

MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING
of the
ALABAMA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 1963

The annual meeting of the AOS was held at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, April 19-21, 1963. Twenty-five members and guests participated in the 3-day meeting. Headquarters was the Lamplighter Restaurant.

The group assembled after dinner on April 19. Vice President, Rosemary Dusi, presented Mrs. Blanche E. Dean who presented 3 very interesting reels of film showing past meetings of the Society.

On the 20th a field trip to Moody's Swamp began about 5:30 A.M., and continued to 11 A.M. The weather was warm with showers.

The annual business meeting convened at headquarters at 1:39 P.M. President Robert W. Skinner welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Percy Strickland as new members from Prattville, Alabama.

The minutes of the 1962 annual meeting were read and approved.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Blanche Dean, the minutes of the Executive Council meetings were read for meetings on October 21, 1962 and February 23, 1963.

The president called for the treasurer's report. The treasurer reported a balance on hand, as of April 12, 1963, of \$193.59 in the checking account and \$50.00 in savings. The report was placed on file for audit.

The treasurer was asked for a report on the status of the Life Membership Fund. Mr. Holliman reported that, in accord with the decision of the Executive Council, \$50.00 had been invested. This investment was in a savings account which paid higher interest than U.S. Savings Bonds. He recommended that the remaining \$50.00 of this fund be placed out at interest as soon as the status of the checking account will permit.

The president called upon the Library Representative, Dr. Julian Dusi, for a report on the status of the permanent AOS Library. Dr. Dusi reported that an agreement had been signed between the Auburn University Library and the AOS with the following general provisions, (1) an AOS Library will be housed in the Auburn University Library, to be available to patrons of the Auburn University Library and through inter-library loans to members of the Society, (2) back issues of the Alabama Birdlife be housed in the Auburn University Library and be mailed by the Library at Society expense, and (3) the Society will solicit contributions of books, journals, etc. to the Library. Dr. Dusi reported the first gift to this library by Mrs. Roy Brownlie. Lists of available exchange material will be prepared periodically for the information of the members.

The president called upon Dr. Dusi for a report on the status of the 10-year Index to Alabama Birdlife. Dr. Dusi reviewed the history of this project and announced that the Index was ready for distribution. Mrs. Wright handled printing of the Index. A charge of \$1.50 per copy will be required to assure that the Society does not lose money. Mrs.

Dean called for an expression of appreciation for the work of Dr. Dusi and Mrs. Wright. The appreciation of the group was shown by applause.

The president called upon the secretary for a reading of the policy, decided at the last Executive Council meeting, regarding the effective date for new memberships, to wit, that the memberships become effective July 1 of the year when the membership is granted. Discussion of this point indicated that it was the intent of the Council that new members who join before July 1 will receive the official publications for the entire year, those joining after July 1 will receive the publications issued after July 1, and a full year membership the next year.

The president called upon the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Wright, for a report. She reported the following nominations:

For President	Mrs. Rosemary T. Dusi
For Vice President	Mr. Dan C. Holliman
For Treasurer	Mr. George J. Brabender

Mrs. Dean moved and Dr. Dusi seconded the motion, that the nominations be closed and the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of nominees. The motion carried and the secretary declared the election of the slate accordingly.

President Skinner asked for further business. Mrs. Wright suggested that the 4th week-end in April be set aside as the regular spring meeting date for the AOS. No motion was made, but by common consent it was agreed that this arrangement be used on a trial basis.

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 P.M.

An afternoon field trip was taken to Lock 13 on the Warrior River.

At an evening session of the members, the following papers were given:

Abnormal Plumage Coloration in Birds.....	Robert W. Skinner
The Disappearance of Ground Doves from the Tennessee Valley Region.....	Thomas Z. Atkeson, Jr.
Migration of the Little Blue Heron.....	Julian L. Dusi
Common Grackles Catching Live Shad.....	James E. Keeler