

The problems of getting out the Bird Notes were discussed. It was moved and seconded to have the next mimeographing and mailing of the Bird Notes done by a commercial letter shop on an experimental basis with a careful tab kept on the expenses. Then at the next Board meeting to discuss whether to continue with a commercial firm or to buy a new mimeograph machine. It was decided to draw up the field trips for two months in advance and to have them published with the Bird Notes.

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Membership in the National Audubon Society was discussed. It was decided to ask Alice Rudolph, Corresponding Secretary, to write to Mr. Carl Buckheister, President of the National Audubon Society, to get information on what would be expected of the Bird Club if we became a typical active branch, and specifically about conservation support, how many National Audubon Society members there are at present in Denver, and what territory the branch would encompass when formed.

It was decided that the weekend of May 25-26, 1963 would be a good weekend to hold a state meeting and to ask Alice Rudolph to write to the various colleges regarding papers to be presented at the state meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, October 23, 1962

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Harold Holt, President, with 28 members and guests present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Mrs. Wilson is going to talk to the Denver Botanical Gardens. One ring-billed gull, marked with yellow, was sighted on September 13 by Harold Holt.

The minutes of the Board meeting of October 16, 1962 were read and accepted. Donald Thatcher got estimates from several commercial letter shops. The best estimate would come to about \$300 total for a year. Six issues would average about \$1.50 per member per year. We are to furnish the address stickers. That sum of money, not counting labor, would just about pay for a new mimeograph machine in two years. It is to be discussed further at the next board meeting.

Old Business: Further discussion on membership in the National Audubon Society should wait for answers to our correspondence with them. Alice Rudolph, corresponding secretary, suggested that we contact other branches to learn what their activities are.

The bill to protect the golden eagle has been signed.

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The field trip leaders were asked to report any unusual birds that they had found in the last month. George Shier saw a poor-will and also a black and white warbler on the 18th of October. The Dements saw six bufflehead and an American bittern at Cherry Creek Dam.

New Business:

Harold Holt created a new chairmanship for our first state convention. He appointed Lois Webster chairman. She may appoint any help she wishes. It is hoped that in future years this convention will meet elsewhere in the state.

The annual May count is going to be on May 18, 1963, the third weekend in May.

At 8:35 p.m. the meeting was turned over to Lynn Willcockson who introduced Mr. Larry Ryerden and Mr. Eugene Cook of the Colorado Fish and Game Department. They gave a talk on water pollution being the most important problem facing conservationists at present. They showed a movie, "George Washington's River," dealing with the pollution of the Potomac River.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

Directors' Meeting, November 20, 1962

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Harold Holt, President, with ten members present.

It was decided to have the Bird Notes commercially printed. A motion was made and seconded to raise the regular dues to \$3 per year beginning January 1, 1963 to cover the added expenses. The \$5 and \$10 classes will stay the same. No new subscriptions to the Bird Notes alone will be accepted.

It was moved and seconded to send separate notices to the 75 members who are delinquent in dues requesting that if you are interested in remaining a member, please forward \$5 to cover the delinquent dues and the 1963 dues which are now payable.

There will be no open house for Christmas 1962.

The need to clarify the boundaries of leaders' territories for the Christmas census was discussed.

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The airmail letter of November 14, 1962 from the National Audubon Society thanking us for our affiliation dues was read.

Alice Rudolph, corresponding secretary, was authorized to send out the letters she presented pertaining to: 1) letters to various Audubon branches requesting information on the effect on that particular club on becoming a branch; 2) a letter to Mr. Buckheister asking for information and suggestions to aid us in making a decision about becoming a branch of the National Audubon Society; 3) requests to hear from persons interested in a state convention May 25-26, 1963, especially those wishing to present papers.

It was decided to record the following suggestion, The Denver Field Ornithology Club, for a new name for the Colorado Bird Club, should we not become a branch. This will eliminate some of the confusion over our present name. We will do nothing about it until we hear from Mr. Buckheister and make a definite decision about becoming a branch of the National Audubon Society.

It was voted to continue membership in the Regional Parks Board.

It was decided to bring to the attention of the members at the regular meeting that the Jefferson County Feed Store at Wadsworth Boulevard and West Colfax Avenue has a very good mixed wild bird seed, 50 pounds selling for \$2.50.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, November 27, 1962

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m. by Harold Holt, president, with 31 members and guests present.

The minutes of the Board meeting of November 20, 1962 were read and accepted. The various chores of publishing the Bird Notes to be done by Donald Thatcher and those to be done by the commercial firm were clarified.

The Thatchers will be hosts to the counters after the Christmas count, December 22, 1962. The leaders were introduced and those wishing to participate should contact them. It costs each participant \$.50 to

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have his name put in the Audubon Notes. Another attempt will be made to change the name of the count from Jefferson County to Denver in the Audubon Notes.

The Weldona count will be led by Dennis Carter on December 26, 1962.

The Shiers will be hosts after the high altitude count on December 29, 1962. Those wishing to participate in this count will meet at the **engine** in Idaho Springs at 7:30 a.m.

The field trip leaders and others reported any unusual finds.

Donald Thatcher advised everyone to read "Silent Spring" by Rachel Carson.

Contact Harold Holt if you are interested in the National Wildlife Federation stamps, 1948 through 1961 in sheets with binder, new, price \$20.

At 9:00 p.m. the meeting was turned over to Lynn Willcockson, vice-president and program chairman. Harold Holt showed slides of birds that he had taken and others belonging to the Museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, January 22, 1963

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Harold Holt, President, with 16 members and guests present.

The minutes of the meeting of November 27, 1962 were read and accepted.

Mr. Calvert reported that he had attended the Regional Parks Board meetings last May and that he would try to attend meetings in the future so that the Bird Club might have a better idea of that Board's activities. He also mentioned that there is to be a plains conservation center at the old Lowry Bombing Range. A group wanting to push this forward has a long term lease.

Lois Webster, chairman of the convention, reported that letters had been sent out asking for responses from those desiring to present papers but no answers had been received yet. No further definite plans have been made.

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The Wildlife Recreation group at the Colorado State University wrote that they hope to have a sanctuary on the lower Cache la Poudre River.

The National Audubon Society will have a camp this next summer near Dubois, Wyoming.

The Christmas census turned up 80 species, 3 new ones: the Harlan's hawk, surf scoter and green-tailed towhee. The Idaho Springs count yielded 30 species, two of them new: mockingbird and song sparrow.

Lynn Willcockson, vice-president and program chairman, announced that at the next meeting two men from the Federal Center will speak on the effects of insecticides on upland game.

There was no program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

Directors' Meeting, February 19, 1963

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Harold Holt, president, with nine members present.

Plans for the convention were discussed. So far there are few answers to the invitations, no one wanting to present a paper. We may have Phipps Auditorium for Saturday afternoon, May 25, 1963 with the only charge the wages of two guards. The plans are for field trips Saturday morning, registration beginning at 12 or 1:00 p.m., a program of scientific papers and reports of special projects such as Carhart's national conservation library collection, the Plains Conservation Center, the Lower Cache la Poudre Sanctuary, the Jefferson County School camp, and business meeting for about the last half hour of the program, a banquet (Lynn Willcockson, chairman—a buffet felt to be better food for less money), and field trips half and all day Sunday. There will be three fees: 1) registration tentatively set at \$1.50 to cover correspondence, a printed program, guards for Phipps and the banquet speaker's expenses. 2) the banquet. 3) box lunches if desired for Sunday.

The letter from the National Audubon Society in reply to the one we wrote asking for additional information and aid in helping to set up a branch was read. It was felt that they are not sufficiently cooperative in helping us set up the branch at the moment, so it was moved to do nothing further about it for the time being.

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It was felt that the subscribing membership in the Colorado Bird Club was abolished too soon and it was moved to raise the dues for that membership class to \$2.

The membership list was gone over and those not having paid dues since 1961 will be billed for 1962 and 1963.

It was decided that it would be nice for the club to buy a projector and a set of slides in glass of the local birds so that any member wishing to lecture or to teach might have the use of them. Don Thatcher was appointed to get some estimates.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, February 26, 1963

The meeting was called to order by Lynn Willcockson, Vice-President, in the absence of Harold Holt, President, at 8:10 p.m. There were 36 members and guests present.

Treasurer's report. There is at present \$1297.46 posted.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and the last board meeting were read and accepted.

Lois Webster reported on the convention. The chairmen of the various committees are: registration and reservations, Robina Storrie; banquet, Lynn Willcockson; field trips, Thompson Marsh; program, Marie Shier; correspondence, Alice Rudolph and Nancy Hurley; art, Mary Robinson.

Donald Thatcher requested further time to look into buying a projector. It was moved and seconded to authorize him to spend up to \$200 for a color slide projector and accessories and to buy as many color slides as he is able with the difference.

Interesting birding of the month was reported by field trip leaders and others.

On April 19, 1963 the Cooper Society will meet in Austin, Texas.

The program was a slide discussion of the Effects of Pesticides on Wildlife, presented by Richard Pillmore and Lowell McEwen of the United States Fish and Wildlife Department.

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The program for the next meeting was announced, a panel on the identification of sandpipers in the Spring given by club members.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

Directors' Meeting, March 19, 1963

The meeting was called to order by Harold Holt, president at 8:05 p.m. with 10 members present.

Philip Alexander, Treasurer, reported that the balance is \$1416.46. There has been a response to not quite half of the 64 delinquent dues reminders that were sent out. It was suggested that we ought to bill on a more regular basis, about February 1, after the first regular meeting of the year, thus giving members a chance to pay without a written reminder.

It was moved to have Thompson Marsh try to change the wording of the notice of the Bird Club in the weekly events published in the Denver Post. It reads free trips. Some people take that to mean it is not necessary to join the club or to make a contribution for gasoline.

Harold Holt appointed Thompson Marsh feature editor of the Bird Notes.

It was felt something should be done to catalog the Club library and make it available. Harold Holt appointed Nancy Hurley chairman of the library.

Lois Webster reported on the convention progress to date. The field trips and leaders are all set. Then it was suggested that we start the Sunday trips earlier than the Saturday trips and end the convention with a picnic at noon. Dr. Bailey will show his movie on Colorado Wildlife after the banquet Saturday evening. A file will be set up to aid whoever works on the convention next year.

Thompson Marsh was appointed chairman of the nominating committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

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General Meeting, March 26, 1963

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 p.m. by Harold Holt, president, with 33 members and guests present.

The secretary's minutes of the last regular meeting and of the last board meeting were read and accepted.

Philip Alexander reported a balance of \$1430.46 in the treasury with 1962 dues still coming in. He will bill for 1963 delinquent dues soon.

Lois Webster reported that progress on the convention is coming along well and that she hopes the Colorado Bird Club members will return their registrations early.

Nancy Hurley, library chairman, asked any person knowing the whereabouts of library property or having a donation for the Colorado Bird Club library to contact her.

The Audubon Conservation Guide reported that the bill to remove the Great Horned Owl from the protected list in New York State was defeated.

On April 3, CBS-TV is going to have a panel on pesticides.

The Botany Club has invited the Bird Club to their next meeting on April 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Botanical Gardens House, 909 York Street. Mr. Ray C. McDaniel will discuss the Plains Conservation Center.

Interesting birds seen in the last month were reported.

Thompson Marsh read a letter from the Letts in Platteville regarding the April trip he is to lead to Platteville.

Chuck Snyder, Ferd Kleinschnitz, and George Shier discussed the identification of shore birds.

Lynn Willcockson, Vice-President, announced next month's program will be about migration.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

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General Meeting, April 23, 1963

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Harold Holt, president, with 32 members and guests present.

The secretary's minutes were read and accepted.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$1355.75. Notices will be sent out to about 70 members who owe 1963 dues.

The convention chairman reported that everything is progressing well.

The nominating committee is going smoothly, Thompson Marsh, chairman, reported.

There was a good turn-out of Bird Clubbers at the Botany Club meeting about the Plains Conservation Center.

Early dates of spring migrants were reported.

Anyone interested in participating in the Spring Count on May 19 should contact Harold Holt.

Lynn Willcockson gave an excellent discussion on migration.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, May 28, 1963

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 p.m. by Harold Holt, president, with 28 members and guests present.

The secretary's minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

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The treasurer reported a balance of approximately \$1300. 1963 delinquent dues notices are about to be mailed out.

Lois Webster, convention chairman, reported that the convention was a wonderful experience for all of the committee members. A total of over one hundred people participated in the convention. We saw 128 species of birds in the two days. We came out with about a \$30 deficit.

Harold Holt urged all members to write to Governor Love concerning golden eagle protection.

May 16 and 17, 1964 is the annual meeting of the Nebraska Ornithological Union. Anyone from Colorado or Wyoming wishing to join them at that time is welcome.

Interesting birds seen in the past month were reported.

The nominating committee reported the following slate:

Lynn Willcockson, President

Alice Rudolph, Vice-President

George Shier, Treasurer

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary,

Sadie Morrison, Corresponding Secretary

Directors: Ex-officio Harold Holt; Philip Alexander until 1965 to fill the unexpired term of George Shier; Don Thatcher and Mary Louise Rosegay until 1966.

The candidates were elected unanimously. Parnell White's term on the board ends in 1963; Lois Webster's and Thompson Marsh's in 1964, Ferd Kleinschnitz's in 1965.

Harold Holt appointed Don Thatcher, Charles Snyder and himself a committee to look into the club buying ducks to donate to the duck pond in City Park.

Harold Webster showed a movie, "Nature's Birds of Prey," discussed hawks and brought his white gyrfalcon to show the members.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

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Directors' Meeting, September 17, 1963

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 p.m. by Lynn Willcockson, President, with 9 members present.

Programs for the regular meetings:

The tentative programs for the year which Alice Rudolph hopes to have settled in October are: Ed McKee talking on the birds of the Grand Canyon or Egypt, Dr. Alexander of the University of Colorado talking on an ornithologist in Siam or the bill mechanism, Dr. E. A. Knorr to talk on the swifts, Dr. Winkler to review an article on the evolution of love birds which appeared in the *Scientific American*, a lawyer to speak on efficient and effective lobbying, Paul Baldwin of Fort Collins to talk about feathers. It was suggested that it might be nice to have a movie from Cornell to be shown on a night such as that of the review and that we might like to have dinners honoring out-of-town speakers.

Treasurer's report:

A motion was made and seconded authorizing George Shier, treasurer, to transfer the Bird Club account from the Denver U.S. National Bank of Golden. He is to put the money into the type accounts he thinks best and to report to the club what he decides. Members should be billed for dues yearly about February 1st.

State Park and Recreation Board:

It was felt that this board is a political pressure group and that it is not worthwhile to the Bird Club to send a representative to their meetings. We will let our membership lapse.

Library:

It was moved and seconded to offer the Bird Club books to the Denver Museum of Natural History, keeping the material pertinent to the Bird Club. Perhaps the *Birds of Minnesota* should be offered to the University of Colorado or to Colorado State University if the Museum has it. Lynn Willcockson will appoint a committee to decide on the disposition of the materials. Howard Rollin's paintings, gifts to the Bird Club, could be offered to the Museum on a loan basis to be displayed.

Publication of Bird Notes:

Lynn Willcockson will discuss the matter with Don Thatcher. It was once set so that the publication dates of the Bird Notes and the Audubon Field Notes coincided.

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Ducks for City Park:

A small lake north of the bird house at City Park has been fenced and is being stocked with ducks. In about two months the Bird Club committee should discuss what the Bird Club could do toward this project. We might on the other hand, do something for the Audubon Camp at Breckenridge, such as scholarships.

State Organization:

The Colorado Bird Club should be the one to initiate a state organization. That brings up the question of a name change for the local group.

The next board meeting will be in November. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, September 24, 1963

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Lynn Willcockson, president, with 28 members and guests present.

Harold Holt was thanked for last year's leadership.

The minutes of the last board meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported a balance of a little over \$1500.

Don Thatcher has done nothing further about a projector or slides.

Phil Alexander reported on his trip to Minnesota to buy ducks and geese for City Park Zoo. The goal is three pairs each of North American waterfowl as well as any others that can be obtained. It is still too soon for Bird Club sponsorship of this project.

National support is needed for the bill sponsored by the Oregon Audubon Society to set aside an area in Oregon to protect the ducks and geese of the Pacific flyway.

Dr. Baumgarten sent a letter apologizing for the omission of the last Colorado report in the Audubon Field Notes. He never received this report.

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Don Thatcher announced that Hall's *A Gathering of Shore Birds* could now be obtained for \$3.95 plus \$0.25 postage, reduced from \$10. He will give the information to interested persons.

Recent field trips and summer vacations were reported on.

Arthur Carhart talked about the National Conservation Research Library of the Denver Public Library and showed slides.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, October 22, 1963

The meeting was called to order by Lynn Willcockson, president, with 25 members and guests present.

The secretary's minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer, George Shier, reported a balance of \$1448.48. There are no bank charges in the Golden bank for non-profit organizations, so the balance of the account, to be transferred from the Denver First National Bank, will be put into savings.

Nancy Hurley is to dispose of the library.

Harold Holt is field trip chairman.

The letter from the Ash Grove School requesting information was read. The Audubon Screen tour program was handed out, also information on Audubon camps. The publication of a new book, *Birds of Wisconsin*, was announced.

Colorado State University is color marking ring-billed gulls, Franklin's gulls, great blue herons, black-crowned night herons, American coot, mallard, pintail, avocet and killdeer.

Ducks Unlimited is asking for support to develop nesting areas. They are going to show films on their work in Canada, November 20th at Phipps.

Harold Holt showed photographs of jaegers that he had taken.

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D. Baldwin from Colorado State University talked on Redpolls in Alaska. Dr. Alexander from Boulder will talk on Birds of Thailand at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, November 26, 1963

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 by Lynn Willcockson, president, with 35 members and guests present.

Lynn Willcockson announced the annual Christmas open house.

The secretary's minutes were read and approved. The treasurer reported not much change in the balance and asked for next year's dues. Names will be dropped in reasonable time after a statement has been sent out about February 1, 1964.

The Thatchers will be hosts after the Denver area Christmas counts, the Shiers after the Idaho Springs count. Those wishing to go on the high altitude count meet at the engine in Idaho Springs at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, December 28, 1963; those wishing to go on the Weldona count contact Don Thatcher, and those wishing to go on the Pikes Peak count contact Hugh Kingery.

Fort Collins will be hosts for the second annual convention of Field Ornithologists, May 23rd and 24th, 1964.

Field trips were reported.

Let Don Thatcher know if there were any blank pages in your Bird Notes.

Mr. H. G. Mills discussed his bird houses and asked for advice.

Dr. Bailey would like to know of nests or birds on nests in the spring so that he may photograph them.

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Dr. Alexander talked on the Birds of Thailand, illustrated with slides.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

Directors' Meeting, January 21, 1964

The meeting was called to order by Lynn Willcockson at 8:10 p.m. with Harold Holt, George Shier, Lois Webster, Don Thatcher, Ferd Kleinschnitz, Mary Louise Rosegay, and Alice Rudolph in attendance.

The resignation of Phil Alexander from the Zoo Board and from the Colorado Bird Club Board was announced with regrets. It was agreed that a letter be written to Jack Dee, City Parks Manager, expressing the regret of the club members that the zoo conditions should have reached such a poor state of affairs. A motion was also made and seconded that a letter be sent to the Denver Post.

Mary Louise Rosegay made a motion that the name of the club be changed and suggested the Denver Field Ornithologists be considered. The motion was second and passed by the board without dissention. The present name fails to create an impression of importance.

George Shier presented a motion that the club consider giving a small annual award to the club member who presents the short paper judged to be most worthy. The motion was seconded after it was agreed that the motion be considered first by a committee of members.

The Wilderness Meetings were discussed and it was moved that a letter of appreciation be written to the Mountain Club for the great amount of work they did publicizing the meeting.

Announcement that the Third Annual Conference on Parks and Recreation to be held February 13th and 14th was made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by Alice Rudolph, Secretary pro tem

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General Meeting, January 28, 1964

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Lynn Willcockson, president, with 50 members and guests present.

The minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer reported that the annual dues are payable, that there is about \$450 in a checking account and \$1900 in a savings account.

The Christmas counts were summarized.

Don Thatcher has bought a projector.

The state meeting will be held in Fort Collins in May.

If you've ever been in a wilderness area, please write to your state representative in Washington mentioning your visit for support on the wilderness hearings.

It was decided to write a letter to the Denver Post expressing concern over the duck situation at City Park Zoo which led to the resignation of Phil Alexander from work on that project.

Twenty-four Hungarian partridges have been released north of Fort Collins. They are needed in three or four places in order to get established here.

George Shier will represent the Club at the Park and Recreation hearings on February 13 and 14, 1964.

Changing the club name was discussed.

A group should be established to look into the use of money gifts.

Alice Rudolph told of her boat trip down the San Juan River and illustrated her talk with slides.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

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Directors' Meeting, February 19, 1964

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Lynn Willcockson, president, with eleven members present.

George Shier reported on the Governor's Conference on Parks and Recreation. The state highway department is building 10 to 15 roadside parks per year. Denver and Colorado Springs Mountain Parks are used by everyone so the state should help maintain them. The parks are no good unless water pollution is controlled. Financing was discussed as well as the need for about 30 parks with water, for tourists' use, in the next twelve years.

The possibility of the club developing trails in mountain area was discussed.

The Plains Conservation area is asking for financial support.

The Club will no longer associate with the Regional Parks Association.

The annual plant sale will be held at the Botanic Gardens on May 9 and 10, 1964. The Club has been invited to place a self-educating display at this sale.

The motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to change the name of the Club to Denver Field Ornithologists. Thompson Marsh will get the necessary information on taxes, incorporation, etc. in the next 30 days.

The Duck project is on again at City Park and Jack Putnam picked up where he left off when he resigned. The Club could help by building nesting boxes especially for wood ducks.

The visit to Denver of Major Wahlberg, a Swedish naturalist, was discussed.

Members were encouraged to write to the Forest Service concerning an increase in natural areas in the Uncompahgre area.

A monthly bulletin was mentioned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

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General Meeting, February 25, 1964

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Alice Rudolph, Vice-President, with 28 members and guests present.

The minutes were read and accepted.

The treasurer reported that dues are payable and that the checking account balance is over \$500 due to the dues coming in.

Harold Holt reported that the duck situation at the Zoo has improved.

George Shier reported that the Bureau of Land Management has land for non-profit organizations which can be leased or purchased. The Forest Service also has land on which the Club could develop trails.

The exhibit at the plant sale May 9 and 10, 1964 at the Botanic Gardens was discussed.

Major Wahlberg's visit was discussed.

Unusual birds were reported.

Ed McKee talked of his work and travels in Africa and illustrated with slides.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, March 16, 1964

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. by Lynn Willcockson, president, with 53 members and guests present.

The business meeting was suspended.

Howard Rollin's bird painting for 1963 was shown.

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Ron Ryder extended an invitation for everyone to attend the state convention in Fort Collins May 23 and 24, 1964.

The amendment to the farm bill giving the governor of each state power to allow the shooting of golden eagles has been withdrawn.

Major Sven Wahlberg of Sweden gave an illustrated talk on birding in Sweden.

On April 28 Dr. Al Knorr will give a potpourri of birding in Boulder.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

Directors' Meeting, April 21, 1964

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 by Lynn Willcockson, president with eight members present.

Most of the action on the name change has been taken care of.

The Snyders are doing fine and expect to start for home soon.

The exhibit for the plant sale at the Botanic Gardens, May 9 and 10, will be Candice Rosegay's identification board.

The treasurer announced that statements were sent to 75 people and there have been nineteen replies. There are one hundred ten paid memberships to date.

There will be more wilderness hearings in Washington, D.C. April 22 to May 1. Interested persons should write to our representative, Byron Rodgers.

A committee to look into the lease of land by the club for nature study in the mountains or the plains or both consists of George Shier, Lois Webster, and Mr. Calvert with whom contact has not yet been made.

The Izaak Walton League is holding meetings to set up a federation of organizations to pool information of interest to member groups. A representative from each group will attend meetings, then report to their own organization on matters that are coming up. They expect dues to be \$5 to \$10, mainly to cover postage. A motion was made and seconded to join this organization. The motion carried.

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The good attendance at the March meeting brought up the question of changing the meeting night or hour. It was decided to wait and poll the members before any action was taken.

The spring count will be on May 16.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, April 29, 1964

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Lynn Willcockson, president, with 59 members and guests present.

It was reported that Margery Lett was in the hospital with cancer of the lymph system, and that Chuck Snyder is coming along fine and soon expects to be on the way home.

The minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer reported about 40 unpaid members and a balance of \$648 besides the savings account.

The spring count will be May 16th. Those interested in participating should contact Harold Holt or a member of the group going to the desired area who was introduced at the meeting.

Thompson Marsh, chairman of the nominating committee, reported the slate of officers for next year:

President, Lynn Willcockson

Vice-President, Nancy Hurley

Treasurer, George Shier

Recording Secretary, Ada Palmer

Corresponding Secretary, Sadie Morrison

Board of Directors, Alice Rudolph for the unexpired term of Philip Alexander, Lois Webster and Harold Holt for 3 years.

Old Business:

The state meeting is at Fort Collins, May 23rd and 24th. If you are interested in attending, contact Ronald Ryder.

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The Exhibition at the Botanical Gardens is May 9th and 10th.

New Business:

The Izaak Walton League is setting up an organization to be known as the Outdoor Roundtable at which member organizations' representatives will discuss developments and ideas involving conservation and related subjects. They, in turn, will report to their parent organizations. No minutes will be taken.

Bill HR 8070, the public land bill, concerning methods of selling public lands to private individuals, has passed the house. The club has written to the National Audubon Society for their views on this bill.

The amendment to the farm bill concerning the golden eagle was not brought up.

Dr. Knorr of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education talked of his birding experiences around Boulder. These included the crow roost thought to be just over the ridge just west of Lake Eldora, his study of chimney swifts, and cyclic appearances of the grasshopper sparrow, dickcissel, sage thrasher, pinon jay, bobolink, and Baird's sparrow. He showed his pictures of black swift nesting sites.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, May 26, 1964

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 by Lynn Willcockson, president. 43 members and guests were present.

The minutes were read and accepted. The treasurer reported about \$700 and \$900 in our two accounts.

The slate of the nominating committee was read:

Lynn Willcockson, president
Nancy Hurley, vice—president
George Shier, treasurer
Addie Palmer, recording secretary
Sadie Morrison, corresponding secretary

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To the board of directors: Alice Rudolph to the unexpired term of Phil Alexander; Lois Webster, 3 years; Harold Holt, 3 years.

Nominations were asked for from the floor and none were made. The vote was unanimous for the slate of the nominating committee.

Lynn Willcockson thanked all the people who helped for the past year. He announced Nancy Hurley was the new program chairman. He passed out slips of paper, to be returned at the end of the meeting, for people to write suggestions for programs and field trips.

The public land bill has passed the house and is now in the senate. It is a bill to review all public land bills. In answer to a request by us for the views of the National Audubon Society, they sent us a statement endorsing the study and recommended the formation of an entirely different commission to emphasize conservation rather than the commercial interests now emphasized.

The Wilderness Committee of Colorado, of which Hugh Kingery is executive director, announced the House of Representatives will hold a mark-up session June 1. Aspinall is attempting to get the wilderness bill out on the floor. Constructive letters to Aspinall would be helpful.

Howard Zahniser, director of the Wilderness Society, passed away.

For anyone interested, the National Audubon Society will hold a meeting in Tucson November 7-11, 1964.

Harold Holt reported on the spring census. It was a late spring and many unusual species appeared.

Harold Holt showed a male evening grosbeak with growths in his tarsi, which had died crashing into a picture window. Several people mentioned seeing a similar thing on other male evening grosbeaks and on several other species in the spring.

The state meeting had a good turnout, 70 at the banquet, 25 registered from the Denver club. Saturday morning was devoted to informal tours and banding demonstrations, a luncheon at the Student Center, a business meeting for officers and past officers on the clubs to set up a state meeting, a paper session including talks on sage grouse marked with radio-transmitters, bird censusing on New Zealand estuaries, the boreal owl in Colorado by Dr. Baldwin, the auditory range of a hairy woodpecker, and the white-faced ibis in Colorado by Dr. Ryder; another business meeting for all those attending at which a committee to launch a state organization was set up; a banquet at the student center and a slide lecture on duck breeding areas in Canada by Frank Glover. After breakfast together, there were 3 field trips to different areas to choose from, a picnic lunch, and another field trip to Nunn National Grasslands; next year the convention will be held in Colorado Springs at which time a constitution and officers for a state organization are to be presented for voting by Dr. Meredith Morris, chairman of the committee, to set up this organization. The program speaker, Donna Thatcher, told of her experiences during two years in the Peace Corps in the Philippines and showed slides.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, Recording Secretary

Directors' Meeting, September 15, 1964

The meeting of the Board of the Denver Field Ornithologists was called to order on September 15, 1964 by the president, Lynn Willcockson, with seven members present. The club will be 30 years old on March 1965; the Charter was granted at that time. Lynn Willcockson gave a brief preview of activities for the coming year.

Program ideas were discussed; anyone with good ideas to contact Nancy Hurley.

The treasurer's report: \$518.37 in checking account, \$1,118.55 in savings account, for a total of \$1636.92 as of September 11, 1964.

Harold Holt asked for more cooperation for trip leaders. Birds should be recorded by Life Zone for record purposes.

The Audubon Society's 60th Annual meeting will be in Tucson on November 7-11, in case anyone is interested in attending.

The Conservation Conference in Breckenridge on September 26-27 will be attended by Nancy Hurley and Lois Webster, as official delegates of the Club. Lynn Willcockson recommended the Club pay their registration fees of \$9 each. Harold Holt made the motion the club pay the \$18 for registration fees for the two delegates. The motion carried.

There was a discussion on whether to revise the state checklists or order more of same. Harold Holt made a motion that Don Thatcher be asked to revise the state checklists, with the thought of having several thousand published. The motion carried.

Lynn Willcockson recommended the Club do something to show our appreciation to the Museum for allowing us to have the meetings in the Museum. Harold Holt will find out from Dr. Bailey if there is something the Club could do for the Museum. Mary Louise Rosegay read excerpts from Dr. Bailey's forthcoming book on his appreciation of help the Bird Club has given to him.

Discussion on having members from the Plains Conservation Group to give a program.

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The Nature Conservancy meeting was attended by Lois Webster and Nancy Hurley, who gave a brief report on it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Addie Palmer, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, September 22, 1964

The regular meeting of the Denver Field Ornithologists was called to order at 8:10 p.m. on September 22, 1964, by Lynn Willcockson, president, who then introduced the new officers.

The minutes of the Board meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer reported same as read in the minutes. Anyone desiring to join may see George Shier, treasurer.

Harold Holt reported that local checklists were available for \$.02 each.

New members and guests were introduced.

The Club purchased a slide projector last year and is now interested in obtaining slides of birds. If anyone would like to donate slides to the Club, it would be appreciated.

The Conservation Conference at Breckenridge, sponsored by the Colorado Mountain Club, will be attended by Nancy Hurley and Lois Webster as Club delegates.

Don Thatcher gave a very interesting report on the A.O.U. meeting which he attended in Kansas.

Lynn Willcockson mentioned the new book and record available through the National Geographic Society.

Among many interesting birds reported were the parasitic jaeger, seen at Cherry Creek Reservoir by Thompson Marsh, and a cattle egret, seen by Merle Barbour and Thompson Marsh, also at Cherry Creek Reservoir.

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The meeting was adjourned and a most interesting program was given by Marge and Dick Wilson, who showed slides of birds.

Respectfully submitted,

Addie Palmer, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, October 27, 1964

The regular meeting of the Denver Field Ornithologists was called to order by the president, Lynn Willcockson, at 8:10 p.m. on October 27, 1964.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The treasurer reported a total of \$1561.04 in both checking and savings accounts. The 1965 dues of \$3 are now due and payable to the treasurer, George Shier.

Mr. Eugene Harrington will talk on Plains Conservation at the November meeting.

The October field trips were well attended.

Nancy Hurley gave a report on the Conservation Conference in Breckenridge. Anyone interested in being on a Committee for Wildlife Preservation will be welcome.

There will be a meeting in Tucson on November 7-11 of the National Audubon Society.

The Audubon Screen Tours will start in December at the Phipps Auditorium.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Nancy Hurley introduced Dennis Carter, Park Naturalist from Zion National Park, who showed slides on Zion, and gave an interesting talk.

Respectfully submitted,

Addie Palmer, Recording Secretary

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General Meeting, 24 November, 1964

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:05. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer reported \$1567.80 on the books, not including \$9 received this evening and a bill for postage of \$12.43 to be paid. The Club's membership dues for the National Audubon Society will also be sent. The treasurer reminded the group that our own Club dues can be paid anytime now for the next year.

The corresponding secretary noted that Christmas seals had been received and it was announced that there was a communication regarding participants in the "Large Parks" work group.

Harold Holt, field trip chairman, gave details of the Christmas Count on December 26th and the Idaho Springs Count on January 2nd. The Thatchers and Shiers will host the post-count dinners. The Christmas Count usually lists about 80 species, and on the Idaho Springs Count, perhaps 30 will be noted. A field trip list will be published and an announcement will be made concerning a Weldona Count. Members are invited to the Pikes Peak Count on December 31st.

Guests were welcomed.

Under Old Business, a brief report was given concerning the N.A.S. meeting in Tucson with specific reference being made to the Crusade to save the California Condor.

The first item under New Business was the president's invitation to his home for an "open house" on December 13th. On December 11th will be the first Wildlife Film showing here at the Museum. "The World of Birds" by Peterson and Fisher was suggested as the gift any "birder" would like to find under the tree.

Mrs. Collister reported on her banding recoveries and other members mentioned recent unusual sightings.

During January an audit of the Club's records will be made, and the January meeting will feature the Alaskan journey of Lois Webster and Nancy Hurley. The program chairman introduced the speaker, Mr. Eugene Harrington, who showed slides and spoke to the group concerning the Plains Conservation Area.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Acting Secretary

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General Meeting, September 28, 1965

The meeting was called to order by President Willcockson who then introduced the new officers and board of directors and included a special good-bye to the Wilsons who have been transferred.

The minutes were dispensed with and the treasurer's report noted \$526.10 in checking account and \$1138.76 in savings account.

Field trips were discussed as were the monthly field observation reports.

Lois Webster gave a conservation committee report. Our representatives to the weekend conference of the Open Space Coordinating Council, Ruth Wheeler and Barbara Allen, discussed the program and activities of that session.

Guests and new members were introduced.

Under old business the group listened to information regarding the Gore Range-Eagle Nest Primitive Area including comments on the good cooperation of the Forest Service. George Shier suggested we enlist the aid of botanists next year to obtain a plant list of the area.

It was noted that our scholarship for the Colorado Open Space Council (COSC) workshop was not used this summer.

Audubon Screen tours start on Friday, October 15th, with Roger Tory Peterson as first lecturer of the season.

Don Thatcher reported briefly on the AOU convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Summer birding experiences were shared and the Wilsons gave a delightful slide program.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

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Directors' Meeting, October 19, 1965

Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Lynn Willcockson, President.

It was decided to ask Mrs. John Gray to serve the remainder of the year as Corresponding Secretary in place of Mrs. Richard Wilson who has moved from the state.

Lois Webster gave a report from the Conservation Committee and said that this organization has participated in several measures including Save Grant Canyon, Billboard Control legislation and Predator Control measures, all originated by the Colorado Open Space Coordinating Council. She outlined future thinking for conservation projects for the Denver Field Ornithologists particularly an interest in Bird Sanctuaries along the Platte River as part of the flood plan for the river. She announced that a special issue of Colorado Bird Notes will deal with conservation and what responsibilities this organization has with this concept.

The By-laws of this organization were discussed and several changes were suggested to update them to the needs of our current organization. Revised by-laws will be enacted at a future meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Monthly Field Trip report was briefly examined and possible revisions and improvements were suggested.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurley, acting secretary

General Meeting, October 26, 1965

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. The minutes of the September meeting were not read but those from the board meeting were, along with a report from the treasurer.

It was suggested that we set up junior memberships in the Club since there are several younger members belonging at this time.

The Snyders announced that November's program would be by Dr. Lowell McEwan, also Dr. Richard Pillmore, on Pesticides Research on Game Birds and Animals.

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Thompson Marsh is now chairman of field trips. The November and December schedule will be published within the week.

Lois Webster, as our conservation chairman, again emphasized the Grand Canyon issue. She also discussed a Post article on the Governor's conference concerning pesticides. It was suggested that we write to the Governor concerning this. Perhaps we as a group should collect information on this problem. In the near future a conservation action committee will be formed within our organization to facilitate club activities in this area.

George Shier read a list of new members and briefly discussed the nesting card program. The number of species so far is not great. A more detailed report will follow.

Following a report on field observations including a possible whooping crane sighting, the program was given by Dr. Bailey: Museum films of Louisiana.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid Gray, Acting Secretary

General Meeting, November 23, 1965

President Willcockson opened the meeting with an invitation to all to the open house at his home on December 19th from 2-5.

Dr. Wayne Christian gave the history and a progress report on the Plains Conservation Area. Dr. John C. Johnson is heading the committee to supervise the several buildings to be ready in the Spring. A drive for 2000 members is progressing.

Minutes were read and corrected.

1966 dues will be accepted now, says Treasurer Shier. The checking account has a balance of \$450.95 and savings shows \$1173.28 as of Sept 1st.

Charles Snyder announced that the January program will be a film on the Audubon Canyon Ranch in California.

Paul and Leslie Julian will publish the conservation issue of Colorado Bird Notes.

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Harold Holt reviewed the leaders of the Christmas count on the 26th of December and the Idaho Springs tally on January 2nd and also announced the post-count suppers at Thatchers and Shiers.

Guests were introduced and invited to join.

The President pointed out that there will be a bulletin board set up at the back of our meeting room for our use.

George Shier will attend the session in downtown Denver next week on air and water pollution as our representative.

There will be an auditing committee report in January.

The president accepted commendation on the monthly sighting reports he is compiling and publishing.

Field observations and vacation notes were followed by an announcement that May 14-15 has been planned as the convention weekend for the state organization, meetings to be held at the University of Colorado according to President Thompson Marsh.

Lowell McEwan and Richard Pillmore presented a program concerning pesticides, with a fine set of slides and lots of information about their work at the Federal Center and elsewhere.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

Directors' Meeting, January 18, 1966

In Dr. Bailey's office, President Willcockson called to order the Board meeting. George Shier as Treasurer presented a financial summary (see enclosed notes). The President presented the by-laws as revised, and with one slight change concerning the "subscription to Bird Notes," these were accepted by the board members present. They will become official one month from tonight, February 18, 1966.

Lois Webster, as conservation committee chairman, discussed Colorado Open Space Council's (COSC) financial program, etc., and asked for the Board's suggestions for methods of raising funds for this organization (COSC). Following a discussion Ferd Kleinschnitz made a motion (that was seconded by Chas. Snyder) that "The Denver Field Ornithologists will contribute \$25 for 1966, recognizing that we are in agreement with the goals of COSC, and that we will encourage our members to make voluntary individual contributions through DFO to COSC." The motion carried. Following some suggestions

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concerning the unused scholarship of last summer, a motion was made by Charles Snyder, seconded by Ferd Kleinschnitz, that a \$50 scholarship be set up again, under the direction of the conservation committee, with the money coming primarily from the interest on our savings fund. This motion also passed. Lois noted that Paul Julian will edit the conservation edition of Colorado Bird Notes.

Don Thatcher was our representative to the Governor's conference on Parks and Recreation and he made a few remarks concerning the meetings. Parks plans will be presented to the state legislature following several district meetings in February and March. Ferd suggested contacting Bill Cheney, who is in charge of detail planning, if we have ideas concerning sanctuaries, etc., to be incorporated into the overall plan.

It was noted that May 21-22 is the new weekend date for the state convention.

Mary Louise Rosegay will be asked to help in cataloging the material in the closet.

A possible change in meeting time (7:30 instead of 8) will be brought up in January's regular meeting.

Ways to cut costs of the monthly field trip report were explored.

Following a suggestion from the president that we extend personal welcomes to visitors and new members, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, January 25, 1966

The meeting was called to order by President Willcockson. The Board meeting minutes were read and Treasurer Shier gave the financial report for 1965: largest expenses were the publication of field trip reports and Colorado Bird Notes and the printing of stationery and membership cards.

The Snyders announced the February program: "Island in Time," a film on the Point Reyes National Seashore area.

Harold Holt reported on field trips with emphasis on the Christmas counts: total was 90 species, 4 more than other years.

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Lois Webster, as conservation committee chairman, urged members to write to their congressmen concerning House Bill 1006, disposal of unclaimed property and money.

Guests were introduced and the next Audubon Screen Tour was announced.

Thompson Marsh spoke of the governor's conference on Parks and Recreation, mentioning that several follow-up meetings will be held February 23rd and March 12, with David Abbot as chairman, places to be announced later. Thompson also suggested that we work toward making the Cherry Creek Recreation area into a sanctuary instead of a hunting area. He, as president of the State Society, urged us to become charter members of that group by joining before February 15th. State Convention is May 21-22.

Dr. Bailey announced that the first sale of *Birds of Colorado* was on December 24th, 1965.

Members were urged to contribute to the Colorado Open Space Council (COSC) and the amount to be given by our group was discussed.

Next month we will discuss more fully a change in meeting time.

Checklists are available as noted.

Recent sightings were mentioned.

George Shier spoke about the legal protection of birds in Colorado. Our group or the state organization perhaps should "campaign" to have game wardens enforce these regulations. Dr. Bailey suggested putting the white-tailed ptarmigan on a non-game bird list.

Snyders introduced the fine film from the San Francisco area picturing their Audubon Canyon Ranch.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Echelmeyer, Secretary

General Meeting, February 22, 1966

The meeting was called to order, minutes were read, and the Treasurer reported \$1185 in savings account and \$366.97 in the checking account. Collection of dues was emphasized.

The Snyders announced that the March program will be a film on Small Recreational areas in metropolitan sections.

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Lois Webster noted a Denver Post article on saving Grant Canyon and Colorado Open Space Council's (COSC) work along this line. She urged active participation in the "wildlife control" workshops.

Guests and new members were introduced.

Audubon camps were briefly discussed and the Screen Tour on the Salt Lake area was announced:
February 25.

An earlier meeting time will be tried next month: 7:30. Results of the voting concerning this matter were not too decisive.

Club stationery may be available to members at a nominal cost; more later on this.

Field observations were followed by the Sierra Club film on the Point Reyes Area called "An Island in Time."

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, March 23, 1966

Lynn Willcockson called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved and the Treasurer reported \$374.82 plus the savings account.

Vice-Presidents Snyder announced that April's meeting will include Harold Holt's new slides to aid in Spring identification.

The Grays plan an overnight at the end of April to observe sage grouse. Call them for further information. Nancy Hurley would like to hear from those interested in the weekend outing scheduled for April 29-May 1.

Guests were introduced and it was announced that a new type of monthly report will be mailed soon.

Club stationery is available—a good bargain at 2 for \$.05. Please note: no profit to our non-profit agency.

Thompson Marsh will head the nominating committee, nominees to be presented at the April meeting.

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"Ranch Life and Wildlife in Santa Cruz, California" will be the topic of the last Audubon screen tour of this season.

Last year's nesting card program netted 23,000 reports from approximately 700 observers. Some information was given on this year's project.

Interesting observations of the past month were discussed. These were followed by the program which included "Island of Green," a film concerned with Audubon Nature Centers, and remarks by Con Tolman (sp?) with emphasis on work being done in Colorado and other parts of the west.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, April 26, 1966

George Shier called the meeting to order in the absence of President Willcockson who has just welcomed to his nest a fledgling 8-pound boy. Minutes were read and the treasurer's report given.

Lois Webster, conservation committee chairman, announced the showing by Trout Unlimited, of two outdoor films on trout fishing and wild rivers: May 11.

The conservation issue of our Colorado Bird Notes arrived today; a round of applause is due the Julians for their work on this. Don Thatcher and Nancy Hurley have been elected officers in the Nature Conservancy group and it was noted that \$5 dues may be paid to Treasurer Don.

Announcements concerning the Bonnie Dam trip and the nest record program were made.

Under new business the nominating committee reported that Don Thatcher is now ex-officio member of the Board of Directors; Harold Holt and Lois Webster have one more year to serve; Ferd Kleinschnitz and Nan Hurley will be members for 2 more years; Ray Olson and Mary Louise Rosegay have been nominated for the 2 vacancies; Warner Reeser has been nominated as President; Johnson Neff, Vice-President; Ingrid Gray, Corresponding Secretary; George Shier, Treasurer; Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary.

Thompson Marsh, president of the State Society, gave details of the annual meeting in Boulder May 21-22. Lois Webster, as treasurer, will be glad to collect dues of \$2 to newly incorporated "Colorado Field Ornithologists."

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Visitors were introduced and field trips discussed. Harold Holt and Don Thatcher will gather reports from the Spring count on May 14 and will present highlights at the next meeting. Following a brief discussion of plans for the tally day, Harold Holt instructed and entertained us with a group of his slides.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, May 24, 1966

President Willcockson called the meeting to order, minutes were read and the treasurer's report was given. Delinquent dues notices were mailed and over half returned to bring our total members up to 170 members. Donation of \$25 was given to Colorado Open Space Council (COSC).

Arlene Parker has accepted our \$50 scholarship.

Guests were introduced and Dr. Johnson invited us to the Plains Conservation Area for a field trip whenever we could include it in our schedule.

Announcements included a reminder that there is an exhibit in the Museum of outstanding nature photographs, that club stationery is for sale, and that DU will offer a summer course in ornithology taught by Don Thatcher. He has state checklists for sale; more will be printed as needed.

Elections were conducted and a unanimous ballot was cast for the following officers:

Warner Reeser, President
George Shier, Treasurer
Johnson Neff, Vice-President
Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary
Ingrid Gray, Corresponding Secretary
Mary Louise Rosegay and Ray Olson, Board of Directors

The state convention was reported on by Thompson Marsh. Dues were raised from \$2 to \$3 to cover cost of publications. Combined field trips "netted," unofficially, 108 species. May 20-21 of next year will be the convention in Estes Park hosted by the Longmont Bird Club. New officers elected were:

Paul Julian, President
Robby Wright, Executive Secretary

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Lois Webster, Treasurer

Robert Emory, Editor

Field trip leaders for the Spring Count reported on their lists. Following some comments by various members on interesting sightings, a round of applause was given to retiring President Lynn Willcockson for his fine job as our leader for several years.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

Directors' Meeting, September 20, 1966

The Board meeting was called to order by President Reeser in Dr. Bailey's office at 7:40 on September 20.

The group voted to officially change from 8:00 to 7:30 the time for starting regular meetings.

Johnson Neff outlined future programs including Kalmbach's "Birds, Beasts and the Rainbow," studies from the Federal Center on starlings and yellow-headed blackbirds, physiology of birds, etc.

Lois Webster discussed various Colorado Open Space Council (COSC) activities and the draft of a new bill concerning bird protection. She mentioned that Arlene Parker from our club accepted our \$50 scholarship for studies at Rocky Mountain National Park. Lois reported on the annual banquet of the Wildlife Federation and the Board voted to pay her expenses to this meeting. A committee will be appointed to represent DFO at various hearings on conservation matters, with the treasury reimbursing members should any expense be incurred. Corresponding Secretary Ingrid Gray will be available should correspondence along this line be in order.

A reprint on pesticides from *Outdoor Life* will be distributed at the Vail conference and DFO will attempt to buy a number of these in conjunction with another interested group.

The corresponding secretary will pick up and sort Bird Club mail that is delivered to the Museum. She will also order 100 copies of the Bald Eagle print from "Birds in our Lives" with any profit going toward conservation activities.

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Lynn Willcockson mentioned several publications received, including a brochure on the Screen Tours commencing on October 7 with a lecture on the Everglades.

With the Board's backing, Harold Holt will contact the Zoo director with suggestions about thinning the population of domestic ducks in the City Park. Harold will also put out a revised Status and Migration list and will order Denver area checklists without revision, the same number of them as before.

Lynn urged prompt reporting of field trips.

Mary L. Rosegay must be replaced by Board appointment as she is planning to move to the San Francisco area in November.

President Reeser read a communication outlining do's and don'ts of museum usage by groups.

Denver Chamber of Commerce contacted the president concerning a possible Audubon Society Nature Camp Headquarters (center) for the West. Information on this will be passed on to COSC.

Thompson Marsh will head a committee to arrange field trips in a more scientific way. In case of unusual sightings we will try to set up, once again, a system for contacting interested members.

Possible help for Bird Notes editor, Don Thatcher, was discussed.

Lynn volunteered to help organize the contents of our closet here in the Museum. He also mentioned in the area of publicity for DFO that he'd appeared 3 times on radio station KTLN recently.

A list of the new officers shall be submitted to the National Audubon Society with mention being made that we have received only scattered copies of their magazine.

With a note that the state checklist should go to the state organization, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, September 27, 1966

The meeting was called to order by President Reeser. Minutes were read and corrected. The treasurer's report noted \$1210 plus interest in the savings account and \$375.79 in checking account.

Status and Migration sheets will be printed, also checklists. "Bald Eagle" reprints were ordered.

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It was requested that nesting records be turned in as soon as possible.

Arlene Parker introduced herself and reported briefly on her use of the conservation scholarship at Rocky Mountain National Park.

Lois Webster asked for volunteers to help in the various phases of COSC.

Thompson Marsh will be in charge of a more scientific scheduling of field trips beginning in January.

Guests were introduced and items on the bulletin board were mentioned.

Rules for using the meeting room were read and the 7:30 meeting time was officially announced.

Summer sightings were discussed and it was mentioned that Snyders are now banding 1-1/4 miles east of Franktown.

Thompson Marsh highly recommended the recently published *Birds of North America*, Golden Press publishers, \$2.95.

Ron Ryder will present next month's program on highlights of his stay amidst the fauna of Alaska and British Columbia.

Johnson Neff presented notes and anecdotes followed by the film, "Birds, Beasts and the Rainbow."

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, October 25, 1966

The meeting was called to order by President Reeser, minutes were read and approved. The treasurer reported \$1210 plus interest in the savings account and \$289 minus tonight's bills in checking account. New members were introduced.

It was noted that the Club has been saved approximately \$18 per month through the efforts of Lynn and Liz Willcockson in publishing the monthly reports.

President Reeser, representing the Bird Club, sent a letter to the Glenwood Springs Wildlife group approving their action on the Flat Top Wilderness Area.

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Under Old Business, it was stressed that there is a need for a statewide campaign to educate the people concerning birds of prey protection.

Paul Julian, representing the state organization, briefly discussed the next annual meeting to be held at Estes Park with special attention centered on a package plan for meals and lodging at the "Y" camp. He issued a plea for writings for the state publication (possibly to be published twice annually). Articles may be submitted to Paul or to the Editor.

Harold Holt cautioned field trip leaders to carefully check identification before reporting sightings. A new checklist will be available at \$.02 per copy.

George Shier mentioned possibilities concerning the routing of Highway 70 through the Gore Range area.

The Christmas count will be set up for December 26, with Idaho Springs following on Jan 2. Don Thatcher will schedule the Weldona count.

Guests were introduced and interesting reports of unusual sightings were given.

Johnson Neff announced that next month Dr. Dan Thompson will speak on bird physiology, emphasizing studies at the Research Center. Ron Ryder was introduced and gave the program on his stay and studies at the University of British Columbia.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, November 22, 1966

President Reeser called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report totaled \$278.29 in checking, \$1220.91 in savings. Dues of \$3.00 are due January 1. Our 100 copies of the Bald Eagle Reprint are available at \$.40 per unit.

Harold Holt reviewed Christmas count procedures including plans for suppers at Thatchers and Shiers following the days in the field. He reminded us of the \$.50 fee for participation and noted that his new phone number is 697-4667.

The President's Open House will be on December 17, Saturday, from 2-5 at the Reeser's home.

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Lois Webster, Don Thatcher and Warner Reeser have been counselling with the State Fish and Game Commission to increase protection of birds.

Board meeting will be November 29.

Guests were introduced. It's always nice to welcome to our meetings interested out-of-towners and Denver area enthusiasts.

On December 7 at 9:00 will begin an all-day session at the Research Center in Fort Collins to report on wildlife investigations.

Thompson Marsh asked for suggestions for field trip places and times.

Don Thatcher requested that anyone interested in attending the count at Weldona between Christmas and New Years should contact him.

Johnson Neff announced that January's meeting on the 24th will feature Ralph Hill, retired forester, who will speak on conservation. A program on bird physiology by Dr. Don Thompson followed an introduction by Mr. Neff.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

Directors' Meeting, November 29, 1966

The Board meeting was called to order by President Reeser on November 29. Following the reading of the minutes, it was noted that we do receive the National Audubon Magazine regularly: it comes to George Shier and is available to any of our members.

Several suggestions were made by Board members: a copy of Colorado Bird Notes should be sent to the Audubon Society at each mailing; the Editor of the state publication could mention availability of the state checklist from our group; a survey of mountain plover population was urged.

Brief comments on "Operation Respect" were made followed by presentation of bills by the treasurer.

Paul Julian, representing the state group, discussed the proposed State Conservation Directory which would include names of all Colorado bird clubs and officer listings. He mentioned that papers to be read

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at the state meeting in May are being solicited and ideas for a banquet speaker are welcomed. The question was raised: does the Denver club want to volunteer as host for the 1968 convention?

Thompson Marsh was selected as the replacement on the Board for Mary Louise Rosegay.

The corresponding secretary will send thank you notes to our speakers.

The Patagonia, Arizona area was saved by the Nature Conservancy group and contributions earmarked for this fund may be sent to the SE Arizona Audubon Society.

Proposed legislation will be a topic at the Regional Parks meeting and we shall be represented. A committee was approved to meet with the State Fish and Game Commission to get proper identification and phraseology on the bill concerned with bird protection: Lois Webster, Thompson Marsh and Don Thatcher, with President Reeser as ex-officio committee members. We need an officially appointed individual to attend outside meetings involving the interests of the Denver Field Ornithologists; the president may ask for volunteers at the next regular meeting. The list of these meetings will be prepared by Nancy Hurley and Lois Webster.

It was suggested that the field trip bulletin include the amount of annual dues and the Treasurer's address and that extra copies be sent to prospective members.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, January 24, 1967

President Reeser called the meeting to order and minutes were read and approved.

George Shier reports that 1/3 of our members have paid the annual dues and he's waiting with ready receipt book for the remainder. He also affirms that we are not a profit-making organization since our last year's treasury tally was written in red.

Thompson Marsh read the proposed field trip schedule for the year and announced a February 14 meeting concerned with leaders for these outings.

Guests and new members were introduced and unusual sightings were discussed.

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Howard Rollin's picture of his Christmas gift to the Club was exhibited.

It was stressed that our group should more actively participate in conservation meetings, and attention should be focused on our concern for non-gamebird regulations. Catherine Hurlbutt presented good commentary on habitat preservation versus the park-like areas under consideration.

Lynn Willcockson will mail to the state organization editor the Christmas count reports that have been sent to him from various birding groups throughout Colorado.

The speaker for the evening was introduced by Johnson Neff: Mr. Ralph Hill, Regional Director of the National Wildlife Federation, whose topic was "Birds and Bowling Alleys": reminiscences and statistics and comments dealing with conservation.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

Directors' Meeting, February 14, 1967

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Reeser in Dr. Bailey's office on February 14, 1967.

Harold Holt reported that 250 migration and status sheets will be available. The Christmas censuses will be published in the State Bird Club's first or second bulletin.

J. Borden will be asked to take Lois Webster's spot on Colorado Open Space Council (COSC) as our representative.

Paul Julian read portions of the bill to be introduced on Friday, February 17.

A film concerned with Birds of Prey has been sent on approval to Ingrid Gray and it was decided to show this following the next regular meeting's program. A speaker from CSU will discuss research on the ptarmigan.

George Shier presented bills for our club's membership in Nature Conservancy and the Regional Parks Association. We voted that these be paid. It was suggested that publications coming to our group via these memberships and others be placed on the bulletin board for perusal at meetings.

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Since Grand Junction has a newly organized ornithological group it was suggested that they be approached to be hosts for the state convention in 1968. If it seems too soon for them to undertake this, the Denver Field Ornithologists will assume the responsibility.

A lengthy discussion led by Thompson Marsh set up series of field trips. Day excursions will probably be planned for those not participating in the overnight safaris.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

Ingrid Gray, assistant

General Meeting, February 28, 1967

President Reeser called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. The treasurer urged payment of annual dues and reported a balance of \$347.53 in the checking account and \$1233 in the Dad Smith savings account.

New members and visitors were introduced.

Fact sheets concerning Bill #1380 will be arriving in the mail soon. At meeting time the bill had not yet come before the House committee (Rules?). Correspondence with our congressional representatives was suggested in an effort to hasten consideration of the bill.

Interesting sightings of recent weeks were commented upon.

Johnson Neff, program chairman, introduced the speaker of the evening: Cleit Pearson, graduate student at Fort Collins who presented a fine collection of slides, factual reports and personal notes concerning the Ptarmigan in Colorado.

Following this, a film on Birds of Prey was shown. This was sent to our group on approval and was briefly discussed as an aid in our area to promote hawk protection.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

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General Meeting, March 28, 1967

President Reeser called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved.

The game bird bill has cleared the House and is now in the senate committee. One change was made: House Sparrow was added to the list of unprotected birds. The volume of letters concerning this bill, sent to committee members and other congressional representatives, was most impressive.

President Reeser commented upon his correspondence with Senator Dominick in regard to the eagle hunting permits issued in Wyoming.

Joe Borden, our Colorado Open Space Council (COSC) representative, is leaving for Alaska and our president will attend these meetings in the immediate future in his place.

The status and migration sheets carefully prepared by Harold Hold were distributed to those members in attendance. Many thanks to him for a job well done on this most informative and useful cataloging.

Guests and new members were applauded and unusual sightings ere commented upon (including 2 mountain goats at Juniper overlook!)

Lynn Willcockson, Lois Webster and Thompson Marsh were appointed to serve on the nominating committee.

The state Fish and Game Department will review the Birds of Prey film with thoughts in mind of purchasing one or possibly two.

Irwin Pearson, assisted by George Conner and Wendell Dodge, enlightened us via recordings, slides and comments on hazards to aircraft by way of birds and also spoke of recordings being used to discourage feathered crop destroyers.

With words of thanks to the program presenters, President Reeser adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

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Directors' Meeting, April 18, 1967

The Board Meeting was called to order by Warner Reeser in Dr. Bailey's office.

Concerning the Birds of Prey film: Ingrid Gray will return the copy sent to us, and the state Fish and Game Department will submit their order for two reels.

Bill #1380 is now awaiting the Governor's attention and the president recommended thank you notes for the time and effort expended by several individuals outside of our group: Stan Kerr and Elaine Appel being two. Lois Webster' notations on expenses involved in presenting and promoting the bill were considered and it was voted that our organization make up the difference between money spent and contributions received. As a result of Lois's communications several checks have been collected from interested clubs.

Senator Dominick's answer to President Reeser's letter about the eagle killing permits in Wyoming was discussed.

The cost of printing the status and migration sheet was \$52. This information will be sent to each member as soon as a revised mailing list is completed.

A letter from Colorado Open Space Council (COSC) prompted a vote to send a \$25 contribution at this time to this organization. A wildlife workshop will be held in the immediate future primarily concerned with problems relating to education. Members of our club are urged to promote interest in saving Barr Lake as a sanctuary. It was noted that the state Game and Fish Department has set aside several lake areas near Hudson as resting spots for waterfowl. These were suggested as field trip locations during hunting season when other areas are out of bounds.

Don Thatcher was urged to complete and print the Bird Notes as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

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General Meeting, April 25, 1967

President Reeser called the meeting to order. Minutes were read, also some notes from the Board meeting. The treasurer urged payment of dues and reported a checking account total of \$301.02 and \$1245 in the savings tally. Extra monthly bulletins and status sheets were available at the meeting.

Thompson Marsh reported the nominating committee's results that included:

Warner Reeser, President
Johnson Neff, Vice-President
George Shier, Treasurer
Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary
Marian Borden, Corresponding Secretary
Harold Holt and Jack Welch, Board of Directors

Lois Webster discussed the state meeting, May 20-21, hosted by Longmont chapter. Reservations are to be done individually. Lois also was most willing to collect dues of \$3 for the state organization.

Members were directed to the bulletin board for interesting clippings and comments.

Guests were introduced and field trip goodies were reported.

Ingrid Gray has written thank you notes to those acting in various projects.

George Shier noted that Allegra Collister has been cited as tied for first place in banding individual species of birds in our area.

Jack Welch introduced the speaker of the evening: John DeGrazio of the Denver Wildlife Research Bureau, whose topic and movies were concerned with blackbird control, especially in the Sand Lake, South Dakota area. Many thanks for a most informative discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

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General Meeting, May 23, 1967

President Reeser called to order the last meeting of the season. Minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given: \$340.94, plus \$1245 in savings. New members and guests were welcomed.

Those interested in the nest card program should contact George Shier.

An effort will be made to track down the bird paintings by Howard Rollins that have strayed from the closet.

At the state meeting, George Shier and Don Thatcher were appointed to the editorial review board to work on semi-annual bulletins to be published by the group. Spring count lists should be submitted by the leaders to these men. Lois Webster received an award at the convention: "Bird of the Year," for discovering the curve-billed thrasher at Barr Lake.

Thompson Marsh conducted the election: unanimous ballots were cast for those nominated by the committee (last month's minutes contain slate). Re-elected Warner Reeser thanked officers and members for the cooperation during his past term.

Our speaker of the evening was introduced by Johnson Neff and proceeded to take us on a natural history tour of several African countries via film and commentary. Wonderful slides and knowledgeable "sound track."

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, September 26, 1967

President Reeser called the meeting to order; minutes were read and approved. The Secretary discussed a benefit film showing scheduled for October 12 and it was decided that those interested should contact her or Elena Slusser at the Colorado Open Space Council (COSC) office. Any profits realized through tickets sales to our members will go directly to COSC.

\$239.55 was the checking account total reported plus \$1270 in savings.

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Mrs. Borden, Corresponding Secretary, read Johnson Neff's note in reply to the club's get-well card. Jack Welch will assume his duties as program chairman (and vice-president) until Johnson has fully recuperated.

Harold Holt will publish monthly field trip reports, replacing Lynn Willcockson, who has faithfully done this job for years! A volunteer is being sought to tabulate Christmas count results for National Audubon Society.

Nancy Hurley announced the banquet for the Nature Conservancy organization October 21.

Lois Webster was presented the "Bird of the Year" award, a handsome document prepared by Ingrid Gray.

Open Space conference information can be secured through Hugh Kingery. Please contact President Reeser if you are interested in being our representative to this group.

Please call Patty Echelmeyer if you are not receiving our monthly bulletins.

Many interesting sightings were discussed. We were reminded that field trip participants should share driving costs with those taking cars. Our policy has been \$.04 per mile divided by the number of people in the car. Also please observe the no-smoking rule of the Museum.

Jack Welch introduced our speaker, Leslie Robinette, who took us on a Kodachrome tour of African areas highlighted by the "Snows of Kilimanjaro."

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, October 24, 1967

President Reeser called the meeting to order; minutes were read and approved. Treasurer Shier's report listed \$172.63 in the checking account, and \$1270.48 in savings.

The Red Buffalo and Vail Pass routes were discussed and it was suggested the next meeting include the TV viewing of a discussion concerning this matter.

Nancy Hurley reported a successful Nature Conservancy banquet.

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Hugh Kingery will be in charge of the Denver Christmas count; a leader is still needed for the Idaho Springs tally. It is also important that a representative from our group be appointed for the Colorado Open Space Council (COSC) meetings.

Guests and new members were welcomed and unusual sightings on field trips were commented on.

Jack Welch introduced member Joe Borden who was our well-travelled speaker of the evening. As a commercial geologist in Alaska, he photographed many interesting areas and animals and shared some of these experiences with us.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, November 28, 1967

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Reeser. Minutes were read and approved. The treasurer reported in the checking account \$158.08, in the savings account \$1270.48. He reminded us of annual dues that may be paid now.

Hugh Kingery talked about the Christmas count and showed a map designating areas. Leaders were named and all members were urged to participate. Scouting of the areas beforehand was recommended.

Patty Echelmeyer has temporarily accepted the post as our representative to Colorado Open Space Council (COSC). Contributions to this organization were urged.

Thompson Marsh suggested we do away with the variety of membership designations (sustaining, etc.).

Jack Welch will carry on as program chairman while Johnson Neff recuperates.

Dr. Bailey displayed the dummy version of his Colorado pictorial checklist, some copies of which will be a valuable Christmas gift, at \$10.

Unusual sightings were discussed.

Guests and visitors were introduced.

Jack Welch presented Max Schroeder who gave a most interesting program on Sage Grouse.

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Several announcements were made before the meeting was adjourned:

Gathering at Shiers' following Idaho Springs count

Open House at Reesers' December 17, 2-4.

Tally Dinner at Thatchers', December 23, following Denver count.

Program for January will be on identification of hawks by Harold Webster.

The TV program on the Red Buffalo Highway route was viewed by many of those attending the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Hazel M. Thatcher, Secretary pro tem

General Meeting, January 23, 1968

President Reeser called the meeting to order. Minutes were dispensed with. A full treasurer's report noted \$1283.18 in the savings account. Expenses exceeded receipts for the year 1967; reserves collected in the past made up the difference. Largest expenses were publication and mailing costs for monthly bulletins, Bird Notes, and membership lists.

George Shier reminded us of the Cornell nesting card program and reported 188 nests of 63 species were turned in from our area last year. This includes all of Colorado.

Dr. Bailey commented upon the new museum assistant, Roy E. Coy, and mentioned the pictorial checklist now available.

Guests were welcomed and urged to pick up monthly bulletins after the meetings, especially for the field trip schedules. A visiting 4H conservation study group was introduced—particularly nice to have an interested young bunch at the meeting.

Don Thatcher has been approached to conduct a breeding bird survey and will need interested, alert observers to assist, probably in June.

Unusual field sightings were rather sparse this month, but interesting as always.

Our group was urged to accelerate its thinking about uncontrolled use of pesticides.

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Mention was made of the starling poisoning at feed lots near Denver.

An enthusiastic audience then heard Harold Webster, falconer, author, birds of prey expert, give a stimulating program on hawks. With his determination and guidance there should be no UFO's on the DFO's field checklist when we all congregate for the trip on February 3.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, February 27, 1968

President Reeser called the meeting to order. Minutes were read. In the absence of the treasurer, Warner indicated a willingness to accept dues (or bills?) this evening.

A report from our Colorado Open Space Council (COSC) representative was concerned with a regional setup for conservation organizations spearheaded by Roger Hansen and his active, informed committees. Apparently our Colorado Coordinating Council has been a model for other states' programs and our director has assisted, first hand, in their organizing.

Guests were introduced and Dr. Davis, host for the state convention in May, was numbered among those present.

February unusual sightings were conspicuous by their scarcity.

Warner presented Thompson Marsh, our speaker for the evening, who was in turn presented with a scroll, beautifully executed by Mary Robinson, commemorating his 600th Life Bird, the first in our midst to accomplish this feat. "Two centuries of birding in Colorado" was Thompson's topic, based on early day travelers' tales and details, backed up by his personal probings into the world of wings.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

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Directors' Meeting, March 7, 1968

The Board meeting was called to order in Dr. Bailey's office.

Contributions were voted upon: \$50 to Colorado Open Space Council (COSC), \$5 to Regional Parks Association.

Programs and field trips were discussed briefly. Payment of mileage to speakers shall be made at the discretion of the program chairman.

If a member of our club shows interest, or finds a worthy recipient who will use it to good advantage, we will consider the conservation scholarship granting; otherwise the matter will be dropped.

A raise in annual dues was considered. However, the matter was tabled for the present in lieu of the discussion that followed. Those not paying this year's dues, after a final notice to be sent this month, will be removed from our membership list.

Definite interest has been shown in our club joining the National Audubon Society as a full-fledged chapter. Many questions were raised by Board members. Many of our members already belong to the National Society and we have as a club been affiliated for years. Requirements for joining were enumerated; advantages and disadvantages were pointed out. It was decided to have Lois and Warner contact Con Tolman who has a "hot line" to the Washington headquarters. They will request a firsthand meeting with a national representative to be held here with our Board of Directors. At this time we hope to have answers to the questions that will be sent to National Headquarters via letter at the appropriate time. With this action and its important ramifications for our organization, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, March 26, 1968

Due to the Secretary's tardiness, the minutes will be abbreviated!

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Interesting observations increase in number as migration progresses. Special mention was made of Nancy Hurley's snowshoeing excursion with hopes we'll make it an annual event. Cards for the Cornell nesting program are again available from George Shier.

Jack Welch, program chairman, introduced Dr. Ron Ryder, Wildlife Professor at Colorado State University, who, with slides and words, gave us a picture of the flora and fauna of the island of Guam.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, April 23, 1968

The meeting was called to order by President Reeser.

The nominating committee composed of Sadie Morrison, Lois Webster, Don Thatcher, with Thompson Marsh as chairman, presented their officer selections:

President: Patty Echelmeyer

Vice-President: Jack Welch

Treasurer: George Shier

Recording Secretary: Mary Robinson

Corresponding Secretary: Alberta Oliver

With Jack Reddall to replace Jack Welch on the Board of Directors.

Additions to the Board with terms expiring in 1971 were Nancy Hurley and Lynn Willcockson.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at next month's meeting and elections will then be held.

It was suggested that the status and migration sheets be reprinted with up-to-date data. Special field observations were noted. Catherine Hurlbutt asked for help with her talking bird project.

Those desiring to pay state organization dues should contact Sadie Morrison. A report from their convention in Grand Junction will be given at the May meeting.

Regular field trips will be scheduled throughout the summer, although evening meetings are not planned until September. Guests were introduced.

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A backpack hike along the Olympic National Park seashore area, and a rafting journey on the Colorado River, were the settings for our program's travelogues by our middle-class jet-set members, Nancy Hurley and Hugh Kingery.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

Special Meeting, May 16, 1968

A special meeting of the Denver Field Ornithologists held May 16, 1968 in the Bird Hall of the Museum of Natural History at 8 p.m. The object was to explore the possibilities of becoming a branch of the National Audubon Society. The 250 members of this national group, scattered throughout the area, had been invited to attend. Present Reeser presided.

Mr. Wm. Goodall of the National Staff from California had come at our request to clear up the many questions the Board had encountered on the subject at its last meeting. He was joined by Dr. Swanson from the Fishery and Wildlife Department at CSU.

Dr. Swanson, associated with the National Audubon Society since he belonged to a junior group in the third grade 50 years ago, outlined various advantages in belonging to the national group.

1. It sponsors junior groups with told influence
2. It protects vanishing species
3. Publishes the very fine Audubon Magazine
4. Provides nature centers
5. Conducts summer nature camps
6. Maintains sanctuaries
7. Presents screen tours

What can the society do for the individual? Information through the magazine keeps us informed. Most conservationists have been bird watchers. He cited a case of a large area near Eads where a great quantity of wildlife had been killed by pesticides, with practically no comment. Had there been a National Society in the state, measures might have been taken.

Mr. Goodall continued, mainly answering questions of policy and procedure. Some of his statements follow:

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1. It is the largest and best known conservation group.
2. It is the only one concerned with the education of the public, and for that reason is tax exempt.
3. It gives pleasure and fun as well as opportunity for service.
4. Audubon means "birds" to the public.
5. The group gives education to the "man in the street running scared" who would hesitate to join a group he thought strictly professional.
6. Gives opportunity for "non-professional" interest in conservation; room for both groups.
7. Auduboners are watchdogs of the ecological conscience.
8. Cannot lobby because it is educational and tax free; individuals can.

Many other questions and answers followed, the most pertinent being: if we become a branch:

1. Name must include the Audubon name, hence we would have to give up "Denver Field Ornithologists."
2. Dues: \$10 per person; \$4 are returned to local club.
\$12.50 per family; \$6 returned to the local.
This includes national membership, local membership and a subscription to the Audubon Magazine.
3. Present members can continue as locals only, paying local dues, will not get magazine, not vote, but can participate in activities.
4. All new members must also join national group.
5. Does our present treasury stay with us? Yes

Other details are contained in printed materials.

Mr. Welch outlined the above situation. Without a motion, a trial vote of members present showed almost unanimous approval of our becoming a branch. Several members of the National Society, but not local, urged merging. One teacher particularly emphasized the work of the Jr. clubs.

Mr. Goodall recommended a later decision. At least 80% of membership should be with it, or no good is accomplished. Work not to hurt "old timers."

Contact with all the membership was discussed, since many never attend. Mr. Reeser said he would appoint a committee to work up a concise presentation.

Mr. Holt suggested that such a notice be sent prior to the September meeting, informing all members of the situation and telling them this would be their chance to take part in the decision. Without motion, this idea had informal approval of the group.

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Respectfully submitted,

Marion B. Bordon, Corresponding Secretary

General Meeting, May 28, 1968

President Reese called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. The treasurer reported approximately \$390 in the checking account, delinquent dues notices bringing in a fair amount.

Marion Borden, corresponding secretary, read several items of interest taken from recent correspondence.

Lois Webster suggested a letter from our organization to Mr. O'Malley suggesting that State Fish and Game group reconsider the destruction of nesting and resting habitats at Bonny Dam.

The Cornell nesting program was again mentioned by George Shier.

Elections were held with Sadie Morrison of the nominating committee making the presentation of candidates. Warner thanked his officer staff, and he was given a round of enthusiastic applause for captaining our club ship through on his administration.

Visitors were introduced and it was noted that Mrs. Katy Webster would appreciate individuals from our group helping her with her current biology class.

Announcements of interesting sightings were followed by convention notes by Lynn Willcockson. At least 8 of our chapter attended and felt Dr. Davis was due congratulations for a job well done without the aid of an organized group in the area. Centralizing the activities in a small area helped the conference, something to remember for next convention to be held in Denver in the Spring of 1969. Lynn extended our invitation to the Society. He is to be the new president, Sadie Morrison is treasurer. Thompson Marsh was given "Bird of the Year" award for his Louisiana Water Thrush discovery. The Board established the office of President-elect to insure continuity of the organization. The Christmas and Spring "Big Day" counts will be published and state list is to be revised. The Western Bird Banding Association was meeting at the same time and elected Ron Ryder as their president. Field trips through Colorado National Monument added new birds to many lists. Convention funds are available for the host chapter's expenses.

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Following these comments on the state meeting, Harold Hold commended the younger members of DFO on their alertness and eagerness and particularly Tim Gates and Bob Andrews

Jack Welch introduced our evening's speaker, Dr. Charles Lovelace, head of environmental research at the Wildlife Research Center, who outlined the mighty problems revolving around the assorted 10,000 pest control companies. He emphasized a great need for a high-quality environment, abuse by man of this environment, and the influence of pesticides, etc. on the total population not just on individual species.

This last meeting of the season closed with the announcement that a committee has been designated to explore the possibilities of establishing a chapter of National Audubon Society in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Echelmeyer, Recording Secretary

Directors' Meeting, September 18, 1968

Open Space Conference September 28-29.

Shall we send a representative to COSSC? Pay toward their trip, etc.? Will the representative also represent Audubon Society?

Vote on special representative? Lynn W. makes motion that paid representative (less lodging) go to COSSC.

Will there be a "social chairman" to greet new members and make them feel welcome? Possibly get names of new visitors signed in a book? Shall we appoint a librarian to take charge of past bulletins and Audubon Magazines? Jack can offer more Audubon and Wilson magazines. Should we have library space at the Museum?

What about the spring convention? The date is up to the host. Agreed not to have it on spring count dates. How about the fall? Spring Count will be May 17, Saturday. Lynn: people mainly want to bird at a convention, more than read papers. Is the 10th too late for students? A motion to see the plains. 3rd and 4th of May for state meeting. Motion carried for 3rd and 4th. Lynn will present this to state.

Audubon screen meeting coming after September 24 bird meeting.

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Lois: the Game and Fish Department re-codifying their laws. They are proposing budget for parks: 25,000 acres and 1 million dollars.

Reeser: conference. Governor's conference in spring attended by forest service, conservation, and other top men from Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona.

Lois: We need to communicate with O'Malley.

Echelmeyer: shall we appoint someone to get in touch with their group?

President Patty: 2 different groups and viewpoints on who to send to Conservation and other meetings according to whether we act as DFO or affiliated with Audubon Society.

Lois: We need someone at every one of their open commission meetings. (Game and Fish)

Lois and Hugh will give mechanics of what Audubon membership will consist of.

Reeser: a benevolent autocracy. By-laws a 2/3 vote of committee (Board of Directors) will determine whether the Audubon membership will be accepted.—a 2/3 vote of members of DFO.

Lois adds, the president says we should accept the recommendation of the committee. We should consider 2 votes per family member. Discussion about whether we should become Audubon Society members or have 2 clubs. Our future is at state. Mr. Goodall came from Audubon Society. Work together but keep our own identity. We need more conservation work and action. Barr Lake—money speaks. If there is a yes vote we will have to vote on the money.

Mary Hope Robinson

General Meeting, September 24, 1968

President Echelmeyer presided at this, the first occasion of her reign. There was a very large attendance in the Bird Room of the Museum. The next meeting will be in the new auditorium, Northwest wing.

Lois Webster will be the representative to the Open Space conference. There will be literature on Audubon Screen Tours. Mary Hope Robinson and Merle Barbour will make a poster (display) for the Open Space conference. (And they did!)

Jack Reddall will be new conservation chairman.

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Lois is chairman on Audubon Club affiliation.

Jack Welch will no longer be able to be an officer (Vice-president in charge of programs).

Letter from Dick Lindstrom, wishes to cast a NO vote (on Audubon Club); he believes it will become more like a historical society.

Lynn Willcockson: both DFO and Audubon Club members received information. Resolved that DFO disband in order to become affiliated with Audubon Club.

Lois Webster: changing wildlife and habitat scene---"who is going to take an interest in birds and animals that are not in the game classification?" We need the Audubon Society, an affiliation that will give us more publicity, prestige. We could become a larger organization." (If we affiliate with National Audubon Society)

Hugh Kingery: the committee felt that with both clubs it would be two weaker organizations. The motion says that the Bird Club will disband IF a charter is granted to a Denver chapter of Audubon Society.

If motion does not pass, we will presumably split up. 2/3 vote of members will decide.

Sidelights: More dues if we become members of Audubon Society. Will the field trips continue at their present high level? Audubon Society returns \$4 of dues to local club. (7 Audubon members came) about 20 came who belong to both clubs.

Thompson: "will there be the finances to support the new program in a new organization?" "Shall we begin with a new organization, overloaded?" (example) organizing junior clubs, Audubon Screen tours and help with other organizations (and legislation). Thompson does not think that any ornithological club has done as much for birds as the Colorado Field Ornithologists.

1967 Bird count all over the country. Any bird clubs left? Innumerable participating. "---not risk the destruction of an already effective organization."

Jane Jones: 60 said they would support a branch of an Audubon Society. Present DFO: 168 members. Encouragement for more younger members. We may increase our activities along the lines Audubon Society suggests and promotes.

Mrs. Vincent Winn: 75 names attended meeting in conservation club.

Thompson: "Why the pressure for the dissolution of the DFO?"

Julian: Why should an Audubon Society be limited to the City of Denver?

Bob Forester, Vincent Wynn: of Mountain Club votes on affiliation with Audubon Club

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17: YES

44: NO. The motion was defeated.

Harold Holt showed a beautiful selection of birds of prairies, then the mountains. (While the new Audubon Society members adjourned to the adjoining room—and missed the pictures!)

Mary Hope Robinson

Directors' Meeting, October 16, 1968

Home of Patty Echelmeyer

Very cold. Snowstorm. Abandon the December board meeting. Security reasons led us to give up these meetings at the Museum.

We sent a contribution to Colorado Open Space Council (COSC): \$25. November 10, Open House at Patty's. Trip leaders to scout trips the week before. 15 trips. Pre-census count will be Saturday and Sunday. Idaho Springs—who will take it over? (When Harold Holt gives it up)

Dr. Bailey was against the DFO losing its identity.

The Museum closet: to sell checklists and publications in closet? Extras for guests. Shall we vote for membership in Rocky Mt. Parks Association? Yes, and who can attend these meetings on Saturday. Would Joe Borden be effective? Also another representative for other affiliations was mentioned: McDonough.

Convention 1969. Talks. The trips: field trips were Saturday a.m. and Sunday a.m. Lynn: "State group may like a different approach to a meeting. For instance, more field trips and less papers read. One idea: NO BANQUET! Others felt that banquet is a handshaking affair. How is it financed? We finance the printing, etc., up to a point. We hope McDonough will be chairman. Discussion again on a possible date. Where? Hotels, motels, Sunday picnic in City Park? Jack Welch will check on banquet place.

Harold Holt asks that the club buy spotting scope for leaders to take on all trips. Thompson mentions the bird club meeting at one place every week, and then we could keep the scope there. How can scope be available from leader to leader? A motion to buy a scope. All said "aye." Harold and Jack are on a committee to buy a scope.

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A Speakers' Bureau available through Colorado Open Space Council (COSC). DFO has speakers available. Members will have to volunteer. Announce this at a meeting. Printer authorized to print more stationery.

National Audubon Society asks proxy vote: President Dr. Elves Stahr.

Fish and Wildlife and conservation affiliation. The ordinary conservation committee turns out to be a political committee. COSC, for instance, could publish the latest pesticide and similar tests. Roberta Winn may be called upon to help. Jack Welch will further this area.

The man at Barr Lake is retiring, Emory. Suggestion: the preservation of Barr Lake undeveloped. Conservation committee should check—Lois.

Delightful refreshments at Patty's "New England motif" home. Her napkins, in fact décor, one evening were lavender.

M.H.R.

General Meeting, October 22, 1968

The president called the meeting to order in the new auditorium. The treasurer's report stated \$1119.28 in the savings, \$253.39 in checking, with three new members added to our club this month: Mrs. Rosenberg, Mrs. Phares, Mrs. Whipple.

Bald eagle reprints and Denver area checklists were available. Trip leaders were urged to have extra lists on hand for guests.

It was announced that there will be an open house at Patty Echelmeyer's on November 10, from 3 to 5 p.m. Welcome to all!

Many thanks to the Museum and its personnel for providing such a handsome setting with lots of conveniences for our meetings.

Don Thatcher will be our Colorado Open Space Council (COSC) representative starting in January. Jane Newcomb will attend November and December meetings of this organization as our voting member.

Brochures are available for the Audubon lecture series; the next program will be on Wisconsin, "The Land the Glaciers Forgot" on November 1.

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Under old business, Nancy Hurley briefly reported on the Open Space Conference in Estes Park.

Hugh Kingery mentioned the candidates' meeting set up by ROMCO regarding their feelings on conservation matters.

The aim of the conservation committee of DFO, chaired by Jack Reddall, will be a few areas of solid endeavor rather than lots of spread-out, lukewarm efforts. Those interested in joining this committee signed a list and also noted suggestions for activities.

Cooperation with the proposed Audubon Chapter was urged.

Hugh Kingery outlined the Christmas counts. Anyone interested who has not been assigned to an area, please contact him.

Randolph McDonough has consented to be the convention chairman for our May State Meeting. Jack Reddall volunteered as banquet chairman and Thompson Marsh will handle field trip plans.

The Board authorized Harold Holt and Jack Reddall to purchase a spotting scope and tripod for use of field trip leaders. Lynn Willcockson will handle the insurance angle of this project and the committee will devise a scheme for transportation of it.

COSDD is setting up a speakers' bureau and our club will also keep on hand a list of those volunteering to give programs. Please call Patty Echelmeyer if you would like to be added.

The business meeting was adjourned and Jack Welch presented Joe Guarin, who spoke on banding studies of starlings and blackbirds.

(No secretary indicated)

General Meeting, December 3, 1968

Jack Welch presided in the absence of President Patty Echelmeyer, in the new auditorium. He announced a new member: Roy Coy.

George Shier reports dues are DUE! Hope Robinson read the minutes. Harold Holt calls attention to Idaho Springs.

Hugh Kingery alerted all for Christmas and Pikes Peak counts. Will assign members and welcome all to Pikes Peak count.

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George Shier reported on Cornell nesting forms and records there. A list of certain birds is of significance to them.

Jack Davis' address in Morocco is available.

Harold Holt read a Florida communication from our president, Patty. He also reported on scope. It is a zoom range of 60, Bausch and Lomb decided upon. All field trip leaders are willing to give it a try.

Guests were: Valerie Hadley from Washington, DC, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bassner. Jack Reddall introduced his family. Merle Barbour introduced her son.

New Business: Thompson Marsh's friend wished to see a saw-whet owl on his visit to Denver.

Sightings: John reported on 17 short eared owls at Cherry Creek dam. Mr. Borden saw 350 cedar waxwings, the largest flock he's seen. Flocks as large as 75 Bohemian waxwings were seen by others. The George Shiers reported on the Bachman's sparrow near Houston and other birds of Texas. Blue jays reported, large numbers.

Harold Holt showed his beautiful and original pictures of birds and commented interestingly on nearly every one. A few of the outstanding pictures artistically were of the siskin, the American goldfinch, Canada geese, and gadwall.

Mary Hope Robinson

General Meeting, January 28, 1969

President Patty Echelmeyer called the meeting to order.

George Shier reminded us of the necessity of paying the dues since it is the end of the year, and he gave an account of the expenses.

Harold Holt mails his reports himself, thus shortening an operation of the printer. He mentioned sending monthly bulletins to other organizations, or better yet exchanging with other clubs.

Don Thatcher gave a Colorado Open Space Council (COSC) report including their income (\$2318). The new secretary of the interior was bandied about—a mild letter with pertinent questions was recommended to send to congressmen. Many letters have been written contesting Mr. Hickel. A suit has been made in Wisconsin concerning the use of pesticides. President Patty suggested writing a thank you note to Udall.

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Guests: Mrs. Dan Smith. New member: Sisily Tower

There are checklists available at \$.02, also stationery at \$.05. Audubon Screen tour will be 21st of February, on mule deer. Organizations are constantly asking for speakers from the Bird Club.

Don Thatcher said there are ornithology club bird slides available and not being used.

Harold, Hugh and Don were thanked for organizing counts. We all enjoyed Thatchers' and Shiers' open houses during the holidays.

Bird Sightings: Harold Holt: redpolls. Patty saw cedar, then Bohemian, waxwings, also an immature white-throat. Thompson: he was phoned by Mr Kent, 2930 E. Pilot Street, who undoubtedly has a three-toed woodpecker at his feeder. Don Thatcher saw 3 gray crowned rosy finches at Howard Rollins' place. Nancy saw gyrfalcon, also 34 towhees within a mile on her recent hike. Lynn: greater scoup at Tully Lake, white crowned goose in field.

Lynn then spoke on plans for the convention May 3 and 4. This year there will be field trips and fewer papers. Randolph McDonough mentioned procedures in organizing the convention such as first and second announcements.

New Business: We need some clerical help mainly for getting new club address list; Mrs. White volunteered. A snow shoe trip in March; snowshoes may be rented near Idaho Springs, also several Denver spots.

Here I will mention I went on the Sunday snowshoe bird hike in Dillon, organized by Nancy and led by Hugh. It was a perfectly beautiful trip through the woods, with glimpses of the surrounding mountains when we reached clearings. Eleven species were reported. After we returned to Hugh's house, he invited us for some hot cocoa and conversation.

Last meeting Roy Coy took us on a tour of the new wings of the Museum. We saw dioramas and animals partly prepared. Also the many new Indian objects.

MHR

General Meeting, February 25, 1969

President called the meeting to order. George Shier asked again for dues. He presented bills such as \$25 to the National Audubon Society, a tripod purchased, and \$24.95 for printing, mailing the bulletin.

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A discussion followed featuring President Patty and Harold Holt. "No coverage for loss of scope unless locked up" (she said). "A person other than a leader can borrow the scope for a weekend," said he. The premium for three years is \$25; projector can be borrowed.

Announcements: checklists and the Bald Eagle Prints, and stationery available.

Guests: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stanford. New member: Bob Buttery. Mr. Peter Bonnema passed away.

Ron Ryder spoke a few words on Pawnee National Grasslands, adjacent agricultural experimental lands, color marking of birds caught and banded. Wings of birds of prey window marked.

George Shier added to Mr. Ryder's announcements the following issues of monthly bulletins are needed: Volume I, II, 1st 4 of Volume III to complete our files. Also September of '68 bulletin needed.

Sightings: a mourning dove has been seen. Flickers are drumming. Holt: the greatest invasion of redpolls in 50 years. Barrows golden eye seen in Pinehurst Country Club. Wonderful winter for Bohemian Waxwings. Pine grosbeaks on the plains. Heavy snows north of Denver have forced more birds down to this area. Good winter for northern birds. Bossman: 1 black rosy finch seen in the Castle Rock group. Phyllis Howe: 200 rosy finches at their place above Black Hawk. Patty: great horned owl in their yard. Ruth: pygmy owl 900 block, Jewel, Sheridan; comes in evening, pesters dippers, pygmy nuthatches. Mr. Asker and George went to Squaw Mountain to see rosy finches.

Don Thatcher's report: population studies: golden crown kinglets, only one Cassin's finch in 6 trips. On Colorado Open Space Council (COSC), voted on a change of membership rules. Highway encroaches on stream; they have to get permission on water use.

Heated discussion on gas pipeline over Rollins Pass. Company says it will restore tundra. The pipe, roads and lines will all be put in one route.

Cooper Ornithologists meet in Tucson in April 25, 26, 27 (see Don about tickets).

Jack Welch introduced the speaker from Canada, Manitoba. He is now at Colorado State University on studies, thesis. As a wildlife biologist he has made studies of Canada geese (90,000 in 10 square miles). "The birds of Churchill Manitoba." (Good trip by rail, 1000 miles. Leave from the border, N. Dakota to Winnipeg.)

Mary Hope Robinson

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General Meeting, March 25, 1969

Minutes of past meeting were read by the president, Mrs. E.

Announcements:

1. Early issues of the DFO monthly papers are available.
- 2a. Miss Catherine Hurlbutt needs a fledgling crow for voice training purpose
- b. Miss Hurlbutt has postcards depicting Christ with sparrows for sale at \$.10.
3. Please give President Patty ideas for articles to use for door prizes at the state convention banquet. McDonough, chairman, discussed particulars and it was announced that Dr. Bailey will be banquet speaker.

New business:

Hugh Kingery proposed that the DFO send a letter to our Colorado State legislators expressing our concern about water pollution in California.

Nominating committee was named: Nancy Hurley, Sadie Morrison, Joe Borden; report to be submitted next month.

Speaker: Mrs. Christian Bonney, who has travelled to Mexico and the Caribbean, gave an illustrated lecture of her trip to Iceland with the Maine Audubon Society during the summer of 1964.

(Remind President of motel room to be reserved for guests.)

Alberta Oliver

Directors' Meeting, April 10, 1969

Home of Patty Echelmeyer

Business: to buy a walky-talky, is it practical? No, not now, but we will keep it in mind. With new models and wave lengths, it should be investigated and reported to the Board.

To have the telephone of the leader in the bulletin. This has been discussed in the past as unsatisfactory.

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Name tags for the field trips? No

Insurance on the projector? \$125 now. Yes, the Board says. (This seems to include slides. Projector is a "Sawyer"-500 watt.

Be sure to use the microphones at the meetings. Repeat the questions.

Shall we put the \$1300 in the bank on a 90-day CD? Can we make a profit legally? We will switch it over to a year, better yet the CD account, automatically renew it. \$12.50 every ? days. Give them 10 days' notice, or borrow on it. Everybody in favor. Voted.

Shall we coordinate with Audubon Society on trips? Lois was setting up May trips before DO was. Anyone is welcome to come on DO trips. The joint trips with the Mountain Club were generally not successful because of different interests. Don Thatcher say the CMC'ers require too many rest stops and then lunch. "I have done my best with the recalcitrant members of the board."

Discussion of May 25 trip to Marjorie Letts' in Platteville.

President is planning a filing system for contacts in other locations and states. "A resort in New Mexico specializes in bird people" (Sisily said this). (For instance Mrs. Benedict in Mount Vernon, NY.)

How about checking in on Pettingills and other sources for obsolete bird trips in other localities. There should be a file on this for states and cities. Suggest file of these areas brought to meetings. (Checklists and maps)

Proposed trip on Memorial Day to Albuquerque to visit Mrs. McKnight to see flammulated owls. People are asked to bring such information to next meeting.

Banquet: Thompson in charge of field trips. Lynn says: to featured shorebirds, our meeting place is a little far from Echo Lake, for instance. 9:00 trip on Saturday, Red Rocks, Genesee and Bear Creek, and or Barr Lake and Mile-High.

Box lunches available at motel (in reservations). Compilation between 3:00 and 3:30. Telescopes to be there. Dr. Bailey is giving his volumes as a door prize (upon verifying tickets). "Birds and Coral Lands." Board meeting at 5:00 (5:30-6:30 registration) To set up Howard Rollin's pictures, area in lobby and meeting room. Discussion on box lunches. How will out of town people make reservations for this?

Who wishes to be on the registration desk? (a bit early) Alberta volunteers. Saturday 4:30 for printing of names for registration. Pen and ink. Joe Borden, Harold, Thompson for Saturday; Jean White, [blank space] for Sunday.

We need a screen and Dr. Bailey brings projectionists. Table for CFO membership and registration. 2 tables. (Thompson anecdote on Dr. Davis in Grand Junction)

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Patty, Nancy, Mary make favors. Merle makes table decorations.

If anyone wants to buy Harold's status list, available \$.50.

Thompson proposes card with protected and unprotected birds on it, to hand out.

George Shier mentions Patty's dues reminder very effective. He suggests nesting census. All nesting cards would be in by September. The cards "as is" do not record nests sufficiently.

Mary Hope Robinson, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, April 23, 1969

President Echelmeyer called the meeting to order. Secretary read the minutes of the March 25th meeting. George Shier gave the financial report. Also there are two new members and the mailing list is 167.

Guests were introduced: Tom, Lauren and Vickie Ray, Victor Ray.

Lynn is arranging for projector and slide insurance.

Colorado Open Space Council (COSC) report: Don Thatcher mentioned the stream control bill; it was voted for and passed. The last bill was the Petrified Forest-Florissant bill.

Jean White was thanked for typing notes.

Harold Holt has status and migration sheets available.

Jack Reddall will follow through on letter to legislators on California water pollution. On this subject Harold announced findings on Colorado ponds contaminated by oil, as many as 87 dead ducks found. Also the Game and Fish personnel revealed that animals and migrating song birds are affected. Jack would like volunteers for his conservation committee.

George Shier has cards for Cornell nesting programs; Nancy Hurley is in charge of this activity.

The Convention. Please phone your questions into Lynn. He announced box lunches are available when we ascertain numbers of reservations.

New filing system for names of people, bird areas and sanctuaries in different states; in charge of Alberta Oliver. This will include maps and motel names, indexed by state, also Puerto Rico and Canada.

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Thompson announced May 17th Derby Day for field ornithologists. Phone Thompson at home or office (754-2654).

Nancy Hurley reports on Nominating Committee's slate:

President: Echelmeyer
Vice-President: Don Thatcher
Recording Secretary: Vi Bossman
Treasurer: George Shier
Corresponding Secretary: Chris Bonney
Board members: Roy Coy, Ray Olsen

President Echelmeyer introduced the speaker: Tom Ray of Fort Collins. He is interested in falconry, participated in related studies. Tom brought a real live trained peregrine falcon, named Ky. During the rest of the evening while a film and Tom's talks were going on, Ky was noticing everything and quite often commented loudly. Toward the end of the "flicks" he seemed to have drifted off to sleep.

Mary Hope Robinson

General Meeting, May 27, 1969

President Echelmeyer called the meeting to order. Secretary's notes were read. George Shier gave financial report. 83 reservations for convention.

New Members: Jay Ellis, Eleanor Ellis from Kentucky and Tennessee. Guests: Ruth Defenbach, Frances Hames, Key West, Fla; Mr. and Mrs. Teryl Beeler.

Announcement: Nesting cards available through Nancy; all nests wanted.

Get all information on map areas (in USA) to Alberta Oliver.

On the table are checklists, status and migration reports.

Don Thatcher on COSC: Report on DDT. Wisconsin is working on it. The salmon have been poisoned (also Michigan). Estelle Leopold is getting more information. Don suggests we use some of our \$2000 on this.

Eldora is concerned about bombing for gas there. There is a hearing in Colorado Springs Thursday 9:00 a.m. on the Florissant area. Trying for 6000 acre national park. 4th Congress that is working on this. This includes saving fossil insects and plants.

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Henry Bossman reports on air pollution sponsored by Rocky Mountain Committee on Environment. The federal government is trying to control air pollution in cooperation with states. Public hearings will be held between now and Nov. 11, 1969. The State will cooperate; 180 days to set standards; 180 days to decide how to enforce. Several of our related groups want to form action groups on this.

Oil slick from wells has seeped into the Pruitt and Jackson reservoir areas. Get name of conservation officer out there. Ron Lestina will contact Game and Fish department. Oil companies are willing to try to stop this. They want tie-in with "us people."

George Shier reports north Rock Creek meadow area to be preserved by Forest Service.

Bob Buttery, ecologist, members of DFO, will study birds 1st weeks in June. Any members may go to join him (camping) 2nd week. DFO has field trip there last week in June.

Additional insurance not valid if equipment taken from unlocked car.

Convention very successful, a word about the plaque from Merle Barbour. 138 species counted on the convention field trips, 40-50 people took part in this; 225 species all over the state.

Sightings: blackpoll warbler, Mrs. Thatcher. Blackburnian warbler, Red Rocks, Don. Indigo bunting, Shier. Mountain plover, ferruginous hawk, Nancy. Several hundred swallows, Tukseters (?). Short billed mash wrens, 50, Latham Reservoir, Platteville, Christine Bonney. Chimney swifts, Don (grey cheeked thrushes too). Verries, egret, Harold.

Mary Robinson mentioned her visit to Texas Hollow Sanctuary, 20 miles west of Ithaca, NY. This is a new sanctuary and is still being "wrested" from the hunters. She hopes to get a mimeographed sheet on this to add to Alberta Oliver's file, especially since this sanctuary has the habitat for many kinds of birds.

The speaker of the evening was Jack Welch and his movie was on the dwindling wildlife: "So Little Time."

MHR

Directors Meeting, August 21, 1969

At 8:00 the Board of Directors met at the home of President Patty Echelmeyer.

Five special projects were discussed. These were suggested in a letter from Van Remsen in which he points out that the skills and potential of this club could and should be making more definite contributions. He suggests:

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1. Breeding bird censuses and winter bird populations studies such as those done by Don Thatcher and by Mildred Snyder.
2. An intensive study of the movements of a particular species such as the Wilson warbler, giving particular attention to migration peaks and mountain migration.
3. Fall, summer, and spring counts with definite boundaries like the Christmas one.
4. Intensive study of a single restricted area such as Cherry Creek or Johnson Park with daily records.
5. Ban DDT and other polychlorinated hydrocarbons. This, Mr. Van Remsen says, is not a suggestion: it is a must.

The discussion brought out the question of whether Nan Hurley's Pawnee Grasslands project could be reinforced by the use of more people or greater concentration in a certain part of the area. Patty Echelmeyer pointed out the seasonal count idea. Harold Holt keeps records of certain plains habitat. The Brochners' situation in Evergreen was discussed as a good one for a study at higher altitude. Thompson Marsh pointed out some of the problems involved in scheduling field trips to give good coverage. Certain areas have good coverage. He plans a committee meeting to realign the trips. Harold Holt was asked to remind leaders through the bulletin to report only birds in the designated area unless a separate list is kept for the trip to this place. It was pointed out that, even so, the report often covers more than one life zone and various habitats. The possibility of having trips on Wednesdays was brought up as well as that of having another try at having holiday trips. The question was brought up: Is the information being gathered in our state by publications such as Colorado Bird Notes, by various organizations, and by student ornithologists being compiled at a center where it is generally available? Are analyses and comparisons being made?

Nan Hurley reported that a nesting summary will be published in November.

The advisability of choosing a new name for the Monthly Report of Field Observations of the Denver Field Ornithologists was discussed, with comments that though this describes the publication accurately, the name is rarely used by most of us.

Ways of trying to lighten the heavy load carried by Harold Holt in putting out the Monthly Report of Field Observations of the Denver Field Ornithologists were suggested leading to the acceptance of the idea of constructing a ruled chart for compilation and the use of volunteer typists in putting out the Monthly Report of Field Observations of the Denver Field Ornithologists.

What to do about the DDT menace as to warnings, signs, and spreading information was discussed.

It was reported that Mr. Lestina is checking on the effect of oil in water, its source, causes, and the extent of its effect on ducks.

A poster and representative were needed for the Colorado Open Space Council (COSC) workshop.

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The desirability of having a representative at Denver Parks meetings was brought up. At the next meeting, the president may ask for a volunteer.

The motion to raise yearly DFO dues to \$4 in 1970 carried.

The motion to raise mileage rate for field trips to \$.05 carried.

The meeting adjourned.

General Meeting, September 23, 1969

The Denver Field Ornithologists met at the Museum of Natural History with the president, Patty Echelmeyer, calling the meeting to order.

The minutes of the May 27 meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. Echelmeyer reported that the checking account stands at \$174.65 and the savings account at \$1362.12.

Members were reminded to keep their address lists up-to-date by copying addresses from the bulletins.

Hugh Kingery was named as the over-all chairman for the Christmas count for the Denver area. It was decided that the president would ask the Evergreen group whether they wish to take the responsibility for organizing the Idaho Springs count.

In regard to field trips, members were reminded that the leader should be allowed to lead with others staying near him, and that in order to learn by listening, groups must be quieter. Thompson Marsh announced that he plans to schedule some Wednesday trips. There may be some holiday trips. When there are two-day field trips, one-day trips may be set for those unable to take the long one. Patty Echelmeyer emphasized the importance of each person phoning the leader of over-night trips.

Henry Bossman urged attendance at the State Board of Health hearing October 15 on the problem of setting the standards of air quality.

Members were urged to get their nesting card to Nan Hurley who plans to summarize them in November.

Jean White was commended for her help with typing.

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The recommendation of the Board of Directors that expense money given to drivers on field trips be five cents a mile rather than the customary four cents was announced. The contribution of each person is usually determined by dividing the cost by the number in the car including the driver.

The motion that annual dues be raised from three dollars to four dollars beginning with 1970 dues was seconded and carried.

The Open Space Conference held at the YMCA Conference Grounds at Estes Park was attended by Don Thatcher, Nan Hurley and Hugh Kingery who report that it was well-attended and stimulating. Next year's meeting may be held in Denver in order to give more people a chance to attend.

Concern was expressed for the great decline in blackbird numbers this August and for the fact that few yellow warblers were heard singing after their molting period. Are pesticides responsible?

Nan Hurley announced that her next trip on her Pawnee Grasslands Hawk project will be October 4, and she would be delighted to have some help.

Don Thatcher reported that Colorado Open Space Council (COSC) now includes twenty-nine cooperating organizations. The last meeting was concerned with such matters as the timber sale on the Western Slope, the proposed highway through Glenwood Canyon, the management of the Colorado State Forest, and the establishment of the Florissant Fossil Bed National Monument. Contributions are still needed for the expense of Florissant litigation.

The evening program was presented by Jack Welch who shared with us a hundred colorful pictures taken on the second trip of Mr. and Mrs. Welch to Africa.

The meeting was adjourned.

Viola Bossman, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, October 28, 1969

The regular meeting of the Denver Field Ornithologists was called to order in the west auditorium of the Denver Museum of Natural History by Patty Echelmeyer, the president.

The minutes of the September 23 meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Echelmeyer read the report of the treasurer, George Shier, who was absent. The checking account stands at \$84.17 and the savings account at \$1375.74.

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Don Thatcher reported that the Colorado Open Space Council (COSC) October 9 meeting concerned itself with the air pollution hearing, the possibility that a pulp mill rejected in New Mexico may locate near Alamosa, stream channeling along the Arkansas, the East Timberlake timber sale, and the Weminuche Wilderness in the upper Rio Grande valley. As our representative, Don voted to support the Weminuche Wilderness proposal.

Appreciation was expressed to Harold Holt for all his work in gathering and compiling bird information and funneling it back to club members and to Jean White for typing.

Members were urged to sign petitions for the Point Reyes Park in California.

In regard to the Christmas Count, President Echelmeyer reported that the Brockners say that the Evergreen group will work that area with any of us who wish to work with them. This will change slightly the territory covered and will take in Evergreen, Squaw Mountain, and Idaho Springs. Hugh Kingery brought the map of the Christmas Count and encouraged members to decide about their participation now. He asked for two volunteers to do some telephoning. Patty volunteered. Members were encouraged to continue bringing information for the file so that people traveling may have birding information.

Nan Hurley suggested that we keep in mind nesting records for early spring. She and Jean White now have this year's summary ready.

Our president reported that Mrs. Mildred Snyder will be our new reporter for the National Audubon Field Notes which comes out six times a year. Reports for the mountains go to Casper and those for the plains to Texas.

A rare opportunity will be ours next summer. The Wilson and Cooper societies will have a combined convention at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, June 18-21. Alpine birds will be one of the interests. Lynn Willcockson and Don Thatcher head a transportation committee. They will need volunteers.

Lynn reported that *Birds of Western Colorado* by Dr. William Davis has been published. This helps to fill the need for information from that area. It is hoped that *Birds of Eastern Colorado* will be published before the Wilson and Cooper Convention to supplement material of that area.

Members were urged to take careful notes when color-marked birds are seen. Bald eagles, ring-billed gulls, and sandhill cranes were mentioned in this regard. The banding office can give information on such color marking.

Field trips were discussed. The first two weekends of the month had very heavy snowstorms and trips were cancelled. Thompson Marsh requests that under such circumstances he be phoned since it may be possible that someone can get out.

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Harold Holt read a letter from a Castlewood woman relating her experience feeding a hummingbird during a snow storm. She thawed the feeder every fifteen to thirty minutes.

Bird sightings were reported.

James O. Keith from the Denver Wildlife Research Center at the Federal Center presented "Pesticides and Pelicans" with charts and pictures of studies on both white and brown pelicans. These pointed up the seriousness of the brown pelican egg and production problems.

The meeting was adjourned.

Viola Bossman, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, November 25, 1969

In the absence of the president, the regular meeting of the Denver Field Ornithologists was called to order by the vice-president, Don Thatcher, in the west auditorium of the Denver Museum of Natural History.

The minutes of the October 28 meeting were read and approved.

George Shier, the treasurer, reported that 1970 dues should be paid soon. The checking account contains \$87.95 and the savings account remains at \$1375.74.

Don Thatcher reported that the November meeting of Colorado Open Space Council (COSC) added two new cooperating organizations bringing the number to 31. The proposed Continental Divide Trail had been discussed. Much of this trail has been marked by the Mountain Club. There will be a hearing next Monday at 7:30 in Wyer Auditorium. The Alamosa pulp mill and Clean Air awards were discussed. COSC is making recommendations to the City Council regarding alternatives to increased parking.

Hugh Kingery announced plans for the Christmas Count. Thatchers again invited the group to an Open House after the count.

An announcement was made of the December 9 Audubon meeting which will be addressed by the national president, Dr. Elvis J. Stahr.

There will be no December meeting because of the Christmas Count on December 20.

Interesting bird sightings were given.

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The program was the showing of many pictures of the Antarctic region by James G. Floyd, a law student at Denver University, who had been the navigator on the ice breaker shown in the pictures.

The meeting was adjourned.

Viola Bossman, Recording Secretary
