
SOCIETY NEWS

The Annual Meeting was held at Weyburn 10-12 October 1986. Among the special guests at this meeting was Dr. Geoff Holroyd, of the Canadian Wildlife Service in Edmonton. Geoff spoke and answered questions on endangered species and endangered species programs across Western Canada.

Perhaps the highlight of the meeting was Dr. David Henry's after dinner presentation on the Red Fox. David, author of the just published book, *Red Fox: the catlike canine*, used slides and film to give us an intimate look at the lives and behaviour of the Red Foxes of Prince Albert National Park.

Sheina Wait became the first two-time winner of the Larry Morgotch Award. Her winning entry in this competition included excellent photographs of Moose Jaw's Burrowing Owls.

Shirley Brunt was selected to receive the Cliff Shaw Award, for her article "Owls in our farmyard," in the June 1986 issue of Blue Jay. She described some very interesting behaviour of young Great Horned Owls.

The Conservation Award was presented to Connie Gramiak of Hafford, and members of the Redberry Environmental Group, in acknowledgement of their continuing efforts to preserve the unique value of Redberry Lake and its shores for wildlife. They have formed the major opposition to a cottage-resort development planned for the environmentally fragile southwest corner of the lake. Their efforts resulted in an Environmental Impact Study, and the subsequent denial of the developer's application (currently being appealed).

The islands and waters of Redberry were designated a Federal Bird Sanctuary in 1915. The Canadian Wildlife Service ranks this as the fourth most important of its 15 Saskatchewan sanctuaries. Some of the nesting islands are used by protected species. Saskatchewan has nearly half of the world's white pelican population and about 40% of the Piping Plover population. Both these species breed on this lake (pelicans on the islands, plovers on the shore). The White-winged Scoter population is believed to be the largest breeding concentration of the species in North America. Research on Redberry's bird populations has resulted in one of the longest continuous bodies of data in the country, dating from the mid 1950s. The sanctuary status, however, cannot even protect the birds from harassment without some type of enforcement, and the populations are even now being affected by increased recreational use of this lake.

SASKATCHEWAN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Balance Sheet for the year ended September 30, 1986

ASSETS:

Cash on hand (bookshop)	\$ 40.00	
Bank - Current	7,083.74	
- Current (bookshop)	3,298.64	
- Savings	2,818.47	
- Savings (bookshop)	1.08	
Investments - Regular Term	81,009.76	
- Life Membership	19,449.01	
- Manley Callin bequest	118,603.72	
Stock on hand (bookshop)	7,665.93	
Accounts Receivable	3,850.00	
Customer accounts receivable	1,750.63	
less customer prepaid	<u>289.63</u>	1,461.00
Supplier prepaid accounts		<u>233.79</u>

TOTAL ASSETS

\$242,015.14

LIABILITIES:

Accounts payable		4,453.00
Prepaid from ST		10,150.00
Education tax payable		29.29
Honorarium payable		<u>2,972.27</u>

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TRUST ACCOUNTS

Habitat Conservation - opening bal.	16,356.91	
less grant Loggerhead Shrike	300.00	
plus net donations & income	1,815.87	
plus bookshop earnings	<u>3,500.00</u>	21,372.78
Heritage Marsh - opening balance	3,254.88	
plus donations	2,440.00	
less 1986 contribution	<u>5,000.00</u>	694.88
NCC Ecological		1,050.00
Reserve for computer purchase		1,706.50
Reserve for Spec. Publ. - opening	7,970.00	
less expense (Bird Find. Regina)	3,695.00	
plus donation	<u>500.00</u>	4,775.00
CWS Trust Account re: Webb - opening	2,435.82	
plus 1986 income	<u>192.61</u>	2,628.43
Life Membership Trust Fund		19,549.01
Manley Callin Bequest Fund		<u>118,603.72</u>

170,380

PROJECTS

Burrowing Owl Research - open. bal.	48.34	
less transfer to end. sp.	<u>48.34</u>	0.00
IBP Research - opening balance	4,860.00	
less expenses	4,760.00	
plus income - sale of reports	600.00	
less cost reprinting report	<u>586.23</u>	113.77
Screech Owl Research - open bal.	0.00	
plus return unexpended funds	1,252.86	
less transfer to end. spp.	<u>1,252.86</u>	0.00
Endangered Species Research - open.	4,000.00	
plus wage & WWF grants	2,798.00	
plus transferred funds	1,301.20	
plus ST Grant	8,300.00	
less expenses + wages	14,519.96	
plus donations	22.05	
plus income contributions	<u>2,000.00</u>	3,901.29
Yorkton Project - opening bal.	25,630.00	
-less expenses to date	<u>22,901.41</u>	2,728.59
Interpretive Programs - ST Grant	3,400.00	
less expenses	<u>178.74</u>	3,221.26
Critical Wildlife - ST Grant	12,000.00	
less expenses	<u>8,000.00</u>	4,000.00
Floral Protection - ST Grant		1,100.00
Natural History Classes - expenses	938.85	
plus ST Grant	<u>1,200.00</u>	261.15

15,32

NET WORTH:

Opening balance		33,748.20
plus tour income (previously unrecorded)		4,063.86
plus net gain		<u>892.05</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES, TRUST FUNDS & NET WORTH

\$242,015.14

SASKATCHEWAN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Operating Statement for the year ended September 30, 1986

INCOME:

Membership	20,769.07	
Sustaining and Patron	3,035.00	23,804.07
Donations - general	1,247.80	
Interest - received	7,466.82	
Tour income	2,043.50	
Sales Special Publication	2,873.76	13,631.88
Bookshop sales	30,984.87	
less cost of sales	23,052.79	
gross profit	7,932.08	
less operating expenses	1,277.47	
less honorarium (40%)	2,661.84	
Net bookshop profit	3,992.77	
less contribution to habitat conservation	3,500.00	492.77
TOTAL INCOME		37,928.72

EXPENSES:

Advertising and Promotion	598.59	
less ST grant	1000.00	(401.41)
Conservation Activities-South Moresby	200.00	
-Ellis Bird Farm	200.00	
-computerisation of Saskatoon		
bird records	5,000.00	
-Fort Qu'Appelle Herbarium		
purchase	5,000.00	
-Northern Forest Owl Symp.	250.00	
-Hidden Valley	4,000.00	
-Endangered spp. research	2,000.00	16,650.00
Audit Costs	37.50	
Bank charges	27.95	
Computer expense	739.00	
Employment expense	253.14	
Honoraria	900.00	
Meeting - annual (profit)	(287.48)	
Meeting Expenses - board	295.17	
Memberships (Canadian Nature Fed.)	100.00	
Misc. Office & Admin.	831.18	
Office equipment	225.91	
Office Supplies & Stationary	1,045.91	
less ST grant	500.00	545.91
Postage & Express	2,045.45	
Blue Jay - printing	14,456.09	
- mailing	495.48	
Blue Jay News - printing	2,178.30	
- postage	3,117.28	
- less ST grant	3,000.00	117.28
Cost of Society publ.		
(Taxon. Reminder)	88.50	
-Qu'Appelle Valley Birds	443.90	
less donation	250.00	193.90
-Eskimo Curlew	9,705.90	
less Env.Can.contr.	7,400.00	
less donation	2,500.00	(194.10)
Telephone	1,676.12	
Travel -	1,521.98	
- less ST grant	4,000.00	(2,478.02)
Wages	11,540.80	
less ST Grant	13,000.00	(1,459.20)
EXPENSES		37,036.67
NET INCOME (gain)		\$ 892.05

ATTENTION SASKATCHEWAN NATURALISTS!

Be sure to attend the **SNHS Annual Summer Meet in 1987** being held in conjunction with the **Canadian Nature Federation Conference**, hosted by the Saskatoon Natural History Society, at the University of Saskatchewan, **5-8 June**. We will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Last Mountain Lake Sanctuary -- the oldest in Canada, and 100 years of conservation in Saskatchewan.



16th Annual CNF Conference, U. of S., Saskatoon, 5-8 June 1987

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 2-5 : Pre-conference field trips
- June 4 : Slides, films (evening)
- June 5 : Orientation, annual meeting (afternoon)
- : Wine and cheese (evening)
- June 6 : Symposium (all day)
- : Banquet (evening)
- June 7 : Field trips
- June 8 : Last Mountain Lake 100 year celebration
- June 8-15: Post-conference field trips

FIELD TRIPS*

- A. Turtle Lake 2-5 June \$175
- B. Blackstrap Park 4 June 20
- C. Batoche Historic Park 7 June 20
- D. Beaver Creek 7 June 15
- E. Beechy Grasslands 7 June 25
- F. Last Mountain Lake 8 June 25
- G. Duck Mountain 8-10 June ** 150
- H. Duck Mt.-Churchill 8-15 June 590
- I. Cypress Hills 8-12 June 250
- J. Qu'Appelle Valley 8-10 June 150
- K. Pike Lake 9 June 10
- L. Meewasin Valley Nature Walk free

* costs estimated

** Trips G-J go by way of Last Mt. Lake

SYMPOSIUM

Theme of symposium -- "A Century of Wildlife Conservation in Saskatchewan." Topics of the speakers include Last Mountain Lake, birds in Saskatchewan, land use, naturalists, Cypress Hills and Grasslands National Park.

AND THERE'S MORE . . .

- Early morning nature walks
- Blue Jay and Nature Canada bookshops
- Accommodation available at University Residences
- Nature art show and nature exhibits
- Banquet and wine and cheese party

REGISTRATION fee is \$30 or less

Sign up early for field trips -- space is limited.

FOR DETAILED INFORMATION PACKET AND REGISTRATION FORMS write now to:

CNF Conference 1987, Box 5094, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. S7K 4E4

or telephone (306) 652-5970 8 am — 8 pm CST and leave your name and address.