

Spring Meeting Report

AOS Executive Council Meeting, April 29, 1972, Dauphin Island. The Council was convened by the Pres., Dr. E. B. Sledge, at noon on Saturday. The minutes from Oct. 10, 1971 and Feb. 12, 1972, were read and accepted as corrected. Sybil Hanks gave the report of the treasurer, (summary report page 6).

Old Business. Discussion was held concerning the feasibility of continued publication of Alabama Birdlife. Questions arose about, "Does it meet the needs of members?", "increased cost of publishing," "Who will replace Dan Holliman as editor?" The group concensus was that the members needed 1) seasonal reports, 2) notice of meetings, 3) what bird is being seen where. The President recommended a journal once a year with newsletters the other times. Tim Traylor moved that AOS publish 1 journal a year and 4 or more newsletters a year. Motion carried.

AOS buttons for members are still not available because of reproduction problems. The status of a brochure for prospective members is still undecided.

New Business. Tom Imhof asked for AOS to state a position about mirex spraying. Bob Reid and Tom Imhof were appointed to review a proposed resolution before presentation to the membership.

A nominating committee of Bob Reid, Helen Kittinger, Lib Toenes and Sybil Hanks are to prepare a slate of officers for the next year.

Jim Keeler reported that the U.S. Maritime Commission is to build 3 superports for tanker unloading. The various gulf states are trying to obtain the contract. Alabama is pitching their "sell" toward the shipping of raw materials via barge up the river system including the Tom Bigbee River. The President proposed a motion that AOS oppose the concept of a superport in Mobile Bay. Motion carried.

Curtis Kingsbery was appointed to the Council as representative from Northwest Florida District.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M. Members attending: F. Chandler, S. Hanks, T. Imhof, J. Keeler, H. Kittinger, R. Reid, E. Sledge, T. Traylor.

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