General Information Concerning the Ames Audubon Society

The Ames Audubon Society was organized in April, 1968, by a group of concerned and dedicated local citizens. As stated in our constitution, our two primary objectives are:

(1) To engage in and encourage the study of our natural environment, primarily birds, other fauna, and flora, but also the geological and other physical features, so as to provide a broader understanding and a deeper appreciaction of the world we live in.

(2) To engage in such educational and similar activities, in connection with conservation and related issues, directed toward safeguarding and improving the quality of our natural environment.

Our activities are mainly of an educational and public service nature. We are initiating a number of projects which will constitute our major efforts during the 1968-69 year. These include: (1) to set up bird feeding and observation stations in at least one Ames park during the winter; (2) to cooperate with the Ames Park Board in identifying and labelling various plants along a nature trail in at least one Ames park; (3) making plans to conduct bird censuses in the Ames area; (4) organizing a "Save the Ames Prairie" committee; and (5) Spansoring various educational programs for the public in the field of natural history.

We anticipate making a study of various lowa game control and hunting regulations, with a view toward perhaps presenting the Audubon view in the form of constructive recommendations in certain areas. We hope to launch the John J. Audubon Memorial Lecture, to be presented yearly on a timely conservation topic. We have in the past and expect to continue in the future to devote time and effort to local, state, and national conservation issues. For example, we had an active role in obtaining a ban on the use of DDT by the city of Ames. We also sent letters to key members of Congress in the successful effort to secure an adequate National Redwood Park. In order to exert our maximum influence on national conservation issues, the Ames Audubon Society is an affiliate of the National Audubon Society (founded 1905), which has a distinguished record of public service in conservation. Also, frequent informal nature outings to study nature and promote fellowship among our members are an important part of our local program. There is an urgent need for new members to participate in these various projects and activities. Also, other programs will be initlated as the membership desires.

Each member receives a handsome membership card and a periodic local Audubon Newsletter, as well as having access to various types of information from the national office. This includes the bi-monthly full-color National Audubon magazine.

Meetings normally are held in the evenings of the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Special meetings or programs also may be scheduled as the occasion warrants. Members are notified of all meetings. Notices also are published in the Ames Daily Tribune just prior to meetings, announced on local radio, and posted in local supermarkets and bulletin boards theoughout the city. Watch for them.

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Anyone interested in our general objectives is eligible to become a member of the Ames Audubon Society. Dues are payable at the time of application and remain in effect until the first day of the next month, one year later. For example, if date of application is October 10, 1968, the expiration date for membership dues is Nov. 1, 1969, and on Nov. 1 each year thereafter, as long as membership is maintained.

Sustaining membership dues are \$12. per year per family. This includes up to 2 adults from said family, while family members under 18 years of age may be classed as Junior Family members.

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Current Officers and Directors and their phone numbers are: President Vice-President Ben Bereskin 232-1198 Normand Hamilton 292-3428

Secretary Mrs. Kenneth Hawley 233-1743 Treasurer

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Directors:

David C. Alftine 232-8811 W. J. Miller 292-2308 Mrs. W. J. Miller 292-2308 Barton Morgan 232-4197 David K. Hoffman 292-2886

(The next general election will be held in May, 1969)

The Ames Audubon Society urges that you seriously consider our goals and activities and cordially invited you to join us in this work. Contact one of the persons listed above for further information. Give us your name and address so that we can put you on our mailing list for the newsletter and other information. And don't forget- you are always perfectly welcome to attend any of our meetings, programs, or outings with no obligation whatscever. We're happy to have you! If you wish to join our group, use the accompanying application form. Or call one of the persons listed above to have an application form Bent to you. Better yet, plan to attend our next meetings.

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Application for Membership in Ames Audubon Society- Ames, Iowa Number of <u>Memberships</u> Sustaining Regular Adult Student Family Junior Total Amount 1.00 Total Amount

Date of Application _

Please print clarly or type each member's name as you want it to appear on the membership card. Junicr or Junior Family Adults (18 years or older) (12-17 years of age)

Membership cards will be sent to your return address:

Name

Streetor Box

City

Make check for total amount due payable to Ames Audubon Society. Send it with this completed form:

Amps Audubon Society c/o Mrs. G. Hobinson, Treas. 117 So. Russell St. Ames, Iowa 50010

(Ames Audubon Society not responsible for cash sent Thru the mail)