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ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the O.B.B.A. will be held on Saturday, February 12, 1966 at the Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Park, Toronto (corner Bloor St. and Avenue Rd.). Parking is available behind the Museum (cost approx. .50¢)

Members should congregate in the foyer of the Museum, just inside the main entrance between 9.30 and 9.45 a.m. From there they will be conducted to the Brodie Room on the fourth floor where the morning session will be held. The afternoon session will be held in Room 64.

The program schedule is as follows:

- 0930 - Registration commences (fee \$1.00)
- 1000 - Introduction of members
- 1015 - Minutes of previous annual general meeting
- 1020 - President's report
- 1025 - Treasurer's report
- 1030 - Editor's report - 'Ontario Bird Banding'
- 1040 - LPBO Station Highlights: Chairman LPBO
- 1050 - PPBO Station Highlights: Chairman PPBO
- 1100 - Research Committee Report: Committee Chairman
- 1110 - Private members station reports
- 1115 - Amendment to constitution (see page 3)
- 1130 - Election of officers
- 1140 - Any other business
- 1150 - Introduction of new executive
- 1200 - Adjourn for lunch
- 1300 - Birdroom will be open
- 1400 - Pox Infection Study - Dr. Peter Kirmse
- 1420 - Differential Migration in Flycatchers - R. Montgomerie and D. Hussell
- 1445 - Ring-billed Gulls of Mohawk Island - G. Holroyd
- 1510 - Coffee
- 1530 - Bird Watching by Radar - Dr. J. M. Speirs
- 1605 - Estimation of Numbers of Sharp-shinned Hawks - J. Roberts

Arrangements have been made for space to be available for lunch at the Steak-n-Burger on Bloor St., about 12.15.

Annual membership dues for 1966 will be collected by the secretary at the meeting (see page 2).

In the evening Bill and Betty Wasserfall will entertain at their home at 22 Roycrest Avenue, Willowdale after 8.30 p.m.

JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodford with eleven members and guests present. John Miles was the chairman. We were very pleased to have Mr. Russell Tilt, the Metro Vice-president of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists present at the meeting to answer any questions which members might have about the F.O.N. A report of the Christmas Census at Long Point was made. Members were reminded of the Annual Meeting and that applications are now being accepted for the job of Warden at the Long Point Bird Observatory.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Brock Fenton who is working on an M.A, under Dr. Peterson at the Royal Ontario Museum in the study of bats. There are 8 species of bat in Ontario and 3 of these are migratory. With the aid of slides he described the appearance and characteristics of these species, and the techniques which he uses to band them. His fascinating study includes such topics as movements, weights, sex-ratios in caves, temperature and humidity in caves, and migration.

LONG POINT CHRISTMAS CENSUS

The census which was held on Sunday, January 2, 1966 was again organized by John Miles. It covers all points within a 7½ mile radius of the centre of Long Point Inner Bay. Twenty-seven observers participated and recorded 12,234 individuals of 85 species. Some of the highlights are the following:

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| Whistling Swan - 190 | Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1 |
| Snow Goose - 2 | Black-backed |
| Blue Goose - 2 | three-toed Woodpecker - 1 |
| Redhead - 2466 | Boreal Chickadee - 1 |
| Surf Scoter - 16 | Long-billed Marsh Wren - 1 |
| Virginia Rail - 1 | Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1 |
| | Bohemian Waxwing - 1 |

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The membership dues are payable now. The revised scale of fees is: Single - \$4.00 per year.
Husband and Wife - \$6.00 per year.
Student (under 18) - \$2.00 per year.

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting and pay your dues then, would you please send them now, to the secretary; Mrs. J. Woodford, 76 Glentworth Rd., Willowdale.

AMMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

The Executive Committee proposes that paragraphs 2, 3, and 7 of the section of the constitution on membership be changed to read as follows:

2. The Association shall consist of Full, Co-operating, Associate, and Honorary Members. Any holder of a current Canadian Wildlife Service permit to band birds in the Province of Ontario is eligible for Full Membership, upon application in writing to the Secretary of the Association. Co-operating Members shall be persons actively co-operating with Full Members of the Association in banding and shall be nominated for membership by a Full Member of the Association, the nomination being sent to the Secretary of the Association. Any person or organization may become an Associate Member on payment of such dues as may be prescribed. Honorary Members are members with the same rights as Full or Co-operating Members appointed as such by the Executive Committee in recognition of particular service to the Association. Election of Members shall be by the Executive Committee.

3. Every Member except Honorary Members shall pay to the Association an annual subscription to be determined from time to time at a Special General Meeting. The subscription shall be payable in advance on January 1st each year.

The subscription of new members shall be payable immediately on election, but the first annual payment of members elected after October 1st in any year shall cover the year following that of their election.

7. Members shall be entitled to attend and speak at all meetings and to introduce visitors at meetings. Only those Full, Co-operating and Honorary Members present at a meeting shall be entitled to vote.

P. S. Woodford,
Secretary, O.B.B.A.

