

## THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### MINUTES

THE third Annual General Meeting of the Severn Wildfowl Trust was held at the Royal Society of Arts, 6 John Adam Street, Adelphi, London, W.C.2, on Friday, 17th March. The President, Field-Marshal Lord Alanbrooke was in the chair. The Minutes of the second Annual General Meeting having been circulated to Members in the printed Report were taken as read and signed by the President.

The adoption of the Report of the Council—necessarily a brief outline only of the Report which occupies the foregoing pages, together with the Balance Sheet and Accounts for 1949, was proposed by the President, seconded by the Director and carried unanimously.

The re-election of the following retiring Council Members was proposed by the President and seconded by the Treasurer, Sir Archibald Jamieson:

Capt. R. G. W. Berkeley.  
K. Miller Jones, Esq.

The motion was carried.

The re-election of the officers en bloc (as shown on p. 2) was proposed by Mr. Robert Aickman and seconded by Major Maxwell Knight.

The motion was carried.

The appointment of Messrs. S. J. Dudbridge & Sons, of 8 Lansdown, Stroud, Gloucestershire, as Auditors for the ensuing year was proposed by the Director and seconded by Mr. Keith Miller Jones. The Director explained that the only reason for a change was a geographical one. The accountancy was now being done in Gloucestershire and it would be very much more convenient for the Auditors to be a local firm. It was explained that no other reason would have induced the Trust to discontinue its happy association with Messrs. W. B. Keen & Co., who had always given such good service on such sympathetic terms. The meeting approved the Director's suggestion that a letter be sent to Messrs. Keen explaining the circumstances and thanking them for all they had done for the Trust in its formative years.

Major Douglas Cooper, R.E., drew the attention of the Council to the Severn Barrage Scheme which might possibly threaten the Trust. The Director indicated that our Vice-President, Mr. E. M. Nicholson, was keeping a watch on any such developments and would report to the Council if action seemed necessary.

Following the meeting, the President, Lord Alanbrooke showed his wonderful colour-films of the Trust. One reel was devoted to the wild geese and the second and third to shots, many of them superb close-ups, of the tame birds in the collection. Mr. Guy Benson proposed a vote of thanks to the President for giving the Members the opportunity of seeing such magnificent pictures.

Proceedings then terminated.

THE SEVERN WILDFOWL TRUST

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1949

EXPENDITURE				INCOME						
<i>No. 1 Account</i>				<i>No. 1 Account</i>						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Rent, Rates and Insurance .. .. .	139	17	6	By Subscriptions (including amounts paid under Deeds of Covenant) .. .. .	3,358	2	5			
„ Wages and National Insurance .. .. .	2,382	10	6	„ Income Tax recovered under Deeds of Covenant .. .. .	401	5	1			
„ Food for Waterfowl .. .. .	1,084	4	2	„ Donations .. .. .	1,667	12	0			
„ Purchase and Transport of Waterfowl and Eggs* .. .. .	653	18	3	„ Sale of first Annual Report .. .. .	403	12	0			
„ Carriage on Birds sold .. .. .	31	10	5	„ Sale of Booklet .. .. .	344	6	5			
„ Materials (Wood for Observation Huts, Wire Netting, Coops, etc.)* .. .. .	1,008	11	10	„ Sale of Surplus Waterfowl .. .. .	1,097	15	1			
„ Minor Replacements and Repairs .. .. .	24	10	8	„ Fees and Collections at Lectures .. .. .	603	2	1			
„ Miscellaneous .. .. .	289	1	8	„ Sale of Christmas Cards and Calendars .. .. .	239	10	2			
„ Staff Travelling Expenses .. .. .	280	13	2	„ Narrow Boat Takings .. .. .	136	14	2			
„ Telephone .. .. .	47	13	5	„ Gate Takings .. .. .	408	17	6			
„ Printing and Stationery—General .. .. .	422	12	1	„ Freight Refunds and Sundry Sales .. .. .	93	14	5			
„ Printing of Booklet .. .. .	185	6	4					8,754	11	4
„ Bank Charges .. .. .	101	0	2	<i>No. 2 Account</i>						
„ Office Expenses, Postages, Petty Cash, etc.	357	15	6	By Special Donations .. .. .	750	0	0			
„ Narrow Boat <i>Beatrice</i> (Running Expenses)	211	0	7	„ Special Carnegie Trust (Received 1948) .. .. .	800	0	0			
								1,550	0	0
			7,220	6	3					
<i>No. 2 Account</i>										
To Narrow Boat <i>Beatrice</i> (Equipment and Fittings)* .. .. .	1,024	2	1	<i>No. 3 Account</i>						
„ Land Rover* .. .. .	546	2	6	By Sale of second Annual Report .. .. .	215	10	1			
„ Repairs to Cottage .. .. .	368	17	6	„ Sale of 'Key to the Wildfowl of the World' .. .. .	53	19	4			
			1,939	2	1			269	9	5
<i>No. 3 Account</i>										
To Printing of second Annual Report* .. .. .	981	14	6							
„ Printing of 'Key to the Wildfowl of the World' * .. .. .	281	3	5							
			1,262	17	11					
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year .. .. .			151	14	6					
			£10,574	0	9			£10,574	0	9

\* See Balance Sheet for Valuation of Assets.

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BALANCE SHEET—31st DECEMBER, 1949

ASSETS		£	s.	d.	LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.
Waterfowl at Valuation .. .. .		4,986	0	0	Sundry Creditors and Subscriptions, in Advance .. .. .	1,150	3	1	
Narrow Boat at Valuation .. .. .		1,000	0	0	Loan Account .. .. .	500	0	0	
Land Rover, at Cost .. .. .		546	0	0					
Coops, Hen Houses, Scythes, etc., at Valuation .. .. .		671	0	0					
		<hr/>			EXCESS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES—				
		7,203	0	0	Balance, 1st January, 1949 .. .. .	£2,945	18	7	
					<i>Add Increase in Valuation of Assets—</i>				
Stock of Publications, at Cost—					1949 .. .. .	£7,769	19	6	
Second Annual Reports .. .. .	£458 12 10				1948 .. .. .	4,623	0	0	
‘Key to the Wildfowl of the World’ .. .. .	108 6 8					<hr/>			
		566	19	6		3,146	19	6	
		<hr/>				6,092	18	1	
		7,769	19	6	<i>Add Excess of Income over Expenditure</i>				
					for the Year .. .. .	151	14	6	
Sundry Debtors .. .. .		67	4	7		<hr/>			
Balance at Bank .. .. .	£62 10 2					6,244	12	7	
<i>Less Cash in Hand—Overdrawn</i> .. .. .	4 18 7					<hr/>			
		57	11	7		£7,894	15	8	
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		£7,894	15	8					

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We have examined the above Balance Sheet and the accompanying Income and Expenditure Account with the Books, Vouchers and Accounts of the Trust and certify them to be in accordance therewith.  
We have verified the Bank balance.

Finsbury Circus House,  
Blomfield Street, London, E.C.2.

23rd February, 1950.

(Signed) W. B. KEEN & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants.





## ANNUAL DINNER

After the Annual General Meeting, Members repaired to the Charing Cross Hotel where a Dinner was held. One hundred and twenty Members and guests assembled. The following were present:

R. F. Aickman, Mrs. R. F. Aickman, Field-Marshal Lord Alanbrooke, D. W. Allen and guest, Miss L. A. Auerbach and guest, H. G. Balfour, Mrs. E. Bate, Miss S. K. Bayley and guest, Guy Benson, Lady Violet Benson, J. Benson, N. Benson, Mrs. N. Benson, John Bevan, J. K. Blundell, Mrs. Boyd-Watt, C. Braby, Michael Bratby, Mrs. M. Bratby, F. E. Briscoe, Miss B. Briscoe, Hon. Alastair Buchan, M. Budger, Mrs. M. Budger, J. W. A. Calver, Miss V. Cameron, Hon. Martin Charteris, J. C. Christopherson and guest, Edwin Cohen, Mrs. E. Cohen, C. L. Coles, Miss S. Sinclair Davidson and guest, J. C. Davis and two guests, Miss D. H. de Beer, C. de Worms, H. J. Edmunds, F. A. Edmunds, K. V. Elphinstone, R. S. R. Fitter, Miss E. Forster, Mrs. J. Foljambe and guest, L. C. M. Gibbs and guest, F. Grant, Mrs. F. Grant, E. M. Heimann, Mrs. E. M. Heimann, Colonel W. F. Henn, P. W. Hinde, E. Horsfall, Major Gordon Hudson, Mrs. Gordon Hudson, Capt. Collingwood Ingram, M. J. Ingram, Sir Archibald Jamieson, K. Miller Jones, James Robertson Justice, Mrs. J. R. Justice, G. Kay and guest, Lord Kennet, Mrs. Rait Kerr, P. G. King, Major M. Knight, Mrs. M. Knight, Miss E. Koch, Mrs. D. Larcombe, C. Vaughan Lee, Mrs. C. Vaughan Lee, H. Lorand and guest, Colin McClean, Mrs. Marshall and guest, M. Mason, Miss V. Maxse, Miss D. Vaughan Morgan, J. C. A. Murray, Hugh Newman, Mrs. H. Newman, E. M. Nicholson, Miss E. Overend, T. L. Outhwaite, Lord Geoffrey Percy, G. L. Pilkington, Mrs. D. Pollock, R. Pugh, Mrs. R. Pugh, Sir Malcolm Sargent, Peter Scott, K. Shackleton, Mrs. Sladen and three guests, F. Evan Spicer and two guests, Mrs. L. Spinks, Miss Spinks, Miss M. Stretton and guest, Miss P. Talbot-Ponsonby, Miss P. Townsend and guest, Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. P. V. Upton, Major-General C. B. Wainwright, G. T. Wilkins, Mrs. G. T. Wilkins, J. D. Wilson and guest.

The Toast List was as follows:

H.M. The King.

Proposed by the President, Field-Marshal the Rt. Hon. the Viscount Alanbrooke, K.G., G.C.B., O.M., D.S.O.

The Severn Wildfowl Trust.

Proposed by James Robertson Justice, Esq.

Reply by the Director, Peter Scott, Esq., M.B.E., D.S.C.

The Guests.

Proposed by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Kennet of the Dene, G.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C.

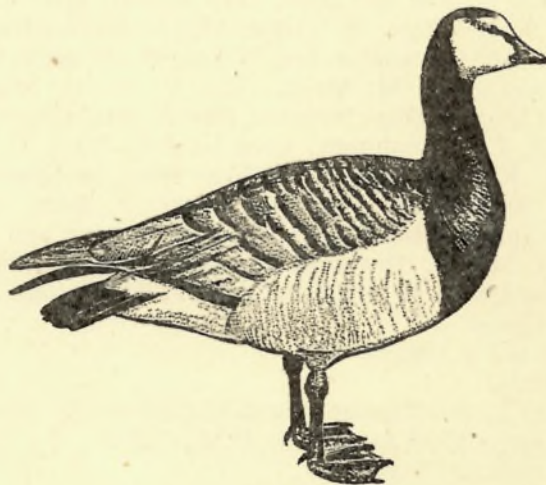
Reply by the Guest of Honour, Sir Malcolm Sargent.

**OBITUARY**

The Council has noted with deep regret the deaths during the past year of the following members:

P. Allison	Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry McMahon,
J. H. Beacall	G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.I.E.,
V. W. Bulstrode	C.S.I.
R. Burges	Rev. C. E. Martin
Viscountess Byng of Vimy	Colonel A. D. Murray
R. Caldicott	S. K. Nichols
Colonel S. R. Clarke	H. Playne
A. C. D. Davidson	Mrs. J. Rankin
L. F. Farrell	Miss P. Robinson
Dr. D. F. Finlay	Miss G. M. Scott
Sir Hugh Gladstone	J. Shipp
Sir Mark Grant-Sturgis,	Mrs. C. E. Talbot-Ponsonby
K.C.B.	F. B. Welch
A. E. Ham	Arthur Whitaker
Miss A. A. King	A. F. L. Wilkinson

Mr. Rodney Dryland, Acting chief test pilot of the Glo'ster Aircraft Co., was killed while testing a *Meteor* at Moreton Valence Aerodrome in 1949. At the express wish of his family, Mr. Dryland's ashes were scattered from the air over the New Grounds by two of his colleagues, Squadron-Leader J. Zurakowski and Squadron-Leader J. Cooksey.



*Barnacle Goose*