

Iowa Ornithologists' Union.

March 24, 1924.

Dear Fellow Member:

The second Annual Meeting of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union was held as scheduled at Ames on the 8th of March. For those of us who were there, it was well worth while, for it was both encouraging and inspiring. Encouraging, because of the number of interested people who attended, about fifty at each session, and inspiring because so many took part in the discussions which followed the interesting papers read. It is certainly worth all the effort it costs to attend a meeting of people all interested in the same line of work.

We are very much indebted to the Iowa State College through whose kindness and courtesy we were enabled to use the building where our meetings were held, and for the use of the lantern and screen, but especially are we indebted to the Secretary of the Conservation Association, Prof. G. B. MacDonald, also a fellow member of the Ornithologists' Union, whose everready helpfulness contributed very largely to the success of the meeting.

The program was an interesting one and was carried out as printed, and those who could not be present sent their papers which were read by others. Perhaps this, as much as any thing else made the meeting a success.

The business of the meeting was easily disposed of, reports were read and audited and the same officers were re-elected for another year. The question of affiliation with the Wilson Club was discussed and it was voted to affiliate on the basis of two kinds of membership as stated in the last letter, if we might be allowed to do so, and the Secretary was instructed to ascertain if this would be satisfactory to the Wilson Club.

The change of name brought up considerable discussion but it was finally voted to allow the name to remain as it was for the present. It was also thought best to leave the time and place for a field meet to be decided at a later date.

Resolutions were passed recommending that members do what they could toward the observance of Bird Day, March 21, in the Public Schools in their community; also,

That the McCormack-Hawes Bill now before the legislature receive the hearty support of the Union; and

That the Public Shooting Grounds and Wild Life Refuge Bill have our whole-hearted support.

Now we are started on another year, and as we reached our goal of one hundred members the first year, perhaps it is not too much to double the number this year, and this can be done if each one will bring one new member. We are already nearly a quarter on our way having enrolled twenty new members at the meeting.

It was decided to make the dues payable at the first of the Calendar year and past due after the first of March. As it may take considerable time to settle the matter of affiliate dues, it was thought best to proceed on the original plan, making the local dues fifty cents as last year and it is earnestly requested that those who have not paid membership dues for this year do so at once. Dues paid after the first of January are paid for this year.

The Association has no other source of revenue than the dues and these are only sufficient to cover the cost of stationery, postage and other necessary expenses incurred in keeping the members informed of the work that is being done. Some have already paid, may we hear from the rest of you soon?

Yours truly,

Mrs. H. M. Bailey,
Secretary.