

## MINUTES OF THE 924TH MEETING OF THE BRODIE CLUB

The meeting was held in Room 430 of the Ramsay Wright Building , University of Toronto on Oct. 21, 1997.

**Chairman:** John Speakman

**Minute Recorder:** Bill Carrick

**Attendance:** 21 members and 7 guests

Heather Speakman - guest of Speakman, Mary Tasker and Margot Mackay guest of Tasker, Sharon Hick guest of McAndrews Mary Boswell guest of B. Falls, Claire & Bernard Muller guest of Carrick.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with the following corrections.

Error in listing Yvonne Bendell as a guest.

"Gambell" not New Gambell Cape is 60 Kilometers from Siberia in Bodsworth report.

**ELECTIONS:** Previous slate of officers was retained with Riley removed as

FON representative - replaced by Lumsden.

Riley was added to the Program Committee.

As the constitution requires three members only on the Membership Committee, Rising was deleted and added to the Program Committee.

### **OFFICERS FOR THE 1997-98 SEASON ARE:**

*Secretary/Treasurer* - Carrick

*FON Representative* - Lumsden

*Membership Committee* - Anne Falls, Bryant, Jennifer Young

*Program Committee* - Aird, McAndrews, Tasker, Bruce Falls, Currie, Bodsworth, Riley, Rising.

*Environment Committee* - Fowle, Reynolds, Huff

ARCHIVAL RECORDS - Sharon Hick volunteered to maintain storage of the records and correspondance of the Brodie Club at the ROMZ library along with the Clubs minute books, which are there at the present time. This offer was greatly accepted.

It was noted that the constitution requires active members of the club become honorary members upon reaching the age of 65. If adhered to, this provision will provide vacancies for 20 new active members.

**SPEAKERS:** Ron Tasker and Bruce Falls showed slides and video tape taken on a 3-week (Nov./96) trip to Northern India where Ron attended a Medical Conference in Calcutta. They combined this with a birding trip across the foothills of the Himalayas. Included in the slides and video of wildlife were many scenes of village life, children, monasteries, temples, religious festivities and elephants, both wild and captive.

They visited several parks and reserves, commenting on the population pressures. There are one billion people in the Indian sub-continent.

**OBSERVATIONS:**

*LUMSDEN* noted the abundance of Monarch Butterflies in late summer this year and reported the current status of the local Trumpeter Swan population - currently 143 free-flying birds.

*HUSSELL* reported on the Thick-Billed Murre colony on Coates Island.

*SCOVELL* Presquille - Diving Ducks, Shore Birds and algae build-up.

*McANDREWS* - disappearance of marshes on the lower Humber River.

*BODSWORTH* Ovenbird migration

*MARY TASKER* Don Valley Brickyard

*CARRICK* - Hanson's forthcoming book on Canada Goose taxonomy

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM