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SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1985

Subscriptions for 1986 are due on 1 January 1986. Members will be delighted to see that the annual subscription (£10) remains the same as for the last 2 years, and so becomes even greater value than before. Full details of the current subscription rates appear on the subscription renewal form enclosed with this issue. As always, we repeat our plea to members to pay their subscriptions as promptly as possible. This cuts our costs (and so helps to

avoid increases in subscription rates) and greatly reduces the time and anguish that need to be devoted to the task by hard-pressed Officers.

To ease the task of membership renewal, we urge members with British bank accounts to pay by Banker's Order, and so avoid the risk of their membership lapsing. A Banker's Order Form appears on the Membership Renewal Form.

RINGING TOTALS FOR 1985

A form for the submission of ringing totals for January to December 1985 appears as a loose insert with this issue. Please return these to

the Editor by 1 March 1986, for inclusion in the April 1986 *WSG Bulletin*.

WSG AGM AND AUTUMN MEETING 1986 - AN ADVANCE NOTICE

The 1986 Autumn meeting will be held at Oakridge Agricultural College, Broxburn, West Lothian - a few miles to the west of Edinburgh in southern Scotland, between 12 - 14 September 1986. The Annual General Meeting will be on Saturday 13 September. In keeping with the policy for previous meetings we have attempted

to keep the costs of the meeting as low as possible, and the cost for food and accommodation from Friday evening to Sunday lunchtime will be very reasonable at approximately £25. Full details of the meeting, and a booking form, will appear in the April 1986 *Bulletin*.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WADER STUDY GROUP, HELD AT THE CENTRE INTERNATIONAL DE SEJOUR, LA ROCHELLE, FRANCE, 5 OCTOBER 1985

The Chairman, G.H. Green, welcomed members to the meeting and stated that the Group were very pleased to be able to hold this year's conference in France. His welcome was then repeated in French by Dr. M.E. Moser.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. J.A. Clark.

Minutes. The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held on 1 September 1984 at Worcester College of Higher Education, UK (*WSG Bulletin* 42: 2), were accepted as a correct record.

Officers' Reports. Reports by the Chairman, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, and Co-ordinator had been published previously (*WSG Bulletin* 44: 1-3). The Treasurer's Report included the accounts for the year ending 31 December 1984. These reports and the accounts were accepted by the meeting.

Election of Officers. The following Officers and members of the Executive Committee had all completed a three-year term of office, and all had offered themselves for re-election for a further three years. No other nominations had been received. The following were therefore elected by the meeting: Chairman - G.H. Green; Vice-Chairman - Dr. M.W. Pienkowski; Treasurer - S.J. Sutcliffe; Editor - Dr. N.C. Davidson; Co-ordinator - Dr. Th. Piersma; Ordinary members of the Executive Committee - W.J.A. Dick, H. Galbraith and H. Hotker.

Date and Venue for the next Annual General Meeting. The next conference and Annual General Meeting would be held in southern Scotland in mid-October 1986.

No members wished to raise items under Any Other Business, and the Chairman therefore closed the meeting.

Stephen Baillie - General Secretary.