

MINUTES OF THE 878th MEETING OF THE BRODIE CLUB
held in the Faunal Lab, Borden Building, U. of T.
Sept. 15, 1992

The meeting chairman was David Hussell and recording secretary Bill Carrick. Guests were: David Huff guest of Don, Mary Tasker guest of Ron, Jennifer Young guest of Don. There were 13 members present.

Minutes of the 877th meeting having been circulated were approved as written.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

McNicholl presented flyers and order forms for the forthcoming biography of James L. Baillie by Lise Anglin - "Birder Extraordinaire" published jointly by the T.O.C. and the L.P.B.O.

He also announced the death of Abelardo Moreno, a noted Cuban ornithologist active in banding, guiding and research.

Martin presented an invoice for \$100. from the F.O.N. The Brodie Club has in the past contributed the usual \$1.00 per member amounting to \$25.00 annually. After discussion, the treasurer was instructed to pay only the usual \$25.00.

Martin also presented correspondence and brochures received over the summer in his capacity as club representative to the F.O.N.

- These were - an announcement of publication of a birders journal
- a symposium to be held on Sept. 21 at the U. of T. Arboretum on local action for protecting wetlands and woodlands.
 - an Ontario Field Ornithologists invitation for membership
 - a summary of the discussions in a Canada-Japan workshop on the environment.
 - a copy of Partners in Flight, published by the National Fish & Wildlife Federation.
 - An invitation to participate in the feeder watch study organized by Erica Dunn.

Savage outlined the possibility of a joint meeting on our regular Tuesday Oct. 20 meeting night with the medical archaeology section of the Academy of Medicine at the Faculty Club. The speaker will be John Grayson. Members could arrange to eat at the Pub or in the Dining Room. A favourable response was received.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

BRODIE CLUB OFFICERS 1992-93

TREASURER - Speakman

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Savage

F.O.N. REPRESENTATIVE - Norm Martin

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Carrick, Anne Falls, Riley, Young

PROGRAM COMMITTEE - Aird, Bendell, Bodsworth, Bruce Falls, McNicholl,
Savage, Huff

MEMBERS' NIGHT - Detailed notes and observations of summer activities on the part of members and guests.

DeMatteis - had attended the BIRDS IN ART SHOW at Wasaw, Wisconsin and circulated the show catalogue. Frank had a Loon painting accepted and illustrated in the catalogue. George McLean was honoured as Master Wildlife Artist. Frank was asked to contact McLean as to giving a talk to the Club. Frank also remarked on the decrease in nesting birds on his property - from 50 to 2 pair of Cliff Swallows and a complete disappearance of Snipe.

SAVAGE- reported on a recent archaeological find at the 40,000 year Andover Cave, the site of the 28 to 32,000 year old human palm print. The most recent discovery was an 18,000 year human hair embedded in calcite identified at the forensic centre.

SPEAKMAN - reported on Loggerhead Shrike and Grasshopper Sparrow at Kincardine. He showed a Mud Dauber Wasp cache of preserved spiders.

McNICHOLL - reported on the success of nesting rafts built for Common Terns at the Leslie Street Spit. The rafts are 5 x 5 meters surfaced with sand and gravel and have contained 80 nests per raft.

AIRD - recounted the problems encountered with an arthritic condition whose symptoms included recurring loss of balance. His self research revealed all the symptoms of Lyme disease although he did not test positive. However, Lyme disease treatment alleviated the problems.

HUSSELL - studied areas of Tree Swallow nests and measured a 65% nestlings loss due to low temperatures. He showed slides of the recently operational bird observatory at Thunder Cape with a completed cabin and a Heligoland trap under construction.

RON TASKER - recounted the events of a disastrous bird watching trip to Indonesia including some exhausting trekking and spending four hours on an overturned outrigger waiting for a rescue.

MARY TASKER - reported on her trip to Ellesmere and Devon Islands in the "year of no summer". There were no nesting birds but Musko, Walrus and Bearded Seal were observed.

MARTIN - spent the summer in library research

YOUNG - travelled to England visiting Norfolk and Minnesmere observing the cutting of reeds for thatched roofs. He also observed many shorebirds and recommended Jay Gould's "Wonderful Life".

HUFF - reported pictographs at BonEcho appear to be deteriorating.

LUMSDEN - observed the hatching to fledging of Kildeer took 30 days. He also reported the hatch and survival of 28 juvenile Trumpeter Swans to be added to the reintroduction project.

Poor hatchability has been a problem which may be genetic.

CARRICK - Raised and filmed Trumpeter Swans for the reintroduction project.

HUSSELL - also spoke about the poor breeding season in Alaska because of the "cold" summer.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:00 P.M.