

COOPER SOCIETY MEETINGS

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting of the members of the Cooper Ornithological Society (a corporation) was called to order by President J. R. Pemberton in the lecture hall of the Los Angeles County Museum, Los Angeles, California, at 8:00 p.m., April 28, 1953. The minutes of the 1952 meeting were read and approved. Jean Delacour, chairman of the proxie committee, reported 73 members present in person and proxies held for 779. A quorum was declared present.

President Pemberton then called on the nominating committee for the board of directors to submit its report. The committee consisted of W. Lee Chambers, chairman, Frances Roberts and Wilson C. Hanna. Mr. Hanna presented the following slate of names in nomination: John Davis, C. V. Duff, Ed N. Harrison, Jean M. Linsdale, Alden H. Miller, John R. Pemberton, Frank A. Pitelka, William J. Sheffler, J. C. von Bloeker, Jr. Upon the president's call for further nominations, Hildegard Howard nominated Kenneth E. Stager. Stager declined the nomination and the motion to elect the original slate of names proposed by the nominating committee was passed with two dissenting votes from the floor.

Mr. C. V. Duff, business manager, then presented a report on the financial condition of the Society.—KENNETH E. STAGER, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

MARCH.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on March 31, 1953, at the Los Angeles County Museum, with 60 members and guests present. The following names were proposed for membership: Robert W. Ficken, 75 Nassau Rd., Oceanside, N.Y., by Alden H. Miller; Henry G. Hill, 465 S. 15th St., San Jose, Calif., and Leonard Peterson, Lakeside, Neb., by Jack von Bloeker; Roger Wayne Brown, Box 933, Dixon, Calif., and James Russell Werner, P. O. Box 145, Good-year, Calif., by C. V. Duff.

Lewis Wayne Walker requested ten minutes to discuss his project to trap a pair of California Condors.

Dr. Thomas R. Howell described his recent "Impressions of Nicaraguan Birds," illustrated

with colored slides and specimens.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

APRIL.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on April 28, 1953, at the Los Angeles County Museum, with 80 members and guests present. The following names were proposed for membership: Maurice Machris, Statler Center Bldg., 652 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles 17, Calif., by J. R. Pemberton; Mrs. Hall L. Schumacher, 7027 Sycamore Ave., Seattle 7, Wash., by F. H. Boynton; Lynn Burnham Barlow, 1017 Pine St., Santa Monica, Calif., Fred D. Bartleson, Jr., Dept. of Biology, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla., Eugene Allen Le Febvre, 2300 E. Co. Rd. E, White Bear 10, Minn., and Walter H. Shackleton, Rt. 1, Box 76-A, Prospect, Ky., by C. V. Duff; Dr. J. Harold Ennis, Curator, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and James Woodford, 233 Roehampton Ave., Toronto 12, Ontario, Canada, by J. C. von Bloeker, Jr.

Ed Harrison and Frances Roberts showed their "Condor Slides in Color," and also a colored motion picture showing various activities of the California Condor, narrated by J. R. Pemberton.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

NORTHERN DIVISION

MAY.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on May 7, 1953, at the University of California.

Alexander Sprunt told members of a forthcoming hearing before the California Fish and Game Commission concerning a permit for the taking of California Condors for zoo specimens. Following discussion, a motion was passed calling the attention of the Commission to a resolution passed at the January, 1950, meeting of the Northern Division disapproving of the granting of such permits and reaffirming this objection.

Field observations included report of Stilt Sandpiper in the Imperial Valley, California, on April 29, by Mr. Sprunt.

Howard Cogswell commented on a loon migration census being made by Laidlaw Williams and appealed for observations by other members.

The speaker of the evening, Frank A. Pitelka, presented a report on "Ecological Studies of Small Birds and Mammals in Northern Alaska."—ROBERT K. SELANDER, *Secretary*.