

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

MAY—The regular meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held in the Oakland Chamber of Commerce on the evening of May 2, President D'Evelyn in the chair. Dr. Palmer of the Biological Survey and a number of other members were in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Letters were then read from the State Fish Commission and W. Scott Way of the Audubon Society in which the Club was thanked for the stand it had taken in the prosecution of members of the Club who have been dealing commercially in bird skins and eggs. On motion of Mr. Hunter a committee was then appointed by the Chair to investigate more fully the matter and report at the next meeting. J. S. Hunter and E. W. Gifford were appointed.

A discussion was had concerning the relation between the Audubon Society and the Cooper Club; while no definite action was taken it seemed the general feeling that the two organizations were working toward the same end but from two different points of view and that it is better that they continue so.

J. G. Bliss of 3281 Briggs Avenue, Alameda, and Geo. J. Obermuller, of Hayward, were elected to membership, their names having been proposed at the March meeting. The election of Luther J. Wyman by the Southern Division was approved. Mr. Emerson proposed the name of Dr. La Ella Cool Walker, 509 13th and Washington Streets, Oakland, and Dr. D'Evelyn that of Dr. Clarence E. Edwards of the California Promotion Committee; both of the names to be acted upon at the next meeting.

A number of letters were read, by the secretary, from various parts of the State in answer to a circular letter sent out to determine the status of the English Sparrow and the relation of that bird to the agricultural and horticultural interests of the State. Discussion on this matter was held over until the next meeting.

After the business session Mr. J. R. Pemberton gave a most interesting talk on the birds of the Arroyo Mocho region in the southern part of Alameda County. Mr. Pemberton's talk was listened to very closely and was thoroly enjoyed by those present. It was followed by a considerable discussion which brought out additional points of interest.

Dr. Palmer was then called on by the Chair to say a few words. He called attention to several items of interest in Mr. Pemberton's talk that had been overlooked in the previous discussion, and also spoke concerning the distribution of the English Sparrow in the State. Dr. Palmer's talk was greatly appreciated by

the Club as it is not often that we have the pleasure of listening to one of his standing.

J. S. HUNTER, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

MAY—The May meeting was called to order by President Morcom at his home on North Raymond Avenue, Pasadena, at three o'clock p. m., May 17, 1908, with members present, Harry Swarth, W. B. Judson, J. Grinnell, Howard Robertson, O. W. Howard, Chester C. Lamb, Pingree I. Osburn, Willard Chamberlain and H. T. Clifton. In the absence of the Secretary, on motion by Mr. Grinnell, duly seconded, Mr. Clifton was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting, April 26, 1908, were read and approved. On motion by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Lamb and duly carried, Mr. L. E. Wyman was unanimously elected to active membership in the Club, his application already having been approved by the Northern Division. The application of Miss Annie M. Alexander to membership in the Club was presented by Mr. J. Grinnell and action deferred in accordance with the by-laws until the next meeting.

The report of the Committee on Club Policies, consisting of Messrs. Miller, Grinnell and Robertson, was presented and discussed. On proper motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

No formal program was presented, the remainder of the afternoon being occupied by ornithological chat and very dainty refreshments. This meeting was particularly pleasant as the home-welcoming of Mr. Harry Swarth, formerly one of our active members but who has for some years been connected with the Field Museum of Chicago as taxidermist. Mr. Swarth now takes a place in the active force of the University of California Museum of Vertebrate Zoology.

H. T. CLIFTON, *Secretary pro tem*.

JUNE—The June meeting was called to order by President Morcom at the office of Mr. H. J. Lelande, in the City Hall, Los Angeles, California, Thursday evening, June 25, 1908, with members Loye Holmes Miller, H. J. Lelande, W. Lee Chambers, Alphonse Jay, John M. Willard and J. E. Law present.

The minutes of the last meeting, May 17, 1908, were read and approved. On motion by Mr. Lelande seconded by Prof. Miller and duly carried, the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of those present electing Miss Annie M. Alexander to active membership in the Club, subject to the approval of the Club-at-large.

The remainder of the evening was spent in ornithological chat. Adjourned.

J. EUGENE LAW, *Secretary*.