

MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
NEBRASKA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union was held at Hastings, Nebraska, Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10, 1919. The members arrived at Hastings on various trains during the afternoon, and convened in the museum of Hastings College at 4:00 o'clock to inspect the A. M. Brooking collection of birds and mammals. This collection of excellently mounted specimens is one of the most complete in the state, and President A. M. Brooking personally conducted the party through the museum and explained the more interesting exhibits.

After the examination of the Brooking collection the members reassembled at 6:30 p. m. at the Clarke Hotel, which was the headquarters of the society. Eleven members of the N. O. U. and five guests sat down to dinner in the grill room of the Clarke Hotel.

The business meeting of the society was called at 8:00 p. m. in the Chamber of Commerce Building, with President A. M. Brooking in the chair. The reports of the officers were received, and a Nominating Committee consisting of Mr. C. E. Mickel, Dr. H. Hapeman, and Mrs. G. A. Loveland, was at once appointed. An Auditing Committee, consisting of Messrs. R. W. Dawson and Ewald Witt, was also appointed to audit the financial statement of the Secretary-Treasurer.

While these committees were preparing their report, the society proceeded with the election of new members, and Messrs. Frederick Haecker of Lincoln, H. Hapeman of Minden, and Mesdames H. C. Johnson of Superior, L. H. McKillip of Seward, and Jennie Woodworth of Ayr, were formally elected to membership.

The Auditing Committee then reported that the accounts of the Treasurer had been found to be correct, and upon motion this report was accepted by the society. Following the report of the Nominating Committee the following officers were elected for 1919:

President—Mr. C. A. Black, Kearney.

Vice-President—Mrs. L. H. McKillip, Seward.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. M. H. Swenk, Lincoln.

Eleven members were at this session of the N. O. U., as follows: Mesdames L. R. Button, H. Hapeman, and G. A. Loveland, and Messrs. J. M. Bates, C. A. Black, A. M. Brooking, R. W. Dawson, C. E. Mickel, M. H. Swenk, Wilson Tout, and Ewald Witt.

During the evening the matter of laying definite plans for the printing of a new edition of the "Birds of Nebraska" was discussed. On motion by Dr. Hapeman that a committee be appointed by the chair to investigate the cost of printing such a book as was tentatively projected during the discussion, and report at the next

meeting, President Brooking appointed Dr. Hapeman, chairman, M. H. Swenk and R. W. Dawson.

The business meeting then adjourned and the program of the evening was taken up. The retiring President, A. M. Brooking, addressed the society and its guests on the subject, "Bird Collecting West of Lincoln." Following the President's address Mrs. G. A. Loveland presented a paper on "Recent Cat Legislation," and Prof. R. W. Dawson discussed "Bird Migration Records." There was a general discussion of these papers by various members of the society. A call by President Brooking for some remarks from Mr. J. M. Bates and Mr. Wilson Tout was very interestingly responded to.

The plans for the field day on Saturday were then arranged, and the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p. m.

On Saturday, May 10, the seventeenth annual field day of the Union was held. The locality chosen for the field trip was along the Little Blue river, about eight miles south of Hastings, and cars were provided to take the field party to the woods. The party subdivided into four sections, each section covering a different portion of the territory. The field day started at 8:00 a. m., the members reconvening at the cars at 11:30 to return to Hastings for luncheon. In the afternoon the men of the party donned their boots and waders and motored to the lagoon near Inland, Nebraska, ten miles east of Hastings, where study was made of the water birds. The total list of the day included seventy-eight birds, as follows:

Bluebird, Robin, Olive-backed Thrush, Wood Thrush, Long-tailed Chickadee, Western House Wren, Brown Thrasher, Catbird, Mockingbird, Redstart, Yellow-breasted Chat, Maryland Yellowthroat, Ovenbird, Blackpoll Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Bell's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Migrant Shrike, Rough-winged Swallow, Bank Swallow, Barn Swallow, Dickcissel, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Black-headed Grosbeak, Cardinal, Arctic Towhee, Lincoln's Sparrow, Western Field Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Goldfinch, Bronzed Grackle, Baltimore Oriole, Western Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Cowbird, Crow, Blue Jay, Desert Horned Lark, Traill's Flycatcher, Phoebe, Crested Flycatcher, Arkansas Kingbird, Kingbird, Yellow-shafted Flicker, Red-headed Woodpecker, Northern Downy Woodpecker, Belted Kingfisher, Burrowing Owl, Sparrow Hawk, Ferruginous Rough-legged Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, Marsh Hawk, Western Mourning Dove, Bobwhite, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Yellowlegs, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Wilson's Phalarope, Coot,

Sora Rail, Bittern, Lesser Bluebill, Pintail, Shoveller, Blue-winged Teal, Gadwell, Mallards, Hooded Mergansers, and Black Tern.

Nests were found of the Marsh Hawk and Desert Horned Lark, each containing three eggs.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, 1918-19.

*Receipts.*

Cash on hand, May 10, 1918.....	\$217.06
Annual dues collected.....	76.00
Excess dues collected.....	1.50
Interest on investment.....	2.98
Sale of publications.....	3.45
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	\$300.99

*Expenditures.*

Wilson Bulletin .....	\$ 66.00
Postage . . . . .	.93
Fund invested .....	194.86
Refund of excess due and exchange.....	1.60
Balance on hand May 9, 1919.....	37.60
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