

Minutes of the 1977 Spring Meeting of the
Mississippi Ornithological Society
20 May 1977

The annual spring meeting of the Mississippi Ornithological Society was held on 20 May 1977 at Lee Hall on the campus of Mississippi State University in Starkville, Ms. President Walter Davis called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Secretary Steve Peterson presented the minutes of the last meeting which were accepted as read.

In the absence of Evelyn Tackett, Treasurer, Walter Davis read the financial report. The report was accepted as read.

Under old business, a brief discussion took place on the status of the Heronry at Cliftonville; it was then voted to renew the lease.

In new business, the members voted to assume the costs of Mississippi State Bird Lists and additional copies of the Mississippi Kite which were included in the orientation folders for the joint Wilson and Mississippi Ornithological Society convention.

President Walter Davis commended the WOS local committee, staffed by local members of MOS, Oktibbeha Audubon, and the Department of Zoology at MSU, for the fine manner in which the joint meeting had been planned and executed. The membership endorsed the commendation with a healthy round of applause.

Carl Bauer, chairman of the Nominations Committee, was called upon to present the slate of officers proposed for 1977-78. Nominations were called for from the floor; there being none, the proposed slate of officers was accepted by acclamation and is as follows:

President, Stephen Peterson, Jackson; Vice President, Evelyn Tackett, Jackson; Secretary, Judy Toups, Gulfport; Treasurer, Marita Smith, Clinton; Editor, Jerome Jackson, Starkville.

President Steve Peterson assumed his new duties at this juncture in the meeting. Steve then complimented Walter Davis, Carl Bauer, Evelyn Tackett and Jerry Jackson for the fine leadership they have provided to the Mississippi Ornithological Society.

A discussion about time and locale of the fall meeting was brief, and no action was taken at that time. The meeting then adjourned.

An evening of wildlife films was presented. The film "At the Crossroads", an excellent documentary on endangered species, featured in part the work of Dr. Jerry Jackson on the Red-cockaded Woodpecker. A film on the Atchafalaya Basin followed...a graphic exploration of this ecologically sensitive area of Louisiana. A delightful film on African weaver birds concluded the program.--Judy Toups, Secretary.