



## MINUTES OF THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The second Annual General Meeting of the Severn Wildfowl Trust was held at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London, W.C.1, on Monday, 28th February, 1949, at 6 p.m. The President, Field-Marshal Lord Alanbrooke, was in the chair.

The Minutes of the first Annual General Meeting having been circulated were taken as read, and signed by the President.

The Director then read the Report of the Council, which began with a statement of the Membership, which stood at that date at 17 Life Members, 1,888 Members, 561 Associates, 34 Corporate Members and 9 Parish Members. This compared very favourably with the 854 Members and 248 Associates of a year before.<sup>1</sup>

It was of great significance that less than 3 per cent. of the Members had failed to renew their subscriptions. This was partly the result of a personal letter service which had been operated by the Organizing Secretary.

The Report, owing to the limited time available, was an abridged version of the Report which has been presented in the foregoing pages. After a short discussion the adoption of the Report, the Balance Sheet and the Accounts was proposed from the Chair, seconded by Major M. Knight, and carried unanimously.

The re-election of the following Council Members who retired under Rule 13 (1) was proposed by Col. J. H. Bevan, C.B., M.C., seconded by Major M. H. Simmonds, and carried unanimously :—

C. T. Dalgety, Esq.  
H. H. Davis, Esq.  
J. R. Justice, Esq.

The re-election of the following Officers for the ensuing year was proposed by Miss Frances Vale, seconded by Mr. H. E. M. Benn, and carried unanimously :—

*President* : Field-Marshal the Rt. Hon. the Viscount Alanbrooke, K.G., G.C.B., O.M., D.S.O.  
*Vice Presidents* : The Rt. Hon. the Lord Dulverton of Batsford, O.B.E., M.A., J.P.  
Sir Percy Lister.  
*Trustees* : The Rt. Hon. the Lord Kennet of the Dene, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C.  
His Grace The Duke of Beaufort, K.G., P.C., G.C.V.O.  
*Director* : Peter Scott, Esq., M.B.E., D.S.C.  
*Treasurers* : Sir Archibald Jamieson, K.B.E.  
Col. J. H. Bevan, C.B., M.C.  
*Secretary* : Michael Bratby, Esq.

1. The figures on 9th April, 1949, were 20 Life Members, 2020 Members, 576 Associates, 42 Corporate Members and 13 Parish Members.

The reappointment of Messrs. W. B. Keen & Co. as Auditors for the ensuing year was proposed by Mr. K. Miller Jones, seconded by Col. J. H. Bevan, and carried unanimously.

The Director proposed the following alterations to the Rules of the Trust :—

(1) That Rule 16 (1) be altered by deleting “ a Treasurer ” and substituting “ one or more Treasurers.”

(2) That Rule 17 (1) be altered by deleting “ shall be vested ” and substituting “ may be vested.”

(3) That Rule 18 (2) be altered by deleting “ one calendar month ” and substituting “ three calendar months.”

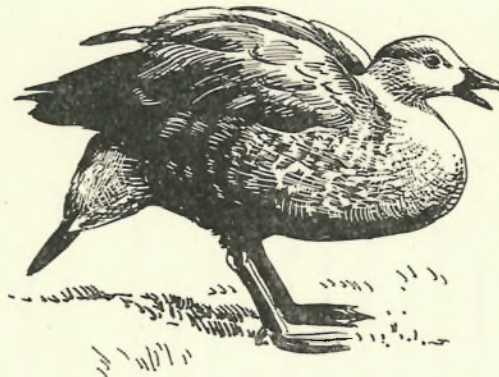
(4) That Rule 5 (5) (iii) be altered by deleting “ Schools ” and substituting “ Educational Establishments.”

These proposals were considered *en bloc*, seconded by Mr. J. R. Justice, and carried.

Major Rufus Clarke suggested that in view of the still difficult financial situation the subscription for Membership should be increased. The Treasurer, Sir Archibald Jamieson, said he would prefer not to do this, at least for another year.

In the course of reading the Report of Council the Director had mentioned the difficulties which had been experienced by the staff at the New Grounds in trying to avoid disappointment to visiting Members on days when the wild geese were inaccessible. A number of Members said that in spite of these difficulties they had enjoyed their visits and had been well looked after by the Wardens. Miss V. Dobson, however, described a series of unfortunate experiences during her visit and the Director expressed his regret that the arrangements had not been more satisfactory, and outlined a scheme for a proposed improvement by which Members could be assured that parties would be taken round at specified times.

At the conclusion of the meeting two beautiful colour-films taken by the President of the tame birds at the New Grounds were shown, followed by a third taken by the Secretary, Mr. Michael Bratby.



*Abyssinian Blue-winged Goose*

THE SEVERN WILDFOWL TRUST

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1948

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
		£	s. d.
To Rent, Rates and Insurance .. .. .	159 2 11	By Subscriptions (including Amounts paid under Deeds of	
„ Wages and National Insurance .. .. .	2,085 9 5	Covenant) .. .. .	2,562 18 1
„ Food for Waterfowl .. .. .	381 4 7	„ Donations .. .. .	674 1 3
„ Purchase and Transport of Waterfowl .. .. .	759 4 0	„ Sale of Annual Reports (seven months) .. .. .	289 9 1
„ Materials (wood for observation huts, wire-netting, etc.)..	856 10 5	„ Sale of Booklets .. .. .	233 7 6
„ Repairs to Headquarters Buildings .. .. .	604 19 0	„ Gate Takings .. .. .	169 16 8
50 „ Hull of Narrow Boat.. .. .	110 0 0	„ Sale of Surplus Waterfowl .. .. .	439 0 0
„ Minor Repairs and Replacements .. .. .	94 2 6	„ Sundry Receipts .. .. .	47 1 8
„ Miscellaneous Payments .. .. .	35 10 10	„ Fees and Collections at Director's Lectures .. .. .	158 8 9
„ Staff Travelling Expenses, Board, etc. .. .. .	204 4 5	„ Sale of Pictures donated by Director .. .. .	£878 0 9
„ Telephone .. .. .	63 17 4	<i>Less</i> Initial Expenditure defrayed by him .. .. .	658 16 4
„ Printing and Stationery—General .. .. .	216 16 1		<u>219 4 5</u>
„ Printing of Annual Report .. .. .	504 3 9		<u>4,793 7 5</u>
„ Printing of Booklet .. .. .	290 10 0	„ Balance—Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	
„ Bank Charges .. .. .	88 2 6	carried to Balance Sheet .. .. .	1,797 17 6
„ Office Expenses, Postages, Petty Cash, etc. . .	137 7 2		
	<u>£6,591 4 11</u>		<u>£6,591 4 11</u>