

Annual General Meeting

The 68th Annual General Meeting will be held in the Meeting Room of the Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, NW1, on Thursday, June 29th, 1972 at 6 p.m. The Rt. Hon. Peter Walker, MP, Secretary of State for the Environment, will address the members after the Meeting and a film on conservation in Europe will be shown by courtesy of the BBC. A wine and cheese supper will be served at about 8 p.m.

Agenda

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 1971.
2. Presentation and discussion of the Annual Report
3. Presentation and discussion of the Accounts and Auditors' Report
4. Election of Officers (see below).
5. Election of Council Members (see below).
6. Vote of thanks to the Zoological Society of London.

Officers and Council

Council recommends that the following members should be re-elected as Officers of the Society for 1972-1973.

President: The Marquess of Willingdon

Chairman of Council: Peter Scott CBE, DSC

Vice-Chairman of Council: Lord Craigton, PC, CBE

Honorary Treasurer: Ian D. Malcolmson, TD

Honorary Secretary: Richard Fitter

The following Vice-Presidents, having reached the end of their five-year term, and being eligible for re-election, have signified their willingness to serve again, and Council recommends their re-appointment:

Syed W. Ameer Ali

Professor J.S. Baer

Mervyn Cowie

Lord Hurcomb

Sir Julian Huxley

Captain C.R.S. Pitman

Sir Landsborough Thomson

Lord Zuckerman

Three members of Council retire at the Annual General Meeting and are not eligible for re-appointment for one year:

Sir Henry Abel Smith

Lady Medway

Anthony Smith

Council has appointed the following to fill these vacancies and their names are submitted for confirmation:

Lt Col C.L. Boyle

Lord Medway

Roger Wheeler

Annual Report for 1971

Membership continued to increase satisfactorily, topping the 3000 mark for the first time in the Society's history, and ending at 3060. Of the 361 new members recruited during the year almost a third (143) were overseas. This is roughly the same proportion as in our total membership. There were 29 deaths and 213 resignations or deletions. Nineteen members have taken up the new benefactor membership, subscribing £10 or more annually. As always much of the Society's work is done behind the scenes, and especially through a world-wide correspondence. A large proportion of our resources go in the publication of *Oryx*, and we have constant evidence that our journal is widely appreciated and makes a unique contribution to international wildlife conservation.

Oryx 100% Fund

This successor to the Revolving Fund was launched in September, using the balance left in the Revolving Fund after the repayment of all loans and the reinvestment of the Society's original capital, £3127, plus £500 from the Society's annual budget. By the end of the year the Fund had attracted donations totalling £1853, and had allocated £2958 to the 15 projects listed on pages 225-226 of the January *Oryx*. The endangered animals the Society helped in this way included banded iguana, giant eland, green turtle, Indian lion, jackass penguin, Mikado and Swinhoe's pheasants, mountain gorilla, Nile crocodile, northern white rhino, pygmy hog and Zanzibar red colobus monkey. The countries involved included Cuba, Ethiopia, Fiji, India, Kenya, Madagascar, Rwanda, South Africa, Taiwan, Uganda, West Africa and Zanzibar.

Legacies and donations

Legacies of £1000 from the late G.R.S. Snow and £100 from the late J. Douglas Brown were received during the year. Two anonymous donations, of £440 and £100, were also received.

Fund-Raising

The Society is most grateful to the Executive Committee of St. John's, Smith Square, London, for allocating to us £240, being half the proceeds of a poetry reading and piano recital by Lord David Cecil and Joan Moore, on April 16.

The Society's Wildlife Tours

Oryx Tour No. 9 visited Qatar and India under the leadership of Dr David Jenkins, Assistant Director (Research) of the Nature Conservancy in Scotland, and accompanied by the Administrative Secretary, Miss Giles. In Qatar the party was splendidly entertained by Sheikh Qassim and saw his fine Arabian oryx herd; in India they visited Assam and the Bhutan frontier but were baulked of Kashmir by an airline strike. Oryx Tour No. 10 in November visited Tierra del Fuego and other places in Argentina and southern Brazil with Sr Francesco Erize as leader.

International Meetings

The Hon. Secretary and Editor attended two meetings of the IUCN Survival Service Commission in Switzerland, at Morges in April and at Basle in October. The Hon. Secretary represented the Society at the meeting of the International Whaling Commission in Washington, DC, in June, and took the opportunity to visit Phoenix and Los Angeles Zoos to discuss the proposed exchange of one of the Society's male Arabian oryxes at Phoenix for one of Los Angeles Zoo's females. In the same month the Hon. Secretary took advantage of the offer by Lufthansa of a free return ticket to Entebbe to study conservation problems in Uganda, including the Murchison Falls hydroelectric project (since abandoned).

Representation on Other Bodies

This continued as before: the Chairman and Sir Landsborough Thomson on the Council for Nature; the Hon Secretary and Lt. Col C.L. Boyle on the British Section of the International Council for Bird Preservation; Lt Col Boyle on the Oil Pollution Advisory Committee; Major W.N. Scott on the Biological Council; the Hon Secretary on the Conservation Liaison Committee; the Hon Secretary and Dr Lockie on the Mammal Predators Working Party; Lady Medway on the Council of the Federation of Zoological Gardens of Great Britain and Ireland, and Padmashri Robin Banerjee on the Assam Valley Wildlife Scheme. The Society's annual subscriptions continued as before.

Arabian Oryx Herd

Five calves were born in the World Herd at Phoenix, Arizona, during 1971, three males and two females. The herd now totals 30 (17 males, 13 females), of which 11 (8 males, 3 females) belong to the FPS. An exchange arrangement was made with the Los Angeles Zoo whereby one FPS-owned male at Phoenix is to be exchanged with one female from Los Angeles*.

Meetings of the Society

We had a series of outstandingly good meetings during the year, with very large audiences for the four meetings at which a wine and cheese supper was served. At the Annual General Meeting on June 9, Ian Player, Chief Conservator of Natal, spoke about the wilderness leadership scheme in Natal, and the colour film *It's a Long Way from Umfolozi*, about the transfer of white rhinos to Whipsnade Zoo, was shown by kind permission of Aubrey Buxton and Anglia TV, and introduced by Colin Rawlins. On February 25 Dian Fossey spoke and showed slides of her work on the mountain gorilla in Rwanda, and John MacKinnon spoke and showed a film of his study of the orang-utan in Sabah. On March 23 Jeffery Boswall showed two of the Ethiopian wildlife films he had made for the BBC, and Christopher Morris described the wildlife aspects of the Great Abbai Expedition to the Blue Nile. On October 21, John Hanks, Zambia Government Biologist spoke and showed slides and a film about the elephant problem in

*See page 332.

Zambia. The annual reunion of participants in the Society's Oryx Tours took place on November 23, when Dr David Jenkins spoke and showed slides on some Indian wildlife sanctuaries. Members also showed slides taken on some of the tours.

New Gallery Film Shows

During the winter of 1971/72 the Society ran a series of wildlife film shows at the New Gallery cinema in Regent St., London, on the first Tuesday in each month from October to March. The Society's own copy of *The Last of the Wild* was shown three times, and we are indebted to Aubrey Buxton and Anglia TV for the loan of three of their excellent films. Altogether 2618 people saw the six performances plus an extra one for children in the Christmas holidays, while on three afternoons Cyril Littlewood of the Wildlife Youth Service arranged for 1357 schoolchildren in parties to be present. The operation was planned as an educational and publicity venture, but it also brought a net profit of £250. The Society is indebted to G.T. Corley Smith for kindly chairing the small sub-committee that supervised the programme.

Film Library

The number of bookings fell slightly, to 232, of which 49 were of *The Last of the Wild*. Second copies of this fine film and of *The Silent Watcher* were purchased, and *Saiga Saga* was added to the Library through the good offices of the Hon Ivor Montagu.

Christmas and Other Sales

Our Christmas cards proved outstandingly successful and some 49,000 were sold. We were greatly indebted to David Shepherd for once again allowing us to use one of his superb pictures, of a cheetah, and to the owner of the picture, Miss Sybil Sassoon, for her kind permission, and also to Denys Ovenden for his attractive and very popular picture of badgers. The notelets, with pictures which Ralph Thompson generously presented to the Society last year, continued to sell well.

The Zoological Society of London

The Society is as always extremely grateful to the Zoological Society of London and its officers for allowing us to lean so heavily on it throughout the year.

Auditors' Report

*To: The Council and Members of the
Fauna Preservation Society.*

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1971

We have completed the audit of the books and accounts of the Society for the year ended 31st December 1971 and report thereon as follows:-

General Reserve Account

The balance on this fund at 1st January 1971 was £8,290.37, to which has been added:-

Profit on sale of investments	2,233.48	
Legacies	1,183.80	
Fees of deceased life Members	115.00	
World Wildlife Fund – Refunds	4,516.00	
Re-invested income	272.88	
Surplus from Income and Expenditure Account	<u>248.01</u>	8,569.17
giving a balance at the year end of		£16,859.54

Life Membership Fund

The balance standing to the credit of the Fund is now £11,122. This is after crediting £675 in respect of life Membership Subscriptions received during the year and transferring £115 to the General Reserve Account which represents the value of subscriptions of those life members whose membership ceased during the year.

Investments

The total investments at 31st December 1971, at cost amounted to £27,356.17 and the market value at that date was £34,576.39, showing a net appreciation of £7,220.22.

Surplus

The surplus of assets over liabilities at the end of the year amounted to £28,227.74, as compared with £18,915.34 at the end of the previous year.

Oryx 100% Fund

This Fund was inaugurated during the year and was credited with £78.64, the balance of the Revolving Fund, together with £3,048.50 being refunds due to that Fund from the World Wildlife Fund and £1,700 from the Kouprey Fund. Income amounting to £2,539.91 was received during the period and from the total of £7,367.05 grants of £3,087.98 were made, leaving a balance of £4,279.07.

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Period ending 31st December, 1971

INCOME

	£	p	£	p
Balance of Revolving Fund transferred		78.64		
World Wildlife Fund – Refunds ex Revolving Fund	3,048.50			
Kouprey Fund	1,700.00		4,827.14	
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Income for year –				
Donations	1,854.56			
Transfer from General Fund	500.00			
Interest	185.35		2,539.91	
			<u>£7,367.05</u>	
			<u><u>£7,367.05</u></u>	

GRANTS

Pygmy Hog Mission, Assam	360.00			
Survey of Mountain Gorillas in Virunga Volcanoes	290.00			
Landrover for Baharini Sanctuary	600.00			
NUTAE Aircraft repairs, Uganda	294.00			
Ogaden Survey, Ethiopia	100.00			
Murchison Falls Crocodile Leaflet, Uganda	85.20			
Kirk's Red Colobus Survey, Zanzibar	20.00			
SANCCOB, S. Africa	250.00			
Red Data Books to Cuba	19.00			
Towards publication cost of West African Symposium	200.00			
Asiatic Lion report	99.00			
Turtle Survey, Isles Glorieuses	400.00			
Ocelot and Jaguar Survey	250.00			
New pens for Arabian Oryx Phoenix Zoo	120.78		3,087.98	
Balance at 31st December, 1971			<u>4,279.07</u>	
			<u><u>£7,367.05</u></u>	

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and accompanying Income and Expenditure Account, and the Receipts and Payments Account relating to the Oryx 100% Fund, with the books and Accounts of the Society and with the information and explanations supplied and certify them to be in accordance therewith. We have verified the Bank balance and the Investments of various funds.

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9th March, 1972

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BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES

1970		£	p	£	p
2,332	<i>Sundry Creditors & Provisions</i>				2,234.99
	<i>Receipts in Advance</i>				
515	Subscriptions	702.45			
—	Others	324.00			1,026.45
<u>2,847</u>					<u>3,261.44</u>
	<i>Balance, being Excess of Assets over Liabilities</i>				
	<i>Life Membership Fund</i>				
	Balance at 1st January, 1971 ..	10,562.00			
	Add: Fees received during year ..	675.00			
				11,237.00	
	<i>Deduct: Transfer to General Reserve Account</i>				
	Fees of deceased life members	115.00			11,122.00
10,562					
	<i>Film Purchases – Reserve Fund</i>				
	Balance at 1st January, 1971 ..	62.97			
	Add: Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	792.15			
				855.12	
63	<i>Deduct: Purchases during year</i> ..	608.92			246.20
	<i>General Reserve Fund</i>				
	Balance at 1st January, 1971 ..	8,290.37			
	Add: Profit on sale of investments ..	2,233.48			
	Legacies received during year ..	1,183.80			
	Transfer from Life Membership Fund	115.00			
	World Wildlife Fund – Refund from Revolving Fund	4,516.00			
	Re-invested income on Hume Holdings Ltd.	272.88			
	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	248.01			16,859.54
<u>8,290</u>					<u>16,859.54</u>
<u>£21,762</u>					<u>£31,489.18</u>

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ASSETS

1970 £		£	p	£	p
	<i>Sundry Debtors & payments in advance ..</i>				
	Income Tax recoverable on invest-				
	263 ments		294.09		
798	<u>535 Other</u>		<u>1,488.12</u>	1,782.21	
	<i>Stocks in hand</i>				
1,620	(at or under cost)			1,415.00	
-	<i>Office Furniture and Fixtures</i> (not valued)			-	
	<i>Investments</i> (at cost)				
	£226.75 Guardian Royal Exchange				
	Assurance Co. Ltd. Ordinary Shares	1,788.25			
	£400.00 Metal Box Co. Ltd. Ordinary				
	Shares	850.00			
	£56.25 Pearl Assurance Co. Ltd.				
	Ordinary Shares	962.45			
	£100.00 Shell Transport & Trading				
	Co. Ltd. Ordinary 25p Shares ..	1,889.50			
	£1,736.00 Standard Bank Ltd. Ordina-				
	ry Shares	2,635.50			
	£87.50 Shipping Industrial Holdings				
	Ltd. 25p Shares	1,065.07			
	£6,000.00 Hume Holdings Ltd. Loan ..	6,272.88			
	£131.25 Thorn Electrical Industries				
	Ordinary 25p Shares	2,233.90			
	£507.50 United Biscuit (Holdings)				
	Ordinary 50p Shares	2,263.46			
	£4,136.00 Greater London 9¼% Stock				
	1980	4,120.22			
	£3,142.37 Greater London 7¼% Stock				
14,229	<u>1977</u>	<u>3,274.94</u>		27,356.17	
	<i>Deposits, Balance at Bank and Cash in</i>				
	<i>Hand</i>				
5,045	General Account			935.80	
<u>£21,762</u>				<u>£31,489.18</u>	

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

GENERAL PURPOSES

EXPENDITURE

1970		£	p	£	p
	To Salaries – Administrative Secretary and Secretarial Staff			4,305.72	
3,898				
300	” Editor’s Honorarium			300.00	
	” Editor’s Expenses including attendance				
63	Survival Service Commission			194.48	
	” Production of <i>Oryx</i> including postage				
2,857	(3 issues)			3,115.71	
717	” Stationery			275.44	
	” Rent of Offices				
	Regent’s Park		250.00		
	<i>Less:</i> Donation from Zoological				
	Society		<u>250.00</u>		
588	” Office and Miscellaneous Expenses			642.66	
338	” Telephone			327.72	
6	” Advertising			32.00	
526	” Postages			617.32	
31	” Films – Insurance			31.90	
90	” Accountancy and Audit			115.00	
	” Income Tax – Accountancy Charges &				
147	Legal Costs			40.00	
	” Grants and Subscriptions		270.00		
1,038	” Transfer to <i>Oryx</i> 100% Fund		500.00	770.00	
139	” Hon. Secretary’s Local Travelling			152.50	
	” Hon. Secretary’s Expenses including				
	attending overseas meetings of				
626	Survival Service Commission			795.30	
	” Office Furniture & Fittings			24.20	
86	” Conference Expenses			–	
	” Administrative Secretary				
	Accompanying Society’s tour to				
	India (part)			250.00	
	” New Gallery Film Shows			161.32	
	” Balance – Excess of Income over Ex-				
	penditure carried to Balance Sheet			248.01	
				<u>£11,450</u>	<u>£12,399.28</u>

for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1971

ACCOUNT

INCOME

1970			£	p	£	p
£						
		BY Subscriptions—				
	6,866	Current	7,360.54			
		Tax Recoverable on Covenants				
	7,677	1970/71	<u>916.14</u>		8,276.68	
	1,582	” Donations			1,835.39	
	1,011	” Interest on Investments (Gross)			1,084.69	
	247	” Journals — Sales and Advertisements			426.92	
	1,438	” Christmas Cards —Sales	1,761.38			
	88	Less: Cost of Production & Postage	<u>1,361.10</u>		400.28	
	678	” Sundry Sales — Net			375.32	
		” Films — Handling charges — Net Income	215.10			
		“Last of the Wild” — Net Income for year	<u>577.05</u>			
			792.15			
		Less: Transferred to Film Purchases Reserve Fund	<u>792.15</u>		—	
		Balance — Excess of Expenditure over Income carried to Balance Sheet			—	
	167					
	<u>£11,450</u>				<u>£12,399.28</u>	