

Annual General Meeting

To be held on Saturday, 30th May, 1959, at 3.0 p.m.
at the Zoological Gardens, Upton-by-Chester.

PROCEDURE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

- (a) The reading of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The appointment of Scrutineers and the opening of the Ballot for the election of members of the Council.
- (c) Presentation of the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet and the Auditor's Report thereon.
- (d) Discussion of the Auditor's Report.
- (e) Presentation of the Council's Report.
- (f) Discussion of the Council's Report.
- (g) Receiving the Report of the Scrutineers on the result of the Ballot.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL—1958.

G. B. GROUNSELL (CHAIRMAN).
MISS G. M. RUSSELL-ALLEN, O.B.E., J.P.
W. P. BLAND.
MISS A. L. BULLEY.
A. F. HOLDEN.
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DR. J. F. WILKINSON, M.Sc., Ph.D., M.D.,
F.R.C.P., F.R.I.C.
A. A. W. WATERS.
MR. J. A. KILPATRICK, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.E.
A. W. E. FLETCHER.

DIRECTOR-SECRETARY.

G. S. MOTTERSHEAD.

COUNCIL'S REPORT.

We are pleased to report that 1958 has been a record year for the Zoo.

There was an increase of 115,281 visitors compared with 1957 resulting in corresponding increases in all sections. The nett profit for the year also shows an increase over the year 1957.

A considerable amount of development has taken place during the year, largely due to the fact that we were successful in acquiring the property previously known as the Riding School, and this has now been absorbed into the Zoological Gardens. The Society had been trying to acquire this land for a number of years as it is situated in the centre of the Zoo, and divided the various sections unnecessarily from one another.

Some of the property will be laid out as gardens and animal enclosures, and a new canal has been constructed. Several new islands were formed during the construction of the canal, on which it is proposed to exhibit various animals. We also intend to introduce a Water Bus Service on the new canal, so that older people in particular will be able to save themselves a long walk, and travel from the north to the south of the Zoo and alight at various points, in order to see the animals in a particular section.

As a result of acquiring this new land our Nurseries have had to be extended considerably, in order that more plants may be propagated; the area of glass in the greenhouses has more than doubled during the year.

In 1958 we received a further consignment of animals from the Northern Rhodesian Government; these animals have been quarantined at our Quarantine Station at Birkenhead and they will be brought to the Zoo at the end of their period of isolation. Included in this consignment were Red Lechwe, which incidentally have bred whilst in quarantine, and also a male Greater Kudu.

1958 was also a very successful year for breeding, despite the bad weather which was experienced. Once again we have been successful in breeding Chimpanzees. Babu gave birth to a youngster but once again she refused to look after her baby. However this time we were able to rescue the youngster and it is being reared successfully by Mrs. Bloom. Meg has also given birth to a youngster, which she is rearing herself.

The Nocturnal House, which we mentioned in our last Report, has now been open to the public for a full twelve months, and is proving highly successful.

During the year the Director-Secretary attended the International Conference at Frankfurt and also the Conference of English Zoo Directors at Edinburgh. After attending the International Conference he visited Zoos in Nuremberg, Hamburg, Copenhagen, Stockholm and Helsinki.

During 1959 we hope to commence the construction of a new Elephant House, which is very badly needed—particularly by the Young African Elephants which are temporarily accommodated in the Rhinoceros House. We intend to build this house on modern lines and to provide the elephants not only with ample indoor accommodation, but also a large open-air paddock, an indoor pool and an outdoor pool.

1958 was definitely not a good year for weather and the Council feel that the substantial increase on our previous record is very gratifying.

It is too much to expect that we have an increase in attendance every year; nevertheless the efforts of the Council and all concerned are directed to this aim.

In conclusion the Society wish to thank all who have in any way assisted them during the past year, and also to express their appreciation for the services rendered by all members of the staff.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY

on 31st DECEMBER, 1958, was made up as follows:

PATRONS	10
LIFE MEMBERS	10
ANNUAL MEMBERS	178
HONORARY FELLOW	1
CORRESPONDING MEMBER	1

The following table shows the number of visitors to the Gardens during the last two years:—

	1957	1958
VISITORS TO THE GARDENS	528,399	643,680
VISITORS TO THE REPTILE HOUSE	137,738	166,501
VISITORS TO THE AQUARIUM	58,620	68,010
VISITORS TO THE NOCTURNAL HOUSE (Opened to Public 4th April, 1958).....	—	149,190

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1958.

1957.		£	s.	d.	1957.		£	s.	d.		
15959	To Cafe Purchases, including Ice Cream, after adjusting opening and closing stocks	20338	6	3	48976	By Admission Charges:—					
	— Purchases of Cigarettes and Tobacco, Sweets and Chocolates				1466	Gate Receipts	59736	11	1		
6366	after adjusting opening and closing stocks	8851	19	7	3443	Aquarium	1700	5	0		
2914	— Shop Purchases after adjusting opening and closing stocks	4839	17	11		Reptile House	4162	10	6		
9795	— Animal and Bird Food	10852	8	5		Nocturnal House	3729	15	0		
111	— Veterinary Surgeon and Animal Medicines	151	14	2	35914	— Cafe Receipts, including Ice Cream			69329	1	7
	— Salaries, Wages, National Insurance and Superannuation				7702	— Sales of Cigarettes, Tobacco, Sweets and Chocolates			43739	9	6
35991	Contributions	42808	6	9	4983	— Shop Sales			10915	0	6
724	— Rent, Rates, Water and Tithe	713	7	10	174	— Subscriptions			7717	4	3
565	— Insurance Premiums	1470	19	9	47	— Entrance Fees			207	18	0
3921	— Lighting, Heating and Fuel	4467	7	0	132	— Donations			39	18	0
2835	— Advertising	3083	15	10	2955	— Car Park Receipts			457	13	6
1069	— Printing, Stationery and Postages	1609	0	2	1147	— Toilets and Cloakroom Receipts			3615	12	6
34	— Carriage				508	— Proceeds of Donkey Rides			1418	15	10
1093	— Travelling and Entertainment Expenses	1321	14	7	3274	— Proceeds of Motor Boat Trips					
1284	— Running Expenses of Motor Vehicles and Motor Boats	1875	8	3	373	— Proceeds of Sale of Zoo News and Zoo Guides			4428	14	0
335	— Telephone	334	17	5	186	— Proceeds of Hire of Children's Push Chairs			636	19	6
1155	— Bank Charges and Interest	1415	3	3	104	— Sundry Receipts			266	19	0
189	— Professional Fees	1217	9	4	69	— Rent Received			79	18	9
4743	— Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance	5343	9	10		— Profit on Sale of Bulldozer			68	9	8
432	— Seeds, Plants and Fertilisers—Gardens and Grounds	446	17	5					166	19	4
118	— Seeds, Plants and Fertilisers—Farm	6	0	0							
94	— Contract Work—Farm	106	9	11							
177	— Laundry and Cleaning Materials	450	19	10							
138	— Miscellaneous Expenses	285	2	10							
123	— Income Tax (Schedule A)	22	10	5							
150	— Mortgage Interest	150	0	0							
9439	— Depreciation of Fixed Assets as per annexed Schedule	10399	0	2							
	— Special Depreciation in Market Values of Livestock and Allowance for Losses	3500	0	0							
74	— Loss on Sale of Motor Vehicles										
11625	— Net Surplus for Year	17026	7	0							
111453		£143088	13	11	111453				£143088	13	11

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER, 1958.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
1957.	£	s.	d.	1957.	£	s.	d.
17839	LEGACY ACCOUNT			17838	15	10	
1624	CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT			1623	17	2	
	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.						
	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS:						
	Balance as at 31/12/57	93503	18	9			
93504	Add: Net Surplus for Year	17026	7	0	110530	5	9
112967	TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVES	129992	18	9			
	LIABILITIES.						
20	Second Mortgage Debenture Stock	20	2	11			
9	Debenture Interest Accrued	9	2	8			
17977	Sundry Creditors	16380	3	11			
	Bank Overdraft	18412	10	11			
	Less: Credit Balance on Debenture Redemption Account	20	2	11	18392	8	0
15022		34801	17	6			
145995		£164794	16	3	145995		

NOTES— (i) Pending the result of the appeal against the new Rating Assessment on the main house and grounds, the Income and Expenditure Account has been debited with the amount of rates payable on the previous assessment. (ii) The Bank Overdraft is secured on the House, Land and Buildings at Oakfield, Upton, the Dwelling Houses at Upton and that part of the Land and Buildings at Damage Farm not charged to the Trustees of the Superannuation Fund.

FIXED ASSETS.				
1957.	£	s.	d.	
	FREEHOLD PROPERTY at cost:			
12368	Land and Buildings at Oakfield, Upton	12368	0	9
5914	Three Plots of Land at Caughall	5913	12	0
	Two Dwelling Houses, 26 Caughall Road and 6 Oakfield Avenue, Upton Heath	4515	18	3
4516	Damage Farm	13628	19	7
13629	Two Cottages at Upton Heyes	2059	5	6
2059	Birkenhead Property	2021	6	6
	Land and Buildings formerly occupied by the Upton Riding School	7186	9	6
		47693	12	1
	Less: Mortgage (Staff Superannuation Scheme) (Secured by a charge on about 14 acres of land at Damage Farm)	3000	0	0
3000		44693	12	1
	DEPOSIT ON PURCHASE OF BIRKENHEAD PROPERTY			
200	SPECIAL BUILDINGS, ENCLOSURES AND EQUIPMENT:			
74033	Balance as per Schedule annexed	83243	2	0
	STOCK OF ANIMALS, REPTILES, BIRDS, Etc., at cost less sales plus additions:			
	Balance as at 30/4/48	3459	15	5
	Additions less Sales from 1/5/48 to 31/12/57	30962	17	0
	Additions less Sales during year	3859	8	0
		34822	5	0
		38282	0	5
	Less: Special Depreciation in Market Values of Livestock and Allowance for Losses	3500	0	0
34423	(Curator's Valuation £35058)	34782	0	5
144142	TOTAL FIXED ASSETS.	162718	14	6
	CURRENT ASSETS:			
	Stocks on Hand at cost:			
398	Shop Goods for Re-Sale	27	16	9
179	Cigarettes and Sweets	110	3	3
582	Provisions, Minerals, etc.	412	6	7
492	Animal and Bird Food	954	7	11
	Fuel	152	5	0
84	Debtors	158	19	6
118	Cash in Hand	260	2	9
		2076	1	9
145995		£164794	16	3

To the Members of the North of England Zoological Society.

We hereby report that we have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Society so far as appears from our examination of those books. We have examined the above Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the books of account.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the accounts give the information required by the Companies Act 1948 in the manner so required. The Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs on the 31st day of December, 1958, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the surplus for the year ended that date.

19th March, 1959.

AFFORD & EARNSHAW, Chartered Accountants, Nantwich.

SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS ANNEXED TO BALANCE SHEET DATED 31st DECEMBER, 1958.

	Written down value at 30/4/48	Additions at Cost less Sales.		Total	Depreciation.		Total Depreciation.	Balance 31/12/58
		From 1/5/48 to 31/12/57	Year ended 31/12/58		From 1/5/48 to 31/12/57	Year ended 31/12/58		
Special Buildings and Open Air Enclosures, Fixtures, Cages and Accessories	15940	81388	17433	114761	41544	7321	48865	65895
Office and Cafe Furniture	606	8237	123	8966	3762	520	4282	4683
Frigidaire Cold Room		575	329	905	340	56	396	508
Washing Machines for Clothes and Dishes		1375		1375	905	93	999	375
Cafe Equipment, Crockery and Table Utensils	457	5472		5930	2686	324	3011	2919
Tools and Utensils, including Garden Tools, Machines and Equipment	456	2371	60	2888	1171	171	1343	1545
Machinery—Bulldozer and Roller, Tractor and Implements		3501	347	3849	1240	587	1827	2022
Motor Vehicles—Lorries, Vans and Car		4783	2477	7261	2746	903	3649	3612
Motor Boats		4176		4176	2170	401	2571	1604
Children's Push Chairs		485		485	389	19	409	76
	17459	112367	20771	150599	56957	10399	67356	83243