

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Fifty-one members and eleven guests registered for the Annual Meeting held on April 1 and 2 in New York. A business meeting and scientific session was held on April 1 and two outstanding stations in New Jersey were visited on April 2. It was the opinion of those present that this was one of the best meetings of the Association held in recent years.

Mr. J. T. Nichols of the American Museum of Natural History delivered an address of welcome to open the meeting on Saturday morning. Ten councillors responded to the roll call to begin the business meeting proper. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary and approved. Mr. R. J. Middleton, Chairman of the Publication Committee, reported that although there had been numerous problems encountered in publishing the News during the past year, they had been worked out and were now under control.

President Groskin read a communication from Mr. R. T. Fuller resigning as Editor of the News and announced the temporary appointment of Mr. Bender to this position. The secretary read a letter from Mr. Bender concerning the proper disposition of data received during the preparation of symposia on selected species. This subject will be discussed later in this issue.

Treasurer Merrill Wood presented the following report:

Treasurer's Report - 1949-50

Receipts

Balance from 1948-49 (on April 21, 1949*)	\$452.05
Membership dues	517.50
Subscriptions to BIRD-BANDING	320.00
Contributions	11.38
Sale of banding equipment (made by Geoffrey Gill)	21.75
Trap auction at annual meeting	10.00
Total Receipts	<u>1,332.68</u>

* The 436.43 balance announced on April 21, 1949 should read 452.05.

Disbursements

Publication of the EBBA News	413.20
Expenses of Treasurer	35.25
Bank charges (foreign exchange fees)	1.83
Expenses of annual meeting	78.80
Subscriptions to BIRD-BANDING	<u>320.00</u>
Total Disbursements	849.08

Balance Sheet

Total receipts	\$1,332.68
Total disbursements	<u>849.08</u>
Balance (on April 1, 1950)	<u>\$ 483.60</u>
Number of new members	22
Number of members dropped (in arrears or resigned)	22
Number of members deceased	3
Number of members in EBBA on April 1, 1950	321

Of these 321, only 253 have paid their dues, 39 are in arrears, and 29 wish to resign.

April 1, 1950
Merrill Wood, Treas.

Mr. Astle announced that a bill extending protection to several additional species of Hawks and Owls, including the Snowy Owl, was now on Gov. Dewey's desk for signature and moved that the Association send a message to the Governor requesting him to sign this bill. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Subsequent to the meeting President Groskin sent the message.

It was unanimously voted to extend the thanks of the Association to the American Museum of Natural History for providing the meeting place and to Mr. C. K. Nichols and his Committee on Local Arrangements for their splendid efforts which did so much to make the meeting a success.

The meeting then proceeded to the presentation of the papers of the scientific session.

Prof. Merrill Wood presented the first paper "Terms for Abnormally White Birds". It will be published in an early issue of the News.

A color film "Some Birds at Churchill, Manitoba" by Mr. Oscar Hawksley followed. Excellent shots of the bird and mammal life of this interesting locality made this paper very interesting.

Mr. Leroy Wilcox then gave his paper on "Banding Ospreys on Long Island", which was illustrated with a number of beautiful colored slides. The photographs of the ground nests of this bird on Gardiner's Island were of particular interest.