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Since the last *Bulletin* the SAOS have finally approved of the branch being called RHODESIAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY with an area covering Northern and Southern Rhodesia. This is very gratifying and the letter from the SAOS giving this welcome information was read out by our President (R.H.N. Smithers) at the first general meeting held in Salisbury on November 14th 1951.

As recorded in the press on Nov. 16th our membership to date is 55 and altogether 12 members and 4 prospective members attended the meeting. All nominations for office bearers to serve till the next annual general meeting in 1952 were finally approved by the members present and they were:

PRESIDENT: R.H.N. Smithers
HON. SECRETARY: H.M. Miles
HON. TREASURER: R.K. Brooke

VICE PRESIDENT: K.D. Chapman
HON. ASSISTANT: Mrs. G.D. Attwell

The Executive Committee will consist of 9 members. Those elected to serve were

Dr. E.H. Ashton, K.D. Chapman, A.B. Fletcher, H.M. Miles, B.V. Newby-Varty, D.C.H. Plowes, R.H.N. Smithers, with C.M.N. White and Major E.L. Haydock both from N. Rhodesia.

Mr. Smithers kindly consented to officiate as chairman at the meeting, and the following also attended in addition to the names above: Messrs. G.L. Attwell, Dr. Campbell, R. Day, R.M. Henderson, M.P.S. Irwin, F.D. Matthyser, C.S. Mitchell, R.W. Rankine and P. St. J.T. Turnbull-Kemp. Apologise for not being present were received from: Dr. E.H. Ashton, Mrs. Finlayson, A.K. Jubb, H.E. Hornby, P. Linton, W.T. Miller, D.C.H. Plowes.

Three resolutions were approved at the meeting:

1. That H.E. Maj. Gen. Sir John Kennedy K.C.V.O. be invited to honour us by becoming Patron and Captain C.D. Priest as Vice Patron.
2. That Dr. J.M. Winterbottom (Hon. Sec. SAOS) who knows the Rhodesians well, be asked if he could act for us on the council of the SAOS.
3. That the interests of both the Rhodesia Bird Club and the ROS do not conflict, and that each play a part in promoting Rhodesian ornithology.

Routine matters: The Hon. Secretary pointed out that under Rule 25 f and g of the SAOS constitution branches have to submit an annual list of names and addresses of those who are on the roll of members. On receipt of this *Bulletin* will those who I have NOT put MROS (member Rhod. Orn. Soc.) after their names contact me and let me know if they will join in the coming year. Those members receiving the *Bulletin* with MROS after their name are considered, unless I hear to the contrary, to be on the roll of members. Our new Hon. Treasurer reminds me that these members subs are due to be paid to him c/o P.O. Box 122, Causeway, Salisbury in January next year. The SAOS informs us that the sub for ordinary members is now 25/- not 20/- and all MROS should make their cheque for 25/- payable to Rhodesian Ornithological Society. We keep 10/- and the rest is sent to the SAOS.

It was agreed at the meeting that meetings will be held in Bulawayo and Salisbury in the coming year to approve bye-laws for our constitution. The President in his address referred to the need for the co-operation and support of all of us who are scattered over such a large area. He also drew our attention to some suggestions for work in the tropics which appeared in the journal *Ibis*, October 1951.

Harlequin Quail in Salisbury. Once again this species makes news. One was secured by our President a few hours before the meeting. Last year this was the first species ever to be ringed in Salisbury and one was found in the gutter outside the City Club in Third Street.

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