

# Annual Reports and Accounts

## Annual General Meeting

**T**HE 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 THURSDAY, May 6th, 1965, at 5.30 p.m. At the end of the meeting Mr. Peter Scott will talk on Wildfowl Conservation and show his film of the Wildfowl Trust.

### Agenda

- (1) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 1964.
- (2) Presentation and Discussion of the Auditors' Report and Accounts (see pp. 66-70)
- (3) Presentation and Discussion of the Annual Report (see p. 64).
- (4) Election of Officers of the Society.
- (5) 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 1965 :—

*President* : The Marquess of Willingdon.

*Honorary Treasurer* : Mr. I. D. Malcolmson.

The following members of Council have resigned :—

Major C. W. Hume.

Mr. G. R. Mountfort.

The following members of Council retire on May 6th, 1965, and are not eligible for re-election for one year :—

Lt.-Col. G. A. E. Gibbs.

Mr. David James.

Mr. D. R. Rosevear.

The following members of Council were co-opted during the year to fill existing vacancies, and their names are submitted for confirmation :—

Mr. Aubrey Buxton.

Sir Dudley Forwood, Bart.

Major Bruce Kinloch.

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

Lt.-Col. C. L. Boyle.

Dr. F. Fraser Darling.

Mr. James Fisher.

Major W. N. Scott.

Dr. W. H. Thorpe, F.R.S.

## The Annual Report for 1964

THE most important event of the year was the Symposium on "Zoos and Conservation", held at the London Zoo from June 23rd to 25th, with H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Zoological Society of London, in the chair at the opening session. The Society played a leading part in the genesis of this Symposium, and as one of the supporting sponsors, was joint host with the Zoological Society of London at a lunch to the delegates. A report was published in *ORYX* for August, 1964.

### Import of Rare Animals

Another great success for the Society was the enacting in July of the Animals (Restriction of Importation) Act. This was promoted by the FPS, through the persistence and hard work of Lt.-Col. Boyle, and ably piloted through the House of Commons by Miss Harvie Anderson, M.P. Under its provisions, from January, 1965, it became illegal to import without a licence a wide range of rare animals, including the great apes, rhinoceroses, Australian marsupials, Madagascan lemurs, giant tortoises, and the Galapagos iguanas. An Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Lord Cranbrook, of which the present Hon. Secretary of the Society and Lt.-Col. C. L. Boyle are members, was set up to advise the Board of Trade on the issue of licences.

In June it was announced that the Wolfson Foundation had made a grant of £100,000 to the Zoological Society of London to enable a new building, to be known as the Wolfson Centre for Nature Conservation, to be added to the present Zoo Offices, it is hoped by 1967. This will enable the FPS to be housed under the same roof as the World Wildlife Fund and the Council for Nature. The Society is most grateful to the Zoological Society of London for its present office accommodation.

The Society especially thanks all those generous members and others who have given donations, including the lady who sent £100 to celebrate her 100th birthday, and a number of non-members who sent donations to help to conserve the badger in Great Britain.

The Hon. Secretary has attended three meetings of the Survival Service Commission of IUCN during the year, two at Morges and one in London. He has also been constantly in touch with Governments, conservationists and others, both at home and abroad, in pursuance of the Society's aims. Animals which have been of especial concern during the year include the Javan rhino, the green turtle, the harp and hood seals of Canada, and the grey seal and badger in Britain.

The Society's herd of five Arabian oryxes at the Phoenix Zoo, Arizona, has continued to thrive during the year.

### Grants for Rescue and Research

The Society made a grant of £100 to Mr. Terence Reilly, to help him set up the only game reserve in Swaziland, a commendable private enterprise in a land where the larger animals are vanishing fast. A grant of £60 was made to Mr. A. G. Bourne to visit the Institute of Marine Biology and Whaling in Oslo and investigate the status of the smaller whales of

the North Atlantic and the problems of their conservation. The Society also sent a donation of £25 to IUCN towards the cost of producing a printed report of the Zoos and Conservation Symposium, and £25 to a fund to rescue from drowning wildlife trapped by the rising waters of the Brokopondo Lake in Surinam (Dutch Guiana). This lake was rapidly filling up as a result of the closing of the Afobaka dam last February, and, as at Kariba, many animals were retreating to the islands being formed.

In November The Hon. Secretary took part in a delegation to the Ministry of Agriculture to make representations about the inadequate reasons which had been published for continuing the experimental cull of grey seals on the Farne Islands. The deputation was led by our Vice-President, Sir Landsborough Thomson, on behalf of the Council for Nature. Unfortunately, the Ministry persisted in the cull, and although some additional estimates of the damage done by the seals to fisheries was published, this information was still considered to be inadequate.

Early in the year the Society circulated all British fashion correspondents with a memorandum on the danger to the leopard of the current fashion for wearing the skins of spotted cats, and had sympathetic replies from several of them.

Three numbers of ORYX were issued as usual, the most important subjects covered including the second stage of Operation Oryx, the airlift for Hunter's antelope in Kenya, the giant tortoises of the Galapagos Islands, the orang-utan in North Sumatra, the present state of the Congo National Parks, and the problems of wildlife conservation in Jordan.

We record with regret the death in February of one of our Vice-Presidents, the eminent Belgian conservationist Dr. Victor van Straelen, and of three former members of Council: Mr. F. S. Collier, Professor W. H. Pearsall, F.R.S., and Mr. E. O. Shebbeare.

### Films and Meetings

The Society's films continued to be much in demand, more than 100 applications for them being received during the year. Three new films were added to the library. Christmas card sales were also most successful, totalling 16,400.

At the Annual General Meeting on April 29th, Dr. R. M. Laws spoke on "The Ecology and Management of the Hippopotamus in Uganda". There were three other general meetings: on July 22nd Dr. Harry Lillie spoke on the conservation of the hood and harp seals in Canada; on October 28th Colonel Trimmer spoke on the Uganda National Parks; and on December 2nd Dr. H. F. Lamprey on the work of the College of Wildlife Management, at Mweka, Tanzania.

On January 1st, Mr. R. S. R. Fitter took over as Hon. Secretary, and Mrs. M. S. Fitter as Editor of ORYX. Mr. Ian MacPhail, Director General of the World Wildlife Fund British National Appeal, has kindly agreed to act as the Society's Hon. Public Relations Adviser. We were sorry to lose the services at the end of the year of Miss E. Hansen, who had been helping Miss Clarke in the office part time. She was replaced on a full-time basis by Miss Valerie Fountain.



## for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1964

## ACCOUNT

1963		INCOME						
£	£		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
		By Subscriptions—						
	286	Arrears . . . . .		27	10	4		
	2,974	Current . . . . .	2,945	5	11			
	335	Tax recovered on Covenants for year 1963-64 . . . . .	439	5	8			
3,595	<u>        </u>		<u>        </u>			3,412	1	11
	100	„ Legacies . . . . .	100	0	0			
	100	„ Less Transfer to General Reserve Fund . . . . .	100	0	0			
	<u>        </u>		<u>        </u>					
869		„ Donations . . . . .				694	15	3
637		„ Interest on Investments (Gross)				653	15	4
164		„ Journal—Sale of . . . . .				172	14	9
	490	„ Christmas Cards—Sale of . . . . .	548	3	0			
	329	„ Less Cost of Production . . . . .	398	9	7			
161	<u>        </u>		<u>        </u>			149	13	5
12		„ Royalties on Sale of Ties . . . . .				7	18	0
16		„ Sundry Sales . . . . .				1	16	0
625		„ Grant from IUCN (Survival Service Commission) . . . . .				—	—	—
6,079	<u>        </u>		<u>        </u>			5,092	14	8
		„ Balance—Excess of Expenditure over Income for year, carried to Balance Sheet . . . . .						
789						597	11	2
	<u>        </u>		<u>        </u>					
	<u>£6,868</u>					<u>£5,690</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>





## THE AUDITORS' REPORT

To The Council and Members of the  
Fauna Preservation Society.

12th March, 1965.

### ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1964

We have completed the audit of the Books and Accounts of the Society for the year ended 31st December, 1964, and report thereon as follows:—

#### GENERAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT

The Balance on this Account at the end of the year was £1,296 1s. 2d., after transferring £85 from the Life Membership Fund, £1,636 7s. 7d. profit on sale of investments, and deducting £597 11s. 2d., being the excess of Expenditure over Income on the year's working. The total donations received amounting to £694 15s. 3d. have been credited to this Account. The excess of Expenditure over Income in the previous year was £789 0s. 11d.

#### GENERAL RESERVE FUND

The Balance on this Fund at 1st January, 1964, was £8,190 2s. 6d., to which has been added £100 in respect of a Legacy transferred from Income and Expenditure Account.

#### MEMBERS ON THE ROLL AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

The number of Members on the Roll at 31st December, 1964, was 2,291, made up as follows:—

Honorary Members	.	.	30
Life Members	.	.	478
Ordinary Members	.	.	1,783
			<u>2,291</u>

This shows an increase of 6 Honorary Members, 11 Life Members, and 96 Ordinary Members.

The Balance standing to the credit of the Life Membership Fund is now £6,870. This is after crediting £610 in respect of Life Membership Subscriptions received during the year and transferring £85 to the General Purposes Account which represents the value of subscriptions of those Life Members whose membership ceased during the year.

#### INVESTMENTS AND SURPLUS

The total investments at 31st December, 1964, at Cost amounted to £15,013 14s. 5d., and the Market Value at that date was £13,721 9s. 3d., showing a net depreciation of £1,292 5s. 2d. The proceeds of sale of an investment which realised £1,767 2s. had not been reinvested.

The surplus of Assets over Liabilities at the end of the year amounted to £16,456 3s. 8d., as compared with £14,707 7s. 3d. at the end of the previous year.

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