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MINUTES OF THE WSG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, RIBE, DENMARK, 23 SEPTEMBER 1989

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Dr D. Bredin, Dr M.E. Moser and Mr. S.J. Sutcliffe.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held on 3 September 1988 at St. Joseph's College, Ipswich, UK (*Bulletin* 54: 1-2) were accepted as a correct record.

OFFICER'S REPORT

Reports on the group's activities during 1988 by the Chairman, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and Co-ordinator had been published previously (*Bulletin* 55: 1-4). Each of these officers were invited to expand on their published report if they so wished.

The Chairman, Dr. M.W. Pienkowski, expressed his satisfaction that some roles of the WSG had moved onto a sounder footing during the year. By way of example he cited the colour-marking register which had been transferred to a computer. This formed the basis for a system which should avoid the periodic crises in administration of the colour-marking register of the past.

In the absence of the Treasurer, S.J. Sutcliffe, the Chairman commented on the accounts and invited questions. None were forthcoming.

The Editor, Dr. N.C. Davidson, reported the success of changes to the *New World* editorship, which had resulted in increased contributions from the *New World*. He also reported planned changes to the computer hardware available for production of the *Bulletin* and commented that this would ultimately lead to a more sophisticated production. His report ended with an apology for the lateness of *Bulletins* during the year. In response to a question about the promised index, the editor said production was still in progress by the volunteer concerned as it had proved a larger task than anticipated.

The Co-ordinator, H. Hotker, reported on recent contacts with the USSR and informed the meeting that the 1990 conference would be held near Bologna, Italy. He reported the setting up of two new WSG projects. One, Waders of Wet Grasslands, would be a project team to keep in touch with the Mideurasian Flyway. He finally informed the meeting that the membership of the WSG Advisory Panel was being revised.

The officer's reports were accepted by the meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There being no election of officers necessary since none finished their term of office in 1989, the Chairman invited the meeting to think about nominations for next year. Suggestions for officers or people to do other tasks which WSG performs would be welcomed by any member of the Executive Committee.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting approved the Executive Committee's decision for the WSG to send two letters. The first was to the UK Secretary of State for the Environment to express concern at the proposed splitting of the Nature Conservancy Council. The second was to draw the attention of the Portuguese government and the EEC to the implications for wildlife of current plans for salinas in Portugal, which the EEC may be asked to support financially. Plans for changes had been drawn up due to stagnation in salt prices.

Phil Ireland, General Secretary

