CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
Delaware Valley Ornithological Club.

LIST
OF
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
FOR
1898.
CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Association is the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club.

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Club is the advancement and diffusion of ornithological knowledge.

ARTICLE III.

The members of this Club shall be persons who are interested in ornithology considered in its widest sense. There may be three classes of members: Active, Associate and Corresponding.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of this Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected annually, and shall hold office until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE V.

This Constitution shall not be amended except by a unanimous vote of the active members present at an annual meeting, notice of such proposed action having been given to all active members, and the proposed amendment submitted in writing at the preceding regular meeting of the Club.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—Members.

Section 1. Active members shall reside at the time of their election within twenty-five miles of Philadelphia, and shall have been Associate members of the Club for at least six months. Active members shall be
limited to fifteen in number, and they alone shall have the privilege of voting and holding office.

Sec. 2. Associate members shall be residents of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware or Maryland, and shall not be limited in number. They may take part in all the scientific meetings of the Club, and are entitled to all the privileges of membership except voting and holding office. An Active member who shall be absent from four consecutive meetings shall be transferred to the Associate membership, unless his absence be occasioned by sickness or other cause that may be deemed sufficient excuse by a majority of the Active members present at a regular meeting.

Sec. 3. Persons residing more than twenty-five miles from Philadelphia, capable of furnishing desirable ornithological information to the Club, may be elected Corresponding members. They may attend the scientific meetings of the Club and contribute notes or papers, but shall have no further privileges of membership. Upon removal of their residence to within twenty-five miles of Philadelphia they cease to be Corresponding members but may be elected to Associate membership.

ARTICLE II.—OFFICERS.

Section 1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Club and shall appoint all committees.

Sec. 2. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in case of his absence or inability to act.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Club, shall send notices of time and place of meetings to all Active and Associate members, shall notify members elected of their election and shall acknowledge gifts or communications to the Club.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall collect all dues from members and shall have the care of all moneys belonging to the Club. He shall not make any disbursements unless so authorized by a majority vote of the Active members present at a regular meeting of the Club, and he shall present a report at each annual meeting of the Club.

Sec. 5. Vacancies occurring in any office may be filled at the next regular meeting of the Club.

ARTICLE III.—MEETINGS.

Section 1. The regular meetings of the Club shall be held at 7:30 p.m., on the first and third Thursday in each month, from October to May inclusive, at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.
Sec. 2. Special meetings may be called by the President with the approval of two Active members.

Sec. 3. Four Active members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 4. Each meeting of the Club shall consist of a business and scientific session. The business session shall be open to Active members only, the regular order of business being as follows:

1. Reading of minutes of last business session.
2. Reports of committees.
3. Nominations and elections.

The scientific session of the Club shall immediately follow the business session, the order of procedure being:

5. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
6. Reports of committees or announcements.
7. Stated subject of the meeting.
8. Other papers or communications.

Sec. 5. The order of business may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the active members present.

Sec. 6. The annual meeting and election of officers shall be the first stated meeting in January.

Sec. 7. Persons interested in ornithology may, upon invitation of a member, attend the scientific sessions of the Club.

Article IV.—Elections and Expulsions.

Section 1. All elections shall be by ballot.

Sec. 2. Nominations for membership shall be made at a stated meeting previous to the one at which they are to be balloted for. Nominations for officers shall be made at the annual meeting at which the election takes place.

Sec. 3. A unanimous vote of the Active members present and voting shall be necessary for the election of a member, and a two-thirds vote for the election of an officer.

Sec. 4. Any member may be expelled from the Club on satisfactory evidence that he is an improper person to be connected therewith. Such expulsion shall be by a two-thirds vote of the Active members present and voting at a stated meeting, one month's previous notice of such proposed action having been given to all active members and to the member accused.
ARTICLE V.—FEES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Section 1. An entrance fee of two dollars shall be charged to Active members and one dollar to Associate members. The annual assessment shall be for Active members two dollars, and for Associate members one dollar. The entrance fee shall cover all regular dues for the first year of membership, and any member elected on or after October first of any year shall not be assessed for the year in which he is elected. Corresponding members shall not be subject to dues of any kind.

Sec. 2. The annual assessment shall be due at the first stated meeting of each year.

Sec. 3. No Active member one year in arrears for dues shall be allowed to vote.

Sec. 4. The names of members two years in arrears for dues shall be dropped from the list of members, providing that they have been twice notified of their indebtedness by the Treasurer and their attention called to this By-Law.

ARTICLE VI.—AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. Amendments to these By-Laws shall only be made by a unanimous vote of the Active members present and voting at a regular meeting of the Club, the proposed amendment having been submitted in writing at a preceding regular meeting.