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HIGHLIGHTS OF 1990 ANNUAL MEETING

On 3 March 1990, about 85 members and friends gathered at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History for the 1990 Annual Meeting of the New Mexico Ornithological Society. President Mary Alice Root called the business meeting to order at 9:30 am. Minutes of the 1989 Annual Meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Ross Teuber reported a balance of \$4,280.84 as of 1 March 1990.

Pat Basham, Chair of the Nominating Committee, proposed Jim Karo and Steve West to serve as Directors for one year terms. The committee's recommendations were approved.

Pat Snider, Coordinator of the revision of the New Mexico Bird Finding Guide, reported on progress made so far. Many contributors to the current edition are preparing sections on areas not covered in the present guide. Several members offered suggestions and ideas. The goal is to have the new edition ready by late fall.

President Root reported that she was investigating sites outside of Albuquerque for the 1991 Annual Meeting. The Ghost Ranch is one possibility.

President Root also announced that the by-laws need revising, and asked Jim Travis and John Durrie to serve on this committee. The proposed revision is to be presented to the Executive Board at its 8 September 1990 meeting. That meeting, open to all members, will be held at 1:00 pm at the Bosque del Apache NWR Headquarters.

Dr. William Baltosser presented the speakers for papers session, as follows:

Dale Zimmerman (Western New Mexico University):
"Preparation of Field Guide Plates for The Birds of Kenya"

Dale Stahlecker (Eagle Ecological Services):
"Boreal Owls and the 36th Parallel: How Low Will They Go?"

Penny Elliston (NM Wildlife Rescue):
"Wildlife Rescue of New Mexico"

Dustin Huntington (Albuquerque):
"Costa Rican Birds"

Jim Travis (Albuquerque):
"Los Alamos Breeding Bird Atlas"

Joel Cracraft (University of Illinois):
"Current Controversies About Species Concepts Within Ornithology"

Stephen Hoffman (Western Foundation for Raptor Cons.):
"Aspects of Diurnal Raptor Migration in Central New Mexico"

Peter Stacey (University of New Mexico):
"Do Local Populations of Birds Go Extinct?"

Greg Farley (University of New Mexico):
"The Relationship Between Thermoregulation and Behavior in the Cactus Wren"

Terry Root (University of Michigan):
"Energetic Constraints of Some Birds' Wintering Grounds"

Bill Baltosser (University of New Mexico):
"The Avifauna of Bernardo and La Joya State Game Refuges"

After the banquet at the Old Town Sheraton, the featured speaker, Dr. James Findley of UNM, spoke on "The Biodiversity of New Mexico."

On Sunday morning, about 50 persons attended a field trip to the Corrales Nature Preserve led by Dr. James Travis.

MINUTES OF MARCH 1990 BOARD MEETING

A very brief NMOS Executive Board meeting was held on 3 March 1990, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History. Present were President Mary Alice Root, Secretary Paul Steel, Treasurer Ross Teuber, and Directors Pat Stein and Steve West.

President Root announced that Jim Travis and John Durrie had been appointed to a By-laws Committee.

The next Executive Board meeting was set for 8 September 1990 at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge headquarters building.

-Paul E. Steel, Secretary

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

Membership in the New Mexico Ornithological Society is open to anyone with an interest in birds. Memberships are for a calendar year. Annual dues for calendar year 1990 were due and payable 1 January 1990. If you have not yet done so, please join or renew at one of the following membership rates: Regular \$7.50; Family \$10.00; Student \$3.50; Supporting \$30.00; Life \$300.00. Checks should be

made payable to the NMOS and sent to the Treasurer, Ross L. Teuber, 1612 Kentucky NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. (NOTE: No need to overpay! Check your mailing label on this issue — if it says '90, you're all paid up.)

NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING4

The NMOS Executive Board will meet at 1:00 pm on Saturday 8 September 1990 at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge headquarters building. All members of the NMOS are invited. On the agenda will be: a) progress report on the new edition of the New Mexico Bird Finding Guide (Pat Snider, Dale Zimmerman, John Durrie, and Burt Lewis); b) discussion on the future of the NMOS Bulletin/Newsletter, as Sandy Williams is resigning effective 31 December 1990; c) by-laws revisions (Jim Travis and John Durrie); d) selection of a site for the 1991 Annual Meeting; e) discussion on the NMOS data-management meeting/workshop to be held in November at the University of New Mexico.

PROGRESS REPORT ON NEW EDITION OF BIRD FINDING GUIDE

A meeting for all contributors and interested parties will be held at Bosque del Apache NWR on Saturday, 8 September 1990, at 1:00 pm, in conjunction with the NMOS Executive Board Meeting. Progress and changes will be discussed, and new deadlines determined.

Dale Zimmerman and John Durrie are editing the reports as they come in. Jim Karo will prepare the maps. New areas have been added, and old ones have been expanded. Areas reported on so far are: Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, South-Central, Alamogordo area, Bosque del Apache NWR, Randall Davey Audubon Center, Valle Vidal and Trout Lakes, Zuni area, Green Chaparral Turf Ranch, Fort Sumner, Bonita River and Fort Stanton, Water Canyon, Las Vegas and MacAlister Lake, Hawk Count areas of Sandia and Manzano Mountains, Maxwell NWR, Malpais near Grants. Areas still being worked on are: Southeast, North-Central, Ruidoso, Tucumcari, Albuquerque, Lake Burford.

-Pat Snider, Coordinator

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has come to my attention that a basic, centralized databank of NMOS field notes, breeding bird records, CBC records, bird-banding records, etc. is needed, not only for our own information and use but for use by other conservation and environmentally-concerned organizations and agencies, such as The Nature Conservancy, Wilderness Society, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NM Department of Game and Fish, National Park Service, NM Museum of Natural History, etc. The NMOS is in the unique position of having some of this information on hand, a result of collecting and maintaining such data since 1962. However, for other groups as well as our own members to make use of them, these data must be entered and stored in a manner compatible to various users and in a consistent and readily-available format. In

view of these considerations, a meeting/workshop on the data management of ornithological records has been scheduled for 17 November 1990 at 9:00 am in the conference room of the Department of Biology at UNM. All interested persons are invited to attend. The discussion will be lead by Dr. John Hubbard and Dr. Sandy Williams of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. For more information, please call me at 266-0561.

-Mary Alice Root, President

FROM THE EDITOR

The NMOS Bulletin is published four times a year; subscription is by membership in the NMOS. The Bulletin serves two primary purposes: 1) to publish articles of scientific merit concerning the distribution, abundance, status, behavior, and ecology of the avifauna of New Mexico and its contiguous regions; and 2) to publish news and announcements deemed of interest to the New Mexico ornithological community. The Bulletin invites contribution of articles and announcements. Submitted articles are subject to editing and will be refereed by the Editor and at least one other reviewer. Published articles are noted in major abstracting services (e.g., the AOU's "Recent Ornithological Literature" section of The Auk). Articles and announcements for the NMOS Bulletin should be submitted to the Editor, Dr. Sartor O. Williams III, 65 Verano Loop, Santa Fe, NM 87505.

And now, after over three years on the job, it comes time to announce that, due to other commitments, I will be resigning the NMOS Bulletin Editor's post effective 31 December 1990. Anyone interested in the position, or knowing of someone who may be a suitable candidate, is invited to contact me or President Mary Alice Root for more details. Meanwhile, please continue to submit articles (sadly, there have been precious few of them lately) and news announcements (e.g., upcoming Christmas Bird Count dates and contacts) to me for inclusion in the next issue.

-Sandy Williams, Editor

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