

Annual Reports and Accounts

Annual General Meeting

THE Marquess of Willingdon, President, will take the Chair at the Annual General Meeting in the new Meeting Room of the Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, N.W.1, on Wednesday, May 11th, 1966, at 5.30 p.m. At the end of the meeting, the Hon. Secretary, Mr R. S. R. Fitter, will give a talk, "A Year's Work for Conservation", illustrated by slides.

Agenda

- (1) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 1965.
- (2) Presentation and Discussion of the Accounts and Auditors' Report (see pp. 264-269).
- (3) Presentation and Discussion of the Annual Report (see p. 262).
- (4) To consider the subjoined proposed amendments to Rules 2, 3, 4, and 6, as recommended by Council.
- (5) Election of Officers of the Society.
- (6) Election of Members to fill vacancies on the Council.

Officers and Council

The Council recommend that the following should be elected as Officers of the Society for 1966:

President: The Marquess of Willingdon.

Chairman of Council: Mr. Peter Scott.

Vice-Chairman of Council: Sir Terence Morrison-Scott.

Honorary Treasurer: Mr. I. D. Malcolmson.

Honorary Secretary: Mr. R. S. R. Fitter.

The following Members of Council retire on May 11th, 1966, and are not eligible for re-election for one year:—

Mrs. D. Spearman.

Sir Terence Morrison-Scott.

Mr. Peter Scott.

The following have been appointed to fill the vacancies now arising, and their names are submitted for confirmation:

The Earl of Cranbrook.

Mr Marcus Kimball, M.P.

Mr. G. K. Whitehead.

Mr. Michael Woodford.

Proposed Amendments to the Rules

Rule 2. After "The name of any member whose subscription is one year in arrears shall be removed from the list of members" add "and any member

whose subscription is six months in arrears shall not be entitled to receive the *Journal* of the Society”.

Rule 3. Delete “The Officers of the Society shall be the President and Honorary Treasurer. They shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting from amongst the members of the Society”.

Substitute “The Officers of the Society shall consist of the President, the Chairman of Council, the Vice-Chairman of Council, the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary. They shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting from amongst the members of the Society. The offices of President and Chairman of Council may be held by the same person”.

Rule 4. Add “Vice Presidents shall hold office for a period of five years and shall be eligible for re-election”.

Rule 6. Delete “The Secretary shall be appointed by and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Council”.

Substitute “A Secretary may be appointed by and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Council”.

The Annual Report for 1965

AN outstanding event was the setting up in December, jointly with the World Wildlife Fund, of a Revolving Fund for urgent conservation projects. The FPS set aside £5000 of its capital to launch this Fund, and to enable it to revolve, WWF agreed to regard the payment of 50 per cent. of the sums expended as the first call on its uncommitted project money. The remainder will be repaid if and when WWF funds are available. The first three projects selected for aid early in 1966 were all concerned with animals that are now extremely rare, and all certified as of high priority by WWF: the Javan Rhino, the Persian Fallow Deer and the Sumatran Rhino.

Additional grants made by the Society during the year included £452 10s. 0d. to enable a pair of white rhinoceros to be transferred from Natal to the Mlilwane Reserve in Swaziland. The Trustees of the Natal National Parks generously waived their usual fees, so that only transport costs had to be paid. The Society also published, for IUCN, Technical Paper No. 6, *A Review of Recent Knowledge on the Relationship Between the Tsetse Fly and its Vertebrate Hosts*, by Dr. P. E. Glover. £50 of this was an outright grant, the rest is to be repaid out of sales.

An outstanding gift to the Society during the year was a large painting “Elephants in Thorn Scrub”, by Mr. David Shepherd. The Society is exceedingly grateful to Mr. Shepherd for this very generous gift which was the subject of the Society’s 1965 Christmas card, of which nearly 15,000 were sold. The picture was sold on the Society’s behalf at Mr. Shepherd’s autumn show in the Tryon Galleries, and fetched £400; a further £131 2s. 6d. was received from the sale of programmes, also generously donated to the Society by Mr. Shepherd. The Society expresses its warm gratitude and thanks to all those other members and non-members who sent donations during the year.

Conference in London

The Society took the lead in two important conferences held in London during the year. The first was a one-day conference on the place of predatory mammals in the British countryside, held in the rooms of the Linnean Society at Burlington House on March 25, and attended by representatives of 18 organisations representing naturalists, land-owners, farmers, foresters and game preservers. It was held at the suggestion of the FPS, organised by the Council for Nature, and sponsored by these two bodies together with the Society for the promotion of Nature Reserves, Lord Porchester, Chairman of the Game Research Association, took the chair. A full report was given in the August issue of *ORYX*. The Conference set up a working party to prepare a code of behaviour for the control of mammal predators, and this held two meetings at the House of Commons later in the year.

At the end of September a two-day conference, organised by the FPS, and co-sponsored by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and WWF, was held in the Zoological Society of London's new small meeting room to discuss the agenda for a proposed inter-governmental conference on action to conserve threatened wild-life resources throughout the world. This will be held in the United States, it is hoped in the United Nations building in New York, late in 1967 or early in 1968. The Chair was taken by Mr. Peter Scott, the Society's new Chairman of Council, who is also Chairman of both IUCN's Survival Service Commission and the British National Appeal of WWF. A Steering Committee was set up to prepare the ground for this conference, on which the FPS is represented by Dr. F. Fraser Darling, Capt. C. R. S. Pitman and the Hon. Secretary. Members of this Committee subsequently met both in London and Bangkok.

International Conferences

The Hon. Secretary has attended three international conferences on the Society's behalf during the year, as well as four meetings of the Survival Service Commission, two at Morges, one at Bangkok and one in London. In October the Hon. Secretary represented the Society and WWF at the Inter-American Specialised Conference to deal with Problems relating to the Conservation of Renewable Natural Resources in the Western Hemisphere, held at Mar del Plata, Argentina. In November, the Hon. Secretary and Editor attended the IUCN Conference on Conservation in South East Asia at Bangkok. En route they were invited to join the IUCN delegation which attended a special meeting of the Standing Committee of the Indian Board of Wildlife at New Delhi.

The Society's portion of the World Herd of Arabian Oryx at Phoenix Zoo, Arizona, lost one animal by the death of Salwa, the gift of the Ruler of Kuwait, but regained its strength of six by the birth of two calves, one to Caroline and one to Edith. By the rules established when the herd was set up, both these calves belong to the FPS. All the calves so far are males. The herd now numbers 13.

The usual three numbers of **ORYX** were issued with a restyled cover from the August issue. The subjects covered included whales, the black-footed ferret, three species of rhino, the grey seal, the polar bear; problems of wildlife conservation in South America, West Africa, Ngorongoro Crater, Hong Kong and Borneo; and the use of aircraft in game management and research. With the August issue the printing of **ORYX** was transferred to The Tweeddale Press, Hawick, enabling substantial economies to be made.

The Society's film library continued to be extensively used by members and others. Five new films were added to the library. Christmas card sales increased again, totalling over 19,000.

At the Annual General Meeting on May 6, Mr. Peter Scott spoke on wildfowl conservation and showed his film of the Wildfowl Trust. On January 27, Mr. E. J. H. Corner, FRS, spoke on the Mount Kinabalu National Park in Sabah; on October 19 Mr. David Shepherd spoke and introduced two new films on wildlife in Central Africa. Mr. Shepherd also brought a number of his outstanding paintings of African wildlife which were displayed in the foyer and very much appreciated. On May 29 a field meeting for members was held at Woburn Park and Whipsnade Park; at the latter members were kindly showed round by Mr. Tong.

Early in the year Lord Willingdon intimated his desire to give up the Chairmanship of Council, which he has held for many years, but agreed to remain as President. The Council accepted his decision with great regret and recorded its gratitude for his long and skilful service. The Council invited Mr. Peter Scott to become its Chairman, and Mr. Scott took over after the Annual General Meeting.

At the end of the year Miss Kathleen Clarke, the Society's Assistant Secretary for 36 years, retired. Many members as well as the Council have expressed their great regret at Miss Clarke's retirement and their gratitude for all her many and valued services to the Society. Members of the Society contributed to make a small presentation to Miss Clarke. Miss Clarke's successor is Miss Elizabeth Giles.

The Auditors' Report

*To the Council and Members of the
Fauna Preservation Society.*

11th March, 1966.

Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1965

We have completed the audit of the Books and Accounts of the Society for the year ended 31st December, 1965, and report thereon as follows:—

General Purposes Account

The balance on this account at the end of the year was £627 1s. 1d., after transferring £50 from the Life Membership Fund and deducting

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for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1965

ACCOUNT

		INCOME			
1964					
£	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
		By Subscriptions—			
	28	Arrears	176 13 11		
	2,945	Current	3,392 13 4		
	439	Tax recovered on Covenants for year 1963/64	— — —		
3,412	—			3,569	7 3
	100	„ Legacies	— — —		
	100	Less Transfer to General Reserve Fund	— — —		
—	—				
695		„ Donations		811	15 10
654		„ Interest on Investments (Gross)		752	0 3
173		„ Journal—Sale of		224	12 10
	548	„ Christmas Cards—Sale of	921 11 4		
	399	Less Cost of Production	410 5 2		
149	—			511	6 2
10		„ Sundry Sales		10	15 1
—		„ Films—Handling Charges		71	8 11
—		„ Sale of Picture donated by Mr. David Shepherd, and Catalogue Receipts		531	2 6
—	—				
5,093				6,482	8 10
		„ Balance—Excess of Expen- diture over Income for year, carried to Balance Sheet		719	0 1

£5,690£7,201 8 11

BALANCE SHEET,

		LIABILITIES			
1964	£		£	s.	d.
	1,046	<i>Sundry Creditors</i>			725 18 0
		<i>Receipts in Advance—</i>			
	306	Subscriptions	282	11	10
	40	Life Membership Fee	—	—	—
			—	—	—
	1,392				282 11 10
					1,008 9 10
		<i>Balance, being Excess of Assets over Liabilities:—</i>			
		<i>General Reserve Fund—</i>			
	8,290	Balance at 1st January, 1965			8,290 2 6
		<i>Life Membership Fund—</i>			
		Balance at 1st Jan., 1965 £6,870 0 0			
		Add Fees received during year 680 0 0			
			7,550	0	0
		<i>Deduct Transfer to General Purposes Account:—</i>			
		Subscriptions of deceased Life Members	50	0	0
	6,870		—	—	—
					7,500 0 0
		<i>General Purposes Account—</i>			
	172	Balance at 1st January, 1965	1,296	1	2
	85	Add Transfer from Life Membership Fund	50	0	0
	1,636	Profit on sale of Investments	—	—	—
	1,893		1,346	1	2
		<i>Deduct Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year</i>	719	0	1
	1,296		—	—	—
	£17,848				627 1 1
					£17,425 13 5

31st DECEMBER, 1965

		ASSETS				
1964	£		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
		<i>Sundry Debtors—</i>				
125		Income Tax recoverable	194	8 6		
—		Others	10	1 0		
					204	9 6
—		<i>Payments in Advance</i>			159	13 2
100		<i>Stock of Christmas Cards in hand (at or under Cost)</i>			100	0 0
—		<i>Office Furniture and Fixtures (not valued)</i>			—	— —
		<i>Investments (at Cost)—</i>				
		£1247 13s. 3d. Conversion 3½% Stock	1,135	7 2		
		£525 3% Savings Bonds 1965/75	525	0 0		
		£1724 19s. 2d. 2½% Savings Bonds 1964/67	1,602	6 8		
		£1320 10s. 7d. British Gas 3½% Gtd. Stock 1969/71	1,220	15 11		
		£1046 6s. 0d. Conversion 3½% Stock, 1969	990	5 3		
		£585 Watney Mann & Co. Ltd. Ordinary Stock	1,767	3 1		
		£206 5s. 0d. Guardian Assurance Co. Ltd. Ordinary Shares (5/- each)	2,008	3 3		
		£37 10s. 0d. Pearl Assurance Co. Ltd. Ordinary Stock (1/- Units)	962	9 0		
		2913 New Investment Co. Ltd. 5/- Ordinary Stock Units	2,165	19 3		
		965 Standard Bank Ltd. Shares	2,636	4 10		
15,014		(Market Value at 31st December, 1965: £15,147)			15,013	14 5
		<i>Balance at Bank and Cash in Hand—</i>				
		General Account	1,938	3 4		
		Petty Cash	9	13 0		
					1,947	16 4
2,609						
£17,848					£17,425	13 5

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and accompanying Income and Expenditure Account with the books and Accounts of the Society and with the information and explanations supplied and certify them to be in accordance therewith. We have verified the Bank Balance and the Investments of the various Funds.

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BLOMFIELD STREET, LONDON, E.C.2.
11th March, 1966.

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Chartered Accountants.

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£719 0s. 1d., being the excess of expenditure over income on the year's working. The total donations received amounting to £811 15s. 10d. have been credited to this account.

No repayment claim for income tax deducted under payment of deeds of covenant was made during the year of account and no amount has been included in the accounts in respect of the claim for 1965. Two such claims for the income tax years 1965 and 1966 will be made during the current year. On the other hand, there is a special credit to the Income and Expenditure account of £531 in respect of the sale of a donated picture and receipts from catalogues.

The excess of Expenditure over Income in the previous year was £597 11s. 2d.

General Reserve Fund

The balance on this Fund at the 31st December, 1965, was £8,190 2s. 6d.

Members on the Roll

The number of Members on the Roll at 31st December, 1965, was 2,374, made up as follows:—

Honorary Members	30
Life Members	495
Ordinary Members	1,849
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	2,374
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This shows an increase of 17 Life Members and 66 Ordinary Members.

Life Membership Fund

The balance standing to the credit of the Fund is now £7,500. This is after crediting £680 in respect of Life Membership Subscriptions received during the year and transferring £50 to the General Purposes Account which represents the value of subscriptions of those Life Members whose membership ceased during the year.

Investments — Surplus

The total investments at 31st December, 1965, at cost, amounted to £15,013 14s. 5d. and the market value at that date was £15,146 15s. 11d. showing a net appreciation of £133 1s. 6d.

The surplus of Assets over Liabilities at the end of the year amounted to £16,417 3s. 7d., as compared with £16,456 3s. 8d. at the end of the previous year.

Yours faithfully,

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

The Fauna Preservation Society

c/o The Zoological Society of London, Regents Park, London, N.W.1.

Application for Membership

Please enrol me as a member of the Society

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Please state Mr./Mrs./Miss or title

Address

I enclose £ : :

being my subscription as a Life/Ordinary Member.

The annual subscription is £2, payable on 1st January. The value of a subscription is greatly increased if it is paid under a seven-year Deed of Covenant. This entails no extra cost whatever. The Secretary will be glad to send Covenant forms. A Banker's Order saves time, expense and reminders.

Life membership fee :

Age : Under 41, £40; Age 41-60, £30; Age 61 and over, £20.

Banker's Order

Bank

Address of Bank:

Please pay for the Credit of The Fauna Preservation Society, Barclays Bank, Ltd., Camden Town, London, N.W.1, my subscription of £..... due on 1st January, 19 , and a similar amount on 1st January each year until further notice.

Signature

Date

Minimum Subscription £2 per annum but Members are asked to subscribe as generously as possible.

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