

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PACIFIC SLOPE SECTION OF THE LEPIDOPTERISTS' SOCIETY

One of the most successful meetings of the Pacific Slope division of the Society ever held was called to order in the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History by LLOYD M. MARTIN. There were 36 persons present. A welcome by NELSON BAKER for Dr. V. C. VANDERHOFF, Director of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, was presented and accepted by the Chairman, followed by a similar address sent by Dr. TAKASHI SHIROZU, President of the Society.

A call for announcements brought forth the following: BILL TILDEN gave a resumé of the Colorado meeting. Western members present at Colorado were PETER BELLINGER, BILL TILDEN, PAUL EHRLICH and LLOYD MARTIN. The national annual meetings are planned to be held jointly with ours next year, and the Texas group wishes the 1963 meetings.

The first paper of the meeting was then given: FRANK P. SALA, "*Saturnia albofasciata*, the enigmatic saturniid."

Luncheon, again at this meeting, was graciously provided by the host museum to which all were grateful. A group picture was taken immediately following.

The second session, RONALD H. LEUSCHNER presiding, consisted of two papers in an unofficial symposium by Dr. CHARLES H. ABBOTT, "A migration problem — *Vanessa cardui*, The Painted Lady Butterfly" and Dr. J. W. TILDEN "General characteristics of butterfly migration, with special reference to *Vanessa cardui*." These papers engendered an amazing degree of audience discussion and participation which carried over into the next topic, an open forum moderated by FRANK SALA on "Techniques for rearing Lepidoptera."

McFARLAND, CHARLES HOGUE, BILL TILDEN and JERRY POWELL were participating parties.

An exhibit and exchange session completed the afternoon, and was followed by the annual banquet at the Miramar Hotel at which several members showed colored slides of collecting areas, namely, LLOYD MARTIN on Colorado, JERRY POWELL on White Mountains and FRANK SALA on larvæ. 45 people were present at the banquet.

The third session was called to order by FRED T. THORNE who brought the annual business meeting to order. Items concerned in order were:

I. *Resolutions*

1. Express warmest and sincerest thanks of the group to the museum for their kind consideration.
2. Express sincere thanks to NELSON BAKER and LLOYD MARTIN for their efforts in organizing such a successful meeting.
3. Thanks to the speakers and participants.

II. *Selection of 1962 meeting site*

At the request of the participants at the National Meetings in Colorado that the National meetings be held in Santa Barbara in 1962, it was decided to merge the two groups and meet on the west coast as a single body. Also, at the request of the wider group, it may be necessary to change the customary meeting time, which is the weekend before Labor Day, to Labor Day weekend itself on Saturday and Sunday. It was voted to meet again in Santa Barbara but that, owing to the problem of housing, investigation should be made of dormitory use at U. C. S. B.

FRED THORNE was elected Program Chairman for 1962 and NELSON BAKER, Local Arrangements Chairman. The Treasurer's financial report shows a balance of \$73.11 plus \$31.00, proceeds of 1961, less a bill of \$27.45 for programs, showing a net balance of \$76.66. J. W. TILDEN suggested and was sustained that the bank balance of \$76.66 not be spent at this time. PETER BELLINGER pointed out that he maintains the Society library at San Fernando Valley State College, Northridge, California. Notice was given that the Society *Memoir* No. 1, by C. F. dos Passos, would be out shortly. The meeting was adjourned.

The third session continued with the following papers: "Collecting in the Carson Range of western Nevada, with emphasis on seasonal and altitudinal problems", PETER J. HARLAN, The Nevada State Museum, Carson City Nevada; "Phylogenetic and Taxonomic Studies on the Noctuid tribe Stiriini", CHARLES HOGUE, University of California at Los Angeles; "Studies in the Literature of Lepidoptera", PADDY B. McHENRY, Burbank, California.

The fourth session, presided over by J. W. TILDEN, consisted first of an open forum on the "Preparation and Study of Genitalia of Lepidoptera", moderated by CHARLES HOGUE. The last paper of the meetings was one by LLOYD MARTIN on "Chlorocresol, its Use in Collecting Insects." This was followed by a review of exhibits and an exchange session before adjournment.

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