

RINGING TOTALS FOR 1986

A form for the submission of ringing totals for January to December 1986 is included as a loose insert with this issue. Please return these to

the Editor by 15 February 1987, so that they can be included in the April 1987 *Bulletin*.

RINGING TOTALS FOR 1985 - A CORRECTION

The ringing totals for Highland Ringing Group, listed in *Bulletin* 47: 42, were entirely wrong. Our apologies to the Highland Ringing Group for greatly under-reporting the success of their ringing in 1985. The correct totals should have been as follows:

Oystercatcher	788
Ringed Plover	2
Lapwing	5
Knot	323
Sanderling	1
Dunlin	946
Ruff	1
Black-tailed Godwit	1
Bar-tailed Godwit	312
Curlew	118
Redshank	860
Turnstone	75



MINUTES OF THE WSG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, OATRIDGE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, BROXBURN, SCOTLAND, 13 SEPTEMBER 1986

The Chairman, G.H.Green, welcomed members to the meeting.

Apologies. No apologies for absence were received.

Minutes. The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held on 5 October 1985 at the Centre International de Sejour, La Rochelle, France (WSG Bulletin 45:1), were accepted as a correct record.

Officers' Reports. Reports by the Chairman, Membership Secretaries, Treasurer and Co-ordinator had been published previously (WSG Bulletin 46: 2-4). There were no questions on these reports which were accepted by the meeting.

Editor's Report. Dr. N.C.Davidson outlined various developments concerning the production of the Bulletin which had taken place since his report was published. He apologised for the delay in the publication of the April Bulletin, which had been several months late. In order to ensure that this problem did not recur the editorial team had been strengthened with the appointment of Dr. Judy Stroud as a second assistant editor. It was hoped that the August Bulletin would appear by the end of September and that publication would be back on schedule for the December issue. Dr. Davidson encouraged members to submit material for publication in the Bulletin.

Dr. P.R.Evans asked whether it was intended to retain the present range of material in the WSG Bulletin, or whether the Bulletin was likely to move towards being a high-powered journal, particularly in view of the fact that it was

being cited increasingly in other journals. He was concerned that the items of more general interest should not be lost. Dr. Davidson replied that this issue had been discussed by the executive committee within the last two years and that it was envisaged that the content would remain much as it was at present. The title "Bulletin" had been retained for this reason. It was however important to ensure that all the material accepted for publication was scientifically sound. Much of the content of the Bulletin consisted of regular features such as the list of recent publications, and abstracts of conference talks. A questionnaire carried out several years ago had shown that these features were popular with members. Dr. Evans indicated that he was keen that the composition of the Bulletin should not be changed greatly. The attendance at the present meeting was perhaps somewhat "elitist", and it was important that the group should not leave behind those who do not study waders professionally.

Date and venue of the next Annual General Meeting. It was hoped to hold the 1987 conference and Annual General Meeting in Poland in September or October, but the exact date had still to be finalised. Provisionally it was planned to hold the 1988 conference in southern England and the 1989 one in Denmark.

No members wished to raise items under Any Other Business, and the Chairman therefore closed the meeting.

Stephen Baillie - General Secretary.