

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE ALABAMA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
APRIL 14, 1973

A dinner was held for members and guests of the Alabama Ornithological Society (AOS) Saturday night April 14, 1973, at 7 pm at Ratcliff's Restaurant, Gulf Shores, Alabama. President Mike Bierly introduced various members who have helped with AOS work during the year. Charles Mayhew drew the numbers for the door prizes and Mike presented the prizes to the winners.

Vice President Art Garrett presented the Nominating Committee's report. For President the Committee recommended Tuck Hayward. Members who were asked to be candidates for Vice President and Treasurer did not accept. The Committee asked for suggestions from the membership for these offices. A motion that the nominations for President be closed was seconded and passed. A motion that Richard E. (Tuck) Hayward be elected President by acclamation was seconded and passed unanimously.

The President called for nominations from the floor for the offices of Vice President and Treasurer. James V. (Buzz) Peavy, Jr., was nominated for Vice President and accepted the nomination. A motion closing the nominations for Vice President was seconded and adopted unanimously, thereby electing Buzz Peavy as Vice President.

The President read to the membership the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee urging participation in bird surveys, especially in those counties lacking sufficient data.

Bob Reid read the attached resolution opposing spraying of Mirex and supporting EPA controls and moved for its adoption. His motion was seconded and the resolution was unanimously adopted as read.

Chairman of the Slide Committee, Bob Reid, presented the Committee's report, a copy of which is attached.

Art Garrett introduced the speaker, Dr. Henry M. Stevenson, who compared the various ways of verifying data obtained on bird surveys.

Gussie Arnett, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ALABAMA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
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The Executive Committee of the Alabama Ornithological Society (AOS) met at 12:30 pm April 14, 1973, at Ratcliff's Restaurant, Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Attending the meeting were: President, Mike Bierly; Vice President, Art Garrett; Treasurer, Mary Mayhew; Secretary, Gussie Arnett; and Directors Harriett Wright, Curtis Kingsberry, and Bob Reid.

Bob Reid submitted a resolution, copy of which is attached, authorizing and urging AOS members to participate in seasonal bird surveys, especially in counties of Alabama and West Florida where there is a lack of data. His motion for adoption of the resolution was seconded and carried.

Mary Mayhew submitted the Treasurer's report; copy is attached.

Art Garrett and Mary Mayhew of the Nominating Committee recommended Richard E. (Tuck) Hayward for the office of President and reported that he has accepted the nomination. The Committee asked for suggestions for candidates for Vice President and Treasurer. The Committee has asked several people to be candidates for these offices, but none accepted.

The President announced that he will appoint a committee to help retain the bird sanctuary on Dauphin Island. The lease on the property will be up for renewal in the near future.

Bob Reid reported for the Slide Committee the need to increase the amount of reimbursement for slides from .25 to .35 per slide. This matter was deferred for further consideration.

The meeting was adjourned.

Gussie Arnett, Secretary

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alabama Ornithological Society that there is hereby adopted and approved, as an official project and policy of this Society, the taking of seasonal surveys of bird distribution and relative abundance, particularly during the summer or breeding season, in those counties in Alabama and Northwest Florida where, because of the absence of breeding bird survey routes or other censuses, there is a lack of adequate ornithological data; that this project and policy be effective as of the summer survey taken in Colbert and Franklin Counties, Alabama, in the summer of 1972 and shall include, among others, those counties and the Counties of Marshall, Etowah, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Barbour, Greene, Lowndes, and Geneva in Alabama, and such others as may be selected by the coordinators of the breeding bird surveys for Alabama or Northwest Florida or other members of the Executive Council; and that the members and local groups affiliated with this Society are hereby authorized and urged to participate in obtaining ornithological data through this project.

REPORT OF THE SLIDE COLLECTION COMMITTEE

During the last year, the committee completed a review of substantially the full list of species for Alabama and Northwest Florida at an afternoon-night meeting on March 3, 1973, at the home of Bob and Elberta Reid in Birmingham. Out of a list that now totals approximately 384 species, the committee has selected one or more slides for 240. Slide reproductions authorized for the scientific and educational sets thus far number 486, which, at the rate of the .25 per slide partial reimbursement provided for in the rules under which the committee operates, represents a financial commitment of \$121.50.

In addition, a form of contract of loan for slides in the educational set has been reviewed and prepared for use by the custodian of the collection, who is Helen Kittinger.

The committee wishes to thank again, for their outstanding pictures and technical advice, its five principal contributors: Helen H. Kittinger, Harriett H. Wright, and Perry C. Covington, of Birmingham; P. Fairly Chandler, of Magnolia Springs; and Charles T. Traylor, now of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The committee also wishes to express its thanks to Dr. Steven E. Liston, of Pensacola, for copies of his outstanding pictures contributed to the collection, and wishes to welcome to the committee James V. Peavy, Jr., of Birmingham.

Present members of the committee, in addition to the chairman, are Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Kittinger, Mr. Covington, Mr. Peavy, and Thomas A. Imhof, of Birmingham; Mr. Chandler, of Magnolia Springs; Mr. Traylor, of Hattiesburg; and James E. Keeler, of Montgomery.

Submitted at the 1973 Spring Meeting at Gulf Shores, Alabama, April 14, 1973.

Robert R. Reid, Jr., Chairman