

MINUTES OF 14th ANNUAL MEETING
ALABAMA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
APRIL 22-24, 1966

The 14th Annual Spring Meeting of the Alabama Ornithological Society was held at Dauphin Island, Alabama, on April 22-24, 1966. Headquarters motel was the Holiday House.

Field Trips and Friday Evening Program

The program for the meeting began with a showing of slides on Friday evening at the Alabama Marine Resources Laboratory. The members attending enjoyed excellent and most interesting slides of waterfowl, shorebirds, land birds and wild flowers shown by Dr. Maurice Baker, Blanche Dean, Helen Kittinger and our Louisiana guest, Mr. Randolph Bazet.

Field trips began Saturday with the early morning trips at 5:00 A.M. to the Indian Shell Mounds led by Blanche Dean. Subsequent field trips were taken on Saturday morning and afternoon and Sunday morning to the eastern and western ends of Dauphin Island, the bird sanctuary, causeway and Bellingrath Gardens; and netting and banding stations were set up during the meeting by Jim and Margaret Robinson and Tom Imhof.

Meeting of Executive Council

The Executive Council met at 12:30 P. M., April 23, at the Dauphin Island Community Center with the following members present: Mr. Robert E. Waters, President; Mr. Robert R. Reid, Jr., Vice President; Mr. Frank D. Huttlinger, Treasurer; Dr. Dan C. Holliman, Immediate Past President; Dr. Maurice F. Baker, Editor, ALABAMA BIRDLIFE; and Mr. James E. Keeler and Mr. Robert W. Skinner, Co-editors of Newsletter and Directors.

Plans for future meetings were discussed -- the next Spring Meeting to be held at Dauphin Island, April 21-23, 1967, and the 1966 Fall Meeting to be held in Choctaw and Clarke Counties, Southwest Alabama, if satisfactory arrangements can be made with personnel at Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge and the state game sanctuaries.

There was a discussion of the desirability of the President's appointing an editorial board to work with and advise the editor of ALABAMA BIRDLIFE and of other matters to be brought before the business meeting of the Society. The meeting was duly adjourned at 1:05 P. M.

Business Meeting

The business meeting of the membership was called to order by the President at 1:15 P. M. at the Alabama Marine Resources Laboratory. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Huttlinger read the Treasurer's report showing receipts since the last spring meeting of \$416.80 and expenditures of \$360.57, leaving a balance in the Society's checking account of \$402.87. He also reported a balance of \$267.35 in the Society's life membership fund. The report was approved by those present. Mr. Keeler, Acting Chairman of the Auditing Committee, then reported that the Treasurer's books had been approved.

Dr. Baker reported on progress of ALABAMA BIRDLIFE and urged the membership to submit material for publication. Mr. Keeler reported on progress of bird notes in the Newsletter and of the new program of dove banding designed to determine the relationship between game regulation and game bird populations. Each state is asked to band 4,000 doves each year.

Dr. Dan Holliman, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported the following nominations for next year's officers: Frank D. Huttlinger - Treasurer; and James C. Robinson - Vice-President. Mr. Dave Turpin moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried, and the slate was elected by acclamation.

The Fall Meeting was tentatively set for Grove Hill or Jackson. Mr. Waters, the outgoing President, was given a round of applause for a successful year, and the meeting was duly adjourned at 2:15 P. M.

Dinner and Paper Session

Dinner was held Saturday evening at Bayley's on the Bay Road. Mr. Huttlinger supervised the drawing of several fine door prizes: Francis H. Kortright's Ducks, Geese and Swans of North America; Tom Imhof's Alabama Birds; some Audubon prints and other prizes. After the dinner the following papers were presented:

Food Habits of Red-winged Blackbird Nestlings in Jefferson County, Alabama -- Dr. Dan C. Holliman

Returns of Wintering Migrants in Brownsboro (Madison County, Alabama) -- James and Margaret Robinson

The Breeding Bird Survey in Alabama -- Thomas A. Imhof

The Bloodthirsty Blue Herons of Yellow Leaf Creek -- Walter F. Coxe

Compilation

Following the field trips on Sunday morning, Mr. Imhof conducted at the headquarters motel a compilation of the birds observed during the meeting. A total of 164 species was recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Fairly Chandler, Secretary